

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
September 24, 2008
8:30 a.m., CSS 302**

Attendance: Armstrong, Burcham, Christner, Davison, Eisler, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema

Action Item: Summary from the August 27, 2008 PC meeting was approved for posting.
Summary from the September 10, 2008 PC/DC meeting was approved for posting.

Good News: Council members announced good news items from their division/area.

Discussion Items:

- Tuition Waivers
VP Christner distributed a chart of tuition waiver benefits by employee group. Council discussed the option of normalizing eligibility and funding of waivers across all employee groups. Data on the number of employees enrolling in Ferris and Kendall courses, the current cost and how it applies will be provided for President Eisler's review.
- Diversity Office
CDO Pilgrim informed Council of several diversity issues and upcoming diversity initiatives, including diversity presentations given; the mini-grant program; division and college diversity plans; and the OMSS Relocation Committee. He also shared a document concerning Tuition Incentive Program data and the good news of enrollment increases in the program.
- Enrollment
VP Burcham provided initial data for Spring 2009 enrollment.
- Capital Campaign
VP Armstrong supplied an update on the Comprehensive Capital Campaign Planning Study. As well as the current interviews being conducted, there will be opportunity for employee ideas of fundable needs; the funding target will be support for scholarships, programs, and facilities. The Committee and consultants have been working; a report will be available in early November.
- Board of Trustees Committees
Guest: Karen Obermier
The Friday, September 26, Board of Trustees working session will include updates on emergency preparedness, athletics, Federal Building, design and geothermal options. Council members discussed the October 17 Finance Committee (9am) agenda items and Academic/Student Affairs Committee (1pm) agenda items.
- Enhancing Relationship of Administration/FFA
President Eisler shared the current plan for the administration and Ferris Faculty Association to meet with colleges on October 22-24 and October 30-31. The guidelines document will be distributed to all faculty members prior to the meetings.

- Search Updates
VP UA&M search: Four candidates will be on campus for interviews on October 9-10, 15-16, 20-21 and 23-24. Resumes will be sent to Council members.
VP A&F search: Initial search committee interviews are scheduled for October 11-12 with on campus visits the first week of December.
Provost search: Initial search committee interviews are scheduled for December 5-6 with on campus visits in January.
- President's Council Compact
The updated President's Council Compact document from August 14 was distributed for discussion at the October 22 meeting.
- Other
VP Armstrong reminded Council members to encourage sponsorship and ticket sales for the Ferris Foundation Benefit on November 7 at the Amway Grand Plaza. President Eisler reported on Lansing/legislative issues.

Meeting adjourned 12:00pm

Next meeting date:

President's Council and Deans' Council will next meet on October 8th at 8:30am.

President's Council will next meet October 8th immediately following the PC/DC meeting.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner