

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
November 16, 2011
9:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance:

Burcham, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Erickson, Evans (by phone), Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Willey

Action Item:

- The summary from the November 2, 2011 PC meeting was approved with edits for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Planning/Legislative/Budget Updates
President Eisler shared a document from the Presidents' Council of State Universities of Michigan discussing formula funding entitled "Guiding Principles on Funding for Michigan's Public Universities."
- Board of Trustees
Council members reviewed follow-up items from the November 4th meeting.
- Honorary Doctorate Nominees
President Eisler distributed a list of those currently nominated for the Spring Commencement 2012 Honorary Doctorate degree(s) and a list of those who have received this degree in the past. The list was narrowed; Provost Erickson and President Eisler will review before a final discussion at the next meeting.
- Administrative Employee Report
President Eisler requested and received feedback from VPs on the administrative equity process.
- Health Insurance Strategy
Council members discussed strategies to deal with the prospect of continued increases in health insurance premiums.
- Budget Forum
President Eisler shared charts that will be presented at the Nov. 17th Budget Forum, including projections on health care costs, tuition and student debt.
- Other
 - VP Scoby will email updated drafts of several policies for PC review. He also shared a sample of a sculpture for the Perry-State space; this proposal was not supported by the council.
 - VP Pilgrim reported on the need to measure the diversity of entertainers, vendors and student workers as part of the Diversity Workforce Task Force recommendation. He also stated that the data in the "Fall Faculty and Staff by Race/Ethnicity and Gender" report should be examined differently. VPs will be hearing from him soon regarding the annual diversity report.

- VP Willey shared the proposed new Ferris television advertisement. Council members provided feedback.
- President Eisler distributed an article regarding college responses to the “Occupy” movement on their campuses.

Next meeting dates:

Canceled: Wednesday, December 7, 9am-noon, CSS 310C (regular meeting)

Wednesday, January 4, 2012, 9am-4pm, CSS 310C (big topics and regular meeting)

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner