

**President's Council  
Meeting Summary  
November 4, 2009  
8:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

**Attendance:** Burcham, Davison, Eisler, Erickson, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Willey

**Action Item:** Summary from the October 28<sup>th</sup> PC meeting was approved for posting.

**Discussion Items:**

- Budget/Lansing/Scholarships/Promise Grant  
President Eisler distributed the draft Executive Summary for the State Grant and Scholarship Replacement Funding. The Board of Trustees will review and potentially endorse the recommendation to provide funding to affected Ferris students for the Fall 2009 Michigan Promise Grant awards and the Michigan Competitive Scholarship awards from one-time Federal Stimulus funds. Council members discussed a timeline of communicating to students, faculty and staff, and the media, and then how to implement the action. VPs Burcham and Scoby are working on the student billing issue. President Eisler provided an update on additional budget issues from Lansing.
- Board of Trustees - November 6 meeting and working session  
Guest: Karen Obermier  
Council members reviewed final details for the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and working session to be held in Grand Rapids at the Kent Room, 2nd Floor, Courtyard by Marriott Downtown, 11 Monroe Avenue NW.
- Pedestrian Safety Task Force  
VP Scoby shared a list of potential members for the Pedestrian Safety Task Force; Council members made suggestions and approved the membership. President Eisler proposed a draft charge to that group. He will revise it and send to VP Scoby by the end of the week, and then communicate widely through a President's Memorandum.
- Distinguished Staff Committee  
President Eisler requested recommendations of employees to replace outgoing members of the Distinguished Staff Committee. He will contact current members Ruth Ridderman and Deb Vance to co-chair; Geri Johnson, Julie Modene, and Mitzi Day were suggested to complete the group.
- SPARC  
President Eisler requested nominations for the SPARC chair. The November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting for review of goal/initiative status was postponed to Friday, December 11.
- Diversity and Inclusion Office  
CDO Pilgrim provide a document on the newly formed Inclusion Council and requested nomination of membership. He then distributed the Diversity Action Team document stating the mission and functions of the group. He reminded Council members that diversity reports from divisions are due December 1, in accordance with the Diversity Plan.

- Other  
VP Postema announced that the new policy Web site is live this week and provides opportunity for faculty and staff to comment for 30 days on proposed policies. VP Scoby reported that bids are in on the MCO project. VC Davison is encouraged at KCAD registration and the 7<sup>th</sup> floor will be completed by the November 20<sup>th</sup> end date. VP Burcham is pleased that 11 parking spots for Admissions visitors have been identified. Provost Erickson shared that the EdD will continue moving forward and will potentially be in the queue for the Higher Learning Commission approval for a Summer 2010 start. CDO Pilgrim stated that the Writing on the Wall video is ready and will be placed on You Tube. VP Willey confirmed attendance to be 550+ for the November 6<sup>th</sup> Foundation Benefit.
- Team Building  
Council members continued their team building discussion and will meet again at 8am on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Courtyard.

**Next meeting date:** November 6, 8:00-10:00am in Grand Rapids for Team Building  
December 2, 8:30-Noon in CSS 301C for business session

Meeting adjourned 12:00pm  
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner