President’s Council (PC) Meeting Summary
January 17, 2007
9:00 a.m., CSS 301

Attendance: Burcham, Davison, Duffett, Eisler, Evans, Dean Alexander for Harris, Pilgrim, Postema

Action Item: Summary from the January 10, 2007 meeting was approved for posting.

Presentation Item: Banner Update
Guests: Karen Thompson and John Urbanick
Karen Thompson and John Urbanick presented Banner operations project status, challenges, expectations, communication (including Banner Live, task lists, FAQs and training), resources, measuring, improve services, and future (including a proposed structure). There were several questions and some discussion. Council members approved the proposed structure, including the application Steering Committee. Names for committee divisional/department representatives are due to Karen Thompson by Wednesday, January 24th.

Discussion Items:
• Honors Program Proposal
  Guests: Dean Bill Potter and Budget Director Sally DePew
  Dean Bill Potter presented a proposal to provide 100-110 additional spaces in the Honors Program. After discussion concerning diversity, enrollment and costs, Council members approved the proposal.

• Classroom Renovations
  VP Duffett provided information on the classrooms chosen for the next round of renovations. There was discussion concerning costs. Council members agreed to move forward with taking the recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

• Enrollment Report
  VP Burcham distributed the 4th day extract enrollment summary.

• Budget
  President Eisler distributed a report providing the economic forecasts from Senate Fiscal Agency and the House Fiscal Agency.

• Unit Action Planning
  President Eisler distributed draft documents for the Unit Action Planning process, including a letter to campus, phases of the process, the timeline, and the task force synthesis and selected recommendations from earlier Council discussions. Council members concurred with the recommendations and suggested some changes in language regarding the continued efforts. A final version will be sent to vice presidents for distribution to their divisions.

• Strategic Planning
  President Eisler initiated discussion of the current university strategic plan and a process for campus to begin conversations about a revised strategic plan.

• Other
  General Counsel Postema mentioned the Friends of Ferris event on February 17; CDO Pilgrim announced that the newly developed Diversity Planning Committee will meet tomorrow; President Eisler mentioned that the Martin Luther King events have been wonderful and well attended.

Next meeting date: January 31 – Noon, CSS 301C

Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner