President’s Council
Meeting Summary
January 21, 2015
7:30 a.m., CSS 301C

7:30 a.m. Discussion:
Attendance: Armstrong (by phone), Blake, Eisler, Scoby, Ward-Roof

- Scholarship Fund Balance
  Guests: Sally DePew, Sara Dew
  VPs are reviewing divisional scholarship fund balances to better utilize resources.

8:00 a.m. Agenda:
Attendance: Armstrong (by phone), Blake, Eisler, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

- The summary from the January 6, 2015 PC meeting was approved for posting.

- Minimum Wage 2015-2015
  Guest: Sally DePew
  Budget Director DePew provided information on the additional funding required for the Michigan minimum wage rate increase effective January 1, 2016, the second of four planned increases through 2018. This will come back to Council after further analysis; Director DePew will move forward with budgetary planning for the increase.

- Mercury Minimization Policy
  VP Scoby provided and updated the draft Mercury Minimization Policy. Council members approved the policy.

- Core Values, Alignment Map from Divisional Strategic Plans
  VPs Scoby, Ward-Roof, and Blake shared that their divisional plans are near final and will be provided to the President and consultant Dams by mid-late February.

- Board of Trustees
  Guest: Karen Huisman
  Council members discussed the Feb. 19-20 itinerary with the Board of Trustees, including the working sessions, committees, and full Board meetings.

- Honorary Doctorate Candidates
  Based on Council review, the President will recommend three nominees for Honorary Doctorates to the Board of Trustees.

- Sexual Assault Task Force Recommendations – Progress Report
  VPs Scoby, Armstrong, and Ward-Roof continued the discussion from last meeting about progress on the Sexual Assault Task Force recommendations. VP Scoby will add a status report section to the list of recommendations. The progress will be reviewed by Council again in April.
• Applications/Enrollment of Students with Offenses
  VP Ward-Roof announced that a committee has been reinstated to review applications and behavior of potential students with felony/misconduct listed on applications. This topic will be revisited in Council.

• Round Robin
  o VP Postema reminded members of the Feb. 20th Friends of Ferris dinner/auction with an Italian theme.
  o VP Pilgrim will send an email to VPs to gather names to represent divisions for the Diversity Audit; reported that the MLK events were well attended; that the Strategic Plan Measurements group has finished this stage of the work and this will be discussed at the next Council meeting; and distributed the latest “Seat at the Table.”
  o VP Scoby reported there are still several items on the punch list for the University Center.
  o Provost Blake is pleased to be working with Peter Dams on the Academic Affairs Division Strategic Plan. Several deans are holding sessions with him on their college strategic plans.
  o VP Ward-Roof announced that the University Center open house for students was a great success with over 1000 students attending. She stated that the MLK events were very well done and feels excitement building for the Strategic Enrollment Plan, sub-team work and consultant.
  o President Eisler reminded members of the Festival of the Arts events throughout February; VP Armstrong will attend the Opening Reception. The President was very pleased at the University Center opening; he shared an update on the KCAD President candidate pool; and requested nominations for the Governor’s Service Award.

Next meeting date:
Feb. 4, 2015, 9 a.m. - Noon, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 10:05 a.m.
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner