

President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

September 26, 2007

9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance: Burcham, Duffett, Eisler, Oldfield, Pilgrim, Postema; Davison by phone; Green and Evans were on travel

Action Item: Summary from the September 12, 2007 meeting was approved with corrections for posting.

Discussions Items:

- Board of Trustee – Committees Agenda
Council members reviewed agenda items and content for the Board of Trustees Finance Committee and Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee meetings on October 19.
- Draft Business Policy – “Inclement Weather”
GC Postema distributed a draft policy regarding the Inclement Weather Policy. Council members discussed the policy and recommended changes to language. An additional policy will be developed specifically for the Grand Rapids campus. The policy will be returned to Council.
- Diversity Office
CDO Pilgrim was pleased to accept the Minority Access Award on behalf of the University; the plaque is located in the lobby of the President's Office. He reminded Council members to encourage students to complete the Campus Climate Survey. The Jim Crow Museum Kick-off event was hosted by Dean Matt Klein. The Governing Ideas Task Force will present the Core Values document to the Strategic Planning and Resource Council (SPARC) on Oct. 15.
- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed an enrollment report.
- Annual Planning
President Eisler requested comments and recommendations from Council members regarding the annual planning process. Understanding that this will be a transition year with SPARC making recommendations to the overall process, members made suggestions for a draft document to be used for this year. President Eisler will draft a document for review.
- Other
GC Postema reported that interviews are ongoing for the Equal Opportunity Officer. Planning has begun for the Friends of Ferris auction scheduled for February 29. VP Oldfield mentioned that potential members for the Higher Learning Commission Steering Committee have been identified. Three new Major Gift Officers have been hired to work through the colleges. VC Davison has hired an assistant at Kendall. CDO Pilgrim said that he has had good communication with Director Bledsoe regarding appropriate language to use in campus alert memos. VP Burcham mentioned a concern on the part of Student Government for the

potential State shutdown. The campus is open no matter what action is taken in Lansing. President Eisler encouraged attendance at the Take Back the Night March.

Next meeting date: The next PC is scheduled for October 10.

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