



**SPARC**  
**April 12, 2016**  
**3:00 p.m., UC 202A**  
**Meeting Summary**

**In Attendance:**

Matthew Adeyanju  
Mike Berghoef  
Cheryl Cluchey  
Dave Durkee for David Damari  
Amy Dorey  
Dave Eisler  
Jody Gardei  
Scott Garrison  
Beth Logan  
Suzanne Miller  
Kristen Motz  
Miles Postema  
Bill Potter  
Steve Reifert  
Julie Rowan

John Schmidt  
Larry Schult  
Jerry Scoby  
Dylan Tantalo  
Deb Thalner  
Khagendra Thapa  
Spence Tower  
Mike Vasicek  
Lisa vonReichbauer  
Matt Wagenheim  
Dan Wanink  
Jeanine Ward-Roof  
Lindsay Young

**Guests:**

Megan Biller.

**Chair Spence Tower brought the meeting to order.**

**Updates**

Vice President Scoby announced the April 25<sup>th</sup> start date for AVP for Human Resources Jan Blair, revisions to the project for improvements to the soccer field and intramural fields, anticipated razing of older apartment buildings, construction of West Campus apartments to be open for fall 2016, and the summer construction start for the north end residence hall to be open fall 2017.

Vice President Ward-Roof reported on the Step-Up Campaign, Commencement events for May 6-7, and provided an update on the Strategic Enrollment Plan. The Student Government election results will be out April 13 and candidates for the Dean of Student Life position will be on campus by end of the academic year.

**Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)**

Nick Shockey, Director of Programs and Engagement at Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition presented how the Coalition can benefit faculty and students. Open Access and Open Educational Resources can save student money on books, raise the profile of faculty scholarship and advance the institutional mission.

**Student Debt - Update**

President Eisler presented "Student Debt at Ferris: Background, Analysis, Progress and Action" (presentation is posted online). He shared where Ferris was headed in 2012 and the progress made since in reducing student debt and time to degree. A number of the ideas received have been accomplished.

**Chair Tower adjourned the meeting.**

**Adjourned:** 4:15 pm

**Next meeting:** SPARC Retreat, June 9, 2016, WCCC

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner