President’s Council
Meeting Summary
January 9, 2009
8:30 a.m., CSS 301C

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

Action Item: Summary from the December 17, 2008 PC meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Strategic Plan – review of initiatives and timeline
  Council members provided updates on the initiatives listed on Year 1 of the Strategic Plan, including specific action steps and presentations as appropriate; see document “Strategic Plan 2008 initiatives by year 010909.xlsx”

  Notes:
  o M. Cairns and M. Cooper to bring HLC update to Council in February or March.
  o CDO Pilgrim needs additional data from HR for the Diversity Plan.
  o More discussion may be needed on several initiatives to determine background, real issues, or expectations.
  o President and VPs will host “town hall-type” meetings to enhance sharing of information.
  o The Dashboard report will be presented to the Board of Trustees and to campus.
  o VP Christner presented options to be considered for Housing/Dining.
  o Goal 5, initiative 3: move to Year 2
  o Goal 6, initiative 3: move to Year 2
  o Leadership training/development is being considered by VPAA, HR, FCTL, and others.
  o Goals 1, initiatives 6 and 7: SPARC to discuss timeline; consider additional initiative.
  o SPARC mini-retreat scheduled for Jan. 16, 2-5pm.
  o Those with “Leadership Responsibility” are custodians of that initiative and will develop discussion papers for updates to the University stakeholders.

- Academic Calendars
  VP Burcham distributed academic calendars prepared by the Associate Registrar for approval. Year 2008-2010 had been approved previously; 2011 and 2012 were approved; 2013 will be reviewed and returned to Council.

- Trustee Working Session
  Guest: Karen Obermier
  The Board of Trustees working session agenda for January 23, 10am-2pm in CSS 302, was discussed.

- Provost Search - update
  President Eisler distributed the upcoming schedules for the Provost candidates.

- State Budget - update
  President Eisler shared an update on the Michigan state budget situation. VP Burcham presented draft Spring 2009 enrollment numbers.
• Annual Planning
Council members shared that departments/divisions are working on the annual planning forms.

• Other
Council members reported on issues within their divisions. The First Lady’s Attic grand opening is scheduled for February 12 at 11am; the OMSS move will be approximately late February or early March. Kendall is initializing the development of a new look for the viewbook, Web, interactive piece and other materials. VP Armstrong is looking forward to John Willey’s start on January 15th and has appreciated her time on the President’s Council. President Eisler thanked VP Armstrong for her service as interim, reminded Council of MLK events and his upcoming travel.

Next meeting date: January 28, 8:30am-noon, including time to discuss Provost candidates.

Meeting adjourned 2:00pm

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner