

President's Council
Meeting Summary
October 19, 2011
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Burcham, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Willey

Action Item:

- The summary from the October 5, 2011 PC meeting was edited and approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Board of Trustees
Council members reviewed agenda items for the November 4th meeting to be held in Grand Rapids and the schedule of events for that day.
- Administrative Equity Data and Process
VP Scoby distributed divisional data and the parameters for the administrative equity process. VPs will continue to inform one another of recommendations.
- Health Insurance Strategy
VP Scoby distributed draft materials regarding future health care options and Wellness Program strategies. Council members discussed proposed legislation, the need for campus discussion about health care, choices, and options to tie components of a Ferris Wellness Program to health care. There will be continued conversations at a November meeting. VP Scoby will move forward with the RFP for the Wellness Program.
- Campus Violence and Weapons Prohibition Policy
VP Scoby presented potential edits to the Campus Violence and Weapons Prohibition Policy. Council members approved the changes to *IV. Definitions and Exceptions*.
- Honorary Doctorate Nominations
Provost Erickson provided three additional Honorary Doctorate nominations from Academic Affairs. All candidates will be reviewed at a November meeting.
- Equal Employment Opportunity
Council members discussed possible changes to the Ferris non-discrimination policy.
- Higher Ed Trends
President Eisler distributed the overall top ten and the individual higher education trends lists for review.
- Other
 - VP Pilgrim thanked Council members for supporting the Jim Crow Museum; the Museum opening is scheduled for April 26th. He also shared the current work with Hispanic populations.

- Provost Erickson explained the work toward exploring a best approach for a Center for Hispanic Studies; updated on the dean searches; and shared the course cap review process.
- VP Davison-Wilson reported on the clean accreditation from NASAD and on the book project and sharing the “Warmth of Other Suns” author with GVSU.
- VP Burcham distributed a “Trends in Higher Education” article from SCUP and told that he is reviewing the vision report from the University Center consultant.
- VP Willey reminded members of the Nov. 4th Ferris Foundation Gala; he will provide a program agenda to Council. The Foundation is working to add productive members and funds for the Academic Incubator.
- Mrs. Kamptner thanked Council members for joining the Pride Committee at the Homecoming Parade.
- President Eisler reminded Council members of the Dec. 10th Holiday Reception at his home; reported on the Federal Building fundraising; and shared the success of our student athletes this fall. He thanked and expressed appreciation to the vice presidents for the excellent work they are doing on many different projects.

Next meeting dates:

Wednesday, November 2, 9am-noon, CSS 310C (regular meeting)

Meeting adjourned 11:25 a.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner