

# President's Council (PC) Meeting Summary

## November 1, 2005

### 3:00 p.m., KCAD

**Attendance:** Burcham, Davison, Duffett, Eisler, Green, Harris, Postema

**Action Item:** Summary from the October 19, 2005 meeting was approved for posting.

#### Discussion Items:

- Progress on Six Overarching Goals - Eisler  
*PC replacement:* Computers have been identified for the next replacement cycle; they will be ordered in the spring for summer replacement.  
*Classroom remodeling:* Additional Category 1 classrooms are being identified for the remodeling project.  
*Wireless:* The final area (Zone 5) has been completed. John Urbanick will be asked to provide a usage report.  
*Messaging:* Billboards are up and radio spots are on. Some revisions in the size of billboard copy will be made.
- Planning/Task Forces - Eisler  
The 2005 task forces have started meeting. Reports will be December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Honorary Doctorates - Eisler  
Council members were asked to provide nominations for honorary doctorates to the President by November 28.
- Return to Learn - Duffett  
"Return to Learn" is the Governor's initiative to invite Michigan citizens to return to the classroom to finish higher education degrees. Ferris will be prepared to assist by providing press releases announcing department and college-based specifics and by providing a link on our web site.
- Off-Campus Tuition - Duffett  
The tuition waiver rate of \$265 per credit was established for Ferris-Big Rapids employees taking Kendall College of Art and Design classes.
- Minor Caps - Duffett  
Each vice president will prioritize their minor capital outlay list and send it to VP Duffett. A new list will be prepared based on the prioritizations prior to the VP walk-around on November 28.
- Other -  
Updates were provided by members, including an update on the Ferris Foundation Benefit (390 tickets have been sold and \$100,000 in sponsorships has been received); an update on the large energy cost increase and potential solutions; and encouragement to promote the United Way campaign. President Eisler distributed an IPEDS report with Ferris-specific data compared to sister institutions and provided information on upcoming events.

Next PC Meeting date: November 9, 2005.

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner