

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
December 2, 2009
8:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

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

Action Item: Summary from the November 4th PC meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- **Budget**
Guest: Sally DePew
President Eisler led the team through a discussion of the continuing serious budget challenges facing Michigan. The state will have a staggering \$1.6 billion budget shortfall or more for next year. There will likely be another cut or cuts to Ferris' state appropriation amount. He requested that vice presidents begin reviewing their divisional budgets for another phase of reductions using the developed budget reduction priorities and anticipating an Executive Order later this year. The University community priorities were based on funding reduction projections of \$5 million, \$7.5 million and \$10 million, respectively. We have now cut \$5 million from the budget. We will consider beginning again the process of examining our costs, looking for savings, efficiencies, and possible reductions.
- **SPARC**
President Eisler requested that Council members attend the Friday, December 11th, SPARC meeting where there will be a status report of goals/initiatives, endorsement of a new chair, welcome to new members, and discussion of a futures group.
- **Promise Grant**
VPs Scoby and Burcham shared that it is still unknown which students and how much will be funded/cut for the Michigan Competitive Grant. Ferris is using economic stimulus money to fund the fall semester Michigan Promise Scholarship; any additional dollars will go toward spring semester resident undergrad, need-based students.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Office**
CDO Pilgrim requested input of the *Diversity at Ferris* document. He announced the diversity mini-grant awards and shared that the recruitment efforts for Hispanic students is very aggressive. He then distributed Diversity Action Team information, including the functions, team members, roles and duties, followed by discussion of same. Additional discussions between team members will be scheduled before this item returns.
- **Enrollment**
VP Burcham distributed application data for Spring 2010 and Fall 2010.
- **Mobile Communication Device Policy**
VP Scoby updated Council members on the draft Mobile Communication Device Policy and requested approval to place it on the new online policy page for comment for one month prior to implementation. Council approved to move this forward.

- Energy Task Force Report
VP Scoby distributed the Energy Task Force Report and a summary of proposed recommendations. President Eisler requested members to review the entire document so that Council can make decisions on the recommendations in January. The President will mention the report and thank task force members in an upcoming memo to the University community.
- Emergency Preparedness Tabletop
VP Scoby mentioned that it is time to reschedule an emergency preparedness tabletop session for the Council. There was discussion of the best time frame. VP Scoby will work on a schedule and determine a participant list.
- Honorary Doctorates for May 2010
President Eisler requested additional nominees for Honorary Doctorates; names were discussed.

Next meeting date: December 16, 8:30-Noon in CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 12:10pm
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner