

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
November 19, 2014
9:00 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance:

Armstrong, Blake, Eisler, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof;
Davison-Wilson (by phone)

Agenda:

- The summary from the November 5, 2014 PC meeting was approved for posting.
- Board of Trustees
Guest: Karen Huisman
Council members discussed the Board of Trustees working session, committee and full board agenda and itinerary for the December meetings.
- Web and Media Accessibility Report
VP Armstrong provided the Web and Media Accessibility Committee Report, including possible recommendations to comply with federal and state requirements. The report focused on the accessibility of Web-based information and technology for faculty, staff, students and prospective students with physical, visual, hearing, and cognitive/neurological disabilities. The Disabilities Services office will have lead responsibility for compliance. President Eisler will include this in his next message to the University community and thanked the committee members for their work. Provost Blake and VP Armstrong will draft a Web and Media Accessibility policy.
- PCAF - Digital Animation and Game Design
Provost Blake presented the Preliminary Curriculum Approval Form for the Digital Animation and Game Design, Bachelor of Applied Science, on the Big Rapids campus. Council members support the proposal.
- Campus Master Plan
VP Scoby distributed priority lists prepared by Neumann-Smith for review and discussion. Council members provided helpful input on priorities for the Master Plan.
- Campus Shuttle
VP Scoby reported on the agreement with the City of Big Rapids on a continued, but revised Big Rapids campus shuttle schedule starting January 12, 2015, including a mobile app for students to know where the bus is currently located and how long to your stop. The shuttle will be on a 15-minute loop. There will be no cost to ride for those showing a Ferris ID.
- Honorary Doctorate Candidates
Council members provided suggested names and biographies for May 2015 Honorary Doctorate candidates. There will be continued review.
- Antivirus Software Requirement for Computing Devices Business Policy
VP Scoby presented a rewrite of an old policy. Council supports the policy.

- HSA
VP Scoby provided a follow-up to questions on the HSA plan. Council supports the recommendation; the plan will proceed and the plan will be rolled out to eligible employees.
- Residence Hall Closure Strategy for 2015
VP Scoby distributed an overview of planned housing facility changes for August 2015 and 2016. Council members support the recommendation.
- Round Robin
 - EA Kamptner reminded members of the many invitations to extra events over the next month.
 - VP Pilgrim gave an update on the Strategic Plan measures group and the Provost search committee.
 - VP Scoby reported that the University Center will open January 5th; Dining will send invitations for their soft opening from January 6-9.
 - VP Ward-Roof shared that the Health Center has been full; changes have been made based on the financial aid leveraging report; and Student Government is planning an evening networking event for March 3, 2015 to include VPs, deans, and RSO presidents.
 - VP Armstrong announced an alumni pre-game hockey event at Joe Lewis on Dec. 28, 5-7pm.
 - President Eisler thanked Council members for their good work and announced that VP Scoby will be acting in his absence next week.

Next meeting dates:

Dec. 3, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, CSS 30

Meeting adjourned 12:17 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner