

President's Council
Meeting Summary
October 20, 2010
10:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance: Burcham, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby

Action Item: The summary from the October 6th PC meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Board of Trustees – November 5th Meetings
Council members reviewed the itinerary for November 5th, discussed the agenda items for the Annual and Regular Board meetings, and considered the working session topics. The meetings are expected to be completed by 4 p.m. so that Board and Council members may prepare for the evening Ferris Foundation Benefit.
- Energy Task Force
VP Scoby requested further comments and suggestions on the draft charge and membership for the 2010-11 Energy Task Force. President Eisler will announce the task force in his next University-wide Memorandum.
- University Center/Telecom/Masselink Proposal
VP Scoby presented a draft proposal to introduce and begin discussions concerning the University Center/ Telecommunications/ Masselink project. He provided an overview of the facilities conditions, housing implications, parking factors, timing and phases, relocation issues, and funding/cost considerations.
- Planning Overview
President Eisler distributed the Planning Overview as approved by Council on 3/3/10. Members agreed that
 - The University mission and vision are solid and acceptable for the long term.
 - The University Strategic Plan is acceptable, with periodic updates, for at least a year before University-wide review.
 - The Divisional Strategic Plans with major initiatives are complete; VPs will review, update if needed, and provide the 1-2 page document to President Eisler. These will be used for the January 5th Council planning discussion.
 - Annual Planning was discussed regarding timing conflicts, how it merges with the strategic plans and other planning cycles, and the possibility of moving to a two-year rolling window. VP Scoby provided a Gantt chart timeline to visualize the approved and actual planning cycles. Academic Affairs division may need a different timeline to fit the academic year rather than the spring/summer cycle for other divisions. Council will revisit this annual planning item at the November meeting.

- Other
 - VP Pilgrim shared that he will meet with DTE next week regarding the Jim Crow Museum. He encouraged Council members to attend the “tombstones” display for domestic violence and the Take Back the Night march. The Diversity Workforce Task Force will be asked to continue its work.
 - VP Scoby reminded Council of the Benefits Fair today and the live radio broadcast on The Bakita & Grey morning show at The Rock on Friday. He reported that there will be a word change in the Animals in University Buildings policy to include the football stadium in this policy.
 - VP Postema requested that VPs attend the Town/Gown meeting on Thursday morning in WCCC. He anticipates that negotiations will begin soon with the Adjunct faculty group.
 - VP Burcham stated that there is good representation from Student government at meetings with the City of Big Rapids; they would like a forum to discuss student issues. He is pleased that a representative from Academic Senate attends Student Government and is helpful to the student conversations. The Admissions Officers road trips are going well and applications are up.
 - VP Green reported that the Digital Animation and Game Design academic program review went well. On November 6th, students from other sites will be attending the Ferris football game and enjoying the Big Rapids campus experience. The International Center is pleased that there is a global initiatives class taught by a group of faculty looking at particular issues and viewed from different perspectives.
 - Provost Erickson has spent much time with the College of Allied Health Sciences faculty and staff over the last week due to the death of Dean Ellen Haneline. He worked with the college to determine a process to identify an Interim Dean; the process is on a fast track and an interim dean will be in place in 2-3 weeks.
 - VP Willey reported that the Ferris Foundation board will be meeting this Friday and Saturday; they will be working to add additional board members over the coming year. The board is working to raise money for targeted purposes and is beginning to think about different ways to think about Foundation investments. He reminded members of the Nov. 5th Ferris Foundation Benefit at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids, where the program will be about Ferris, there will not be a celebrity guest speaker. All proceeds will go to scholarships. UA&M is on the verge of launching advertising and positioning campaigns statewide.
 - President Eisler thanked members for their work.

Next meeting date: November 3, 9am-12pm, CSS 301C (Good News due Oct. 29)

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner