

President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

October 24, 2007

8:30 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance: Burcham, Davison, Duffett, Eisler, Evans, Green, Oldfield, Pilgrim, Postema

Action Item: Summary from the October 10, 2007 meeting was approved for posting.

Discussions Items:

- **Board of Trustees**
Council members considered follow-up information from the October 19 Board of Trustees Finance Committee, Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee, and Special Board meeting, then reviewed agenda items for the November 8 Board meeting.
- **Annual Planning**
President Eisler distributed a draft letter and materials regarding the annual planning process. A revision will be sent to Council members and the final document is expected to be sent university-wide on October 29th. There will be no task force groups this fall due to the focus on strategic planning.
- **Policy Letters**
President Eisler initiated discussion regarding all of the policies at the University, questioning if all Business Policies, Academic Policies, Student Policies, HR Policies, etc. could be brought together in one place and if the approval process should be reviewed. This will return to Council as a discussion item next month.
- **Advising Task Force**
President Eisler mentioned that the final report of the Advising Task Force has been provided to Council members for comment.
- **Diversity Office**
CDO Pilgrim reported that there were 2,804 respondents to the Campus Climate Survey; the Governing Ideas Task Force is revising the Core Values document based on the latest stakeholder conferences; and that he is assisting in the process of reinstating *Diversity Counts!*
- **Enrollment**
VP Burcham distributed Spring and Fall 2008 application data.
- **Strategic Planning / Commission for the Future**
President Eisler reminded that the Commission for the Future meeting will be held on November 9th from 8:30am-3:30pm at Meijer Garden in Grand Rapids and stated that it will focus on strategic planning, with SPARC invited to participate. Dr. David McFarland will facilitate and Dr. Robert von der Osten will have a role in the interactive session.

- Other

VC Davison reported on an issue with the Kendall Web site. VP Oldfield described the College of Technology Energy Conference; he will provide a copy of the conference brochure to Council members. VC Evans informed Council that a parallel strategic planning process is underway at Kendall. GC Postema stated that the EEO candidates will be on campus for interviews shortly and reminded Council of the Friends of Ferris February 29th event. VP Burcham mentioned that the Dean of Enrollment Services search is going well. VP Duffett reported on the October 20th Ferris Foundation meeting and this year's officers. He also requested assistance on encouraging attendance at the Foundation Benefit. VC Green explained the three task forces working on admissions processes; he also described the Ferris game, designed by the Ferris-Grand Rapids game design students, to be used for recruitment and reported that it will be shown on October 30th at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30am. President Eisler provided an update about the state budget, reminded of the AFSCME signing and reception, and thanked those who worked on Homecoming.

Team Alignment:

President Eisler provided information on the concept of team alignment and initiated dialogue. Council members separated into groups for discussion.

Next meeting date: The next PC is scheduled for November 14th at 10am.

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