



SPARC
September 13, 2016
3:00 p.m., UC 202A
Meeting Summary

In Attendance:

Matthew Adeyanju	Karen Ottobre
Mike Berghoef	David Pilgrim
Jan Blair	Joy Pufhal
David Damari	Steve Reifert
Steve Durst	Julie Rowan
Dave Eisler	Kristen Salomonson
Clifton Franklund	John Schmidt
Scott Garrison	Larry Schult
Kristi Haik	Jerry Scoby
Dorothy Hart	Dylan Tantalo
Sarah Hinkley	Robbie Teahen
Mike Hughes	Khagendra Thapa
Arrick Jackson	Spence Tower
Leonard Johnson	Mike Vasicek
Elaine Kamptner	Lisa vonReichbauer
Jake Martin	Matt Wagenheim
Suzanne Miller	Dan Wanink
Kristen Motz	Jeanine Ward-Roof
Dave Nicol	

Guests:

Piram Prakasam, Kim Wilbur

Chair Spencer Tower brought the meeting to order, the newest members were introduced.

University Update

President Eisler reminded SPARC members of the council's background and charge to provide advice and counsel on the Strategic Plan. He then updated on several topics:

- Swan Annex Project – We received the final approval this week; the state funded \$22.5M on the project; we were the only state university in the capital outlay bill. Now we can get on the list again with the Virtual Learning Center.
- 82 Ionia – Ferris chose to step away from purchasing this building in downtown Grand Rapids as it did not make profitable sense. Kent County refunded the down payment.
- Enrollment Open Forum – A forum will be held on Sept. 22, 11am, IRC 115 to share enrollment and retention information to the university community.
- Fundraising – He explained that Ferris is in the “silent” phase of a Comprehensive Campaign and will announce the campaign at a later date; we are currently gathering funds for the Swan Annex (matching the state dollars), the PGM Hall of Fame, athletics strength and conditioning area, Pharmacy, etc.

- Strategic Plan – We are in the third year of the current strategic plan. President Eisler will be holding listening sessions with faculty this fall to learn what is liked, the challenges, and what the President should be doing.

Living our Values

Chair Tower reviewed the six core values, which make up the Strategic Plan. Council members considered the impact of the core values in their work lives and shared examples of how they are “Living our Values.”

Members offered ideas, discussed and voted on topics for future SPARC meetings.

Changing Campus

Vice President Scoby explained the progress of construction/remodeling changes across the Big Rapids campus over the summer and into next year. He shared pictures of the intramural and athletic fields, West Campus apartments and north residence hall, and the Swan Annex renderings – all projects were approved Spring 2015 in the Master Plan and continue to move forward.

Chair Tower adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned: 4:40 pm

Next meeting: Oct. 11, 2016, 3pm, UCB 202B

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner