

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
December 10, 2008
8:15 a.m., CSS 302**

Attendance: Armstrong, Burcham, Christner, Eisler, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema; Davison-Wilson and Evans by phone

Action Item: Summary from the November 19, 2008 PC meeting was approved for posting.

Good News: Council members announced good news items from their division/area.

Discussion Items:

- **Scholarship Awarding Policy**
VP Burcham distributed a proposed Action Plan and Scholarship Awarding Policy. The policy will be returned after the first of the year to provide time for editing.
- **Capital Campaign Feasibility Study**
VP Armstrong provided copies of the Feasibility and Planning Study Report prepared by CCS along with a summary of the methodology, constituency groups, interview findings, questions/responses, and analysis. The next step will be a follow-up letter to study participants after the first of the year from President Eisler.
- **Diversity Office**
CDO Pilgrim updated Council members on a Diversity Planning Committee initiative to coordinate events under a single theme from Ferris' core values statement, the OMSS relocation, Martin Luther King Day 2009 events, an idea for a Community digest of Civil Discourse and listing diversity presentations. He requested members to review the Diversity Report, and then provide comments and recommendations.
- **Honorary Doctorates for 2009**
Council members discussed Honorary Doctorate nominations. President Eisler will present recommended names to the Board of Trustees. At a future meeting, members will consider additional awards for deserving individuals.
- **Board of Trustees**
Guest: Karen Obermier
A timeline and agenda topics for the December 19 Board of Trustees working session and special meeting were provided by President Eisler.
- **Enrollment**
VP Burcham distributed data on Fall 2009 applications/offers.
- **Budget Reduction**
President Eisler reminded vice presidents to develop and share with him their divisional plans for reducing their base budget by 1%. There are no cuts identified to education in the Governor's Executive Order. However the identification of these budget reductions is still needed to prepare for an additional late fiscal year Executive Order or reduction to next year's budget.

- Annual Planning
President Eisler asked for feedback from departments/divisions with the revised annual planning forms.
- Other
Council members reported on issues within their divisions and discussed the Arts & Sciences HVAC project. President Eisler reminded members that employees should be encouraged to attend the Employee Holiday Reception, that Pancakes with the President is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 15 at 11 p.m., and that an Alcohol Authorization Form is required for holiday parties where alcohol is to be served.

Next meeting date: President's Council will next meet on December 17th.

Meeting adjourned 11:50am

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner