



SPARC
March 13, 2018
3:00 p.m., UC 202B

Meeting Summary

In Attendance:

Tony Baker	Dave Nicol
Mike Berghoef	Shelly Pearcy
Megan Biller	David Pilgrim
Paul Blake	Piram Prakasam
Mike Bouthillier	Joy Pufhal
Amy Buse	Steve Reifert
Terri Cook	Larry Schult
Dave Eisler	Robbie Teahen
Leonard Johnson	Spence Tower
Paul Kwant	Michael Vasicek
Beth Logan	Lisa vonReichbauer
Suzanne Miller	Gregory Zimmerman
Kristen Motz	

Guests:

Jennifer Hegenauer, Cindy Horn, Alex Manga, Michelle Rasmussen, Karen Royster-James, Jayna Wekenman

Chair Spence Tower called the meeting to order. Dates for the summer retreat will be presented at the April meeting. Chair Tower introduced Provost Blake to present the Higher Learning Commission Quality Improvement and President Eisler to discuss the budget and possible additional sources of revenue.

Higher Learning Commission

Provost Blake shared progress on the HLC Quality Initiative. The Center for Academic Literacies is the Quality Initiative that we are working on that will help eliminate road blocks to learning and boost retention in the process. By next fall he hopes to have a visual presence of the Center for Academic Literacies in FLITE.

He introduced Jennifer Hegenauer who talked through Quality Improvement document and answered questions from SPARC members.

Budget

President Eisler presented a synthesis of the slides from the three budget forums on campus. These presented the continued decline in Michigan high school graduates, provided comparisons for Michigan public universities and highlighted enrollment declines at Ferris and the resulting impact on the Ferris and Kendall budgets.

The Council members were divided into groups and asked to consider ways to generate more revenue for the University to offset declining enrollment.

Chair Tower adjourned the meeting

Adjourned: 4:43 pm

Next meeting: April 10, 2018, 3pm, UCB 202B

Submitted by Terri S. Cook