

Ferris State University
President's Council
Meeting Summary
November 9, 2016
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:

Bellavance, Blake, Eisler, Kamptner, Percy, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

Agenda Items:

- The summary from the October 12, 2016 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- FLSA Recommendation
VP Scoby announced needed decision points regarding Dec. 1st compliance with the new FLSA requirements for exempt vs non-exempt positions. Council members approved approaches for moving forward. Implementation training will be required for university supervisors. A communication plan and timeline were approved. Funding will be provided centrally to bolster general fund positions.
- Board of Trustees
Council members discussed the itinerary, meeting topics and due dates for the Board of Trustees December 16th meetings.
- PCAF: Natural Science A.S.
Provost Blake distributed the PCAF for Natural Science A.S., which changes the Pre-Science non-degree program into an associate's degree with anticipated Fall 2017 implementation. Council supports the proposal.
- Big Topics
Vice Presidents determined discussion topics for the November 16th meeting: charter schools, Plaza Roosevelt project, Employee Survey (measures for dashboard), Non-exempt teaching and May 2017 Honorary Doctorate nominations.
- Round Robin
 - **VP Postema** announced two new employees, Brett Schuelke (Staff Attorney) and Kylie Piette (Director of EO); both will start by the end of this month.
 - **VP Pilgrim** will speak at Kendall tomorrow; he updated Council on food insecurity efforts, including the Wesley House food bank and the "Ferris – there's food here" Facebook page.
 - **VP Scoby** New signage on restrooms is 95+% complete. RFP results for the Leadership Development program are due today; the search firms RFPs are due Friday.
 - **VP Percy** announced the new UAM AVP is Bob Murray and he will start Jan. 4; a letter of invitation to the Leadership Development program will be mailed to him. She distributed the Electronic Information Technology Audit and Planning Initiative Overview from the EIT Accessibility Work Group.

- **President Bellavance** reported that the KCAD food bank for students has been rejuvenated. There is a Veteran's Lunch for all Grand Rapids student veterans tomorrow.
- **VP Ward-Roof** announced the Big Rapids Veteran's Breakfast on Friday at 8 am in the UCB. This is Leadership Week for our students. Ferris Student Government is building connections with the Big Rapids High School student government group. Along with the Holiday Reception on Dec. 8, a silent auction will be held for United Way.
- **President Eisler** reminded of the Dec. 9th holiday reception at the Eisler home followed by hockey; invitations will be sent later this month.

Next meeting date:

Nov. 16, 9 a.m., CSS 301C, Big Topic meeting
Dec. 7, 9 a.m., CSS 301C. regular meeting

Meeting adjourned 11:56 a.m.
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner