

**President's Council
Meeting Summary
December 17, 2008
8:30 a.m., CSS 301C**

Attendance: Armstrong, Burcham, Christner, Davison-Wilson, Eisler, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema

Action Item: Summary from the December 10, 2008 PC meeting was approved for posting.

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

Discussion Items:

- VP A&F Candidate Discussion
Council members provided input to President Eisler regarding the Vice President for Administration and Finance candidates.
- Increment Weather Policy modification
VP Christner and VP Postema will pull together a revised statement under "G" regarding "employees deemed essential" to better state the intent.
- Citgo Landscape Presentation
VP Christner presented potential landscape designs for the Perry-State Street corner. VPs Christner, Armstrong, Postema and Pilgrim will work on options that consider signage, name branding, streetscape continuation, artwork, etc. There will be no drive through option.
- Enrollment
VP Burcham distributed data on Fall 2009 applications and reported that Spring 2009 enrollment looks positive. President Eisler suggested review of the academic calendar for consideration of starting classes after Labor Day each year. There will be further discussion in January.
- Diversity Office
CDO Pilgrim updated Council members on a Diversity Planning Committee initiative to coordinate diversity activities under a single theme from Ferris' core values statement, the OMSS relocation, Martin Luther King Day 2009 events, and the First Lady's Attic.
- Budget Reduction
President Eisler reminded vice presidents to share with him their divisional reduction plan by Holiday Break. There will be a communication to campus sharing budget information.
- Annual Planning
Council members shared that departments/divisions are working on the annual planning forms.
- Board of Trustees
Guest: Karen Obermier
The December 19 Board of Trustees working session and special meeting agenda were discussed.

- **Emergency Preparedness**
President Eisler presented the project list and updates from the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Ferris is making good progress and improving at using the methods of communication in emergency situations.
- **Other**
Council members reported on issues within their divisions. President Eisler shared that the Provost candidates on-campus visit timeline has been moved to January; John Willey starts as VP UA&M on January 15th; SPARC will have a mini-retreat in January; and he thanked members for their hard work.

Next meeting date: President's Council will have a special meeting on January 9th for review of the Strategic Plan and timeline, discussion of academic calendars, etc.

Meeting adjourned 11:30am

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner