President’s Council
Meeting Summary
February 4, 2015
8:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance: Armstrong, Blake, Eisler, Evans (by phone), Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Scoby, Ward-Roof

- The summary from the January 21, 2015 PC meeting was approved for posting.

- Administrative Compensation
  VP Scoby initiated discussion regarding administrative compensation. A sub-group will review data and consider a multiple year plan. This will have further review at a March Council meeting.

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

- Discussion about Named Buildings
  VP Scoby requested a guiding principle when named buildings are taken down, example Lundberg, Rankin, Masselink or residence halls. The kiosk in the University Center is an electronic resource for those names and allows us to tell their story, similar to the oral history project of the History Task Force. Many important historical names could be added into the system as a way to recognize and appreciate Ferris history. Kiosks should be added in 2-3 buildings across the University.

- Minors on Campus
  VP Postema presented an updated draft of Minors on Campus policy. This will be placed in a policy format and posted for University 90 day review and reaction. During the review, Provost Blake and President Evans will make appointments for training and point persons in Ferris’ Conferences and Professional Services (CPS) and at Kendall.

- State Budget
  President Eisler provided an update on the expected higher education budget from the state. The Governor’s budget will be released Feb. 11.

- Strategic Planning Assessment
  Guests: Sally DePew and Beth Logan
  VP Pilgrim shared background describing how the Strategic Plan Measurements group devised a series of measures to assess progress on the strategic plan, based on the core values. Budget Director DePew and Associate Director Logan used existing University data to prepare charts and graphs to represent the metrics on a draft dashboard. The data will be placed in iDashboard this summer. Council members appreciated the visual representation, will review this material and discuss at the next Council meeting; comments and process feedback are due prior to the Feb. 18th meeting.
• Round Robin
  o VP Postema reminded members of the Feb. 20th Friends of Ferris dinner/auction with an Italian theme and distributed specific information and the Mar. 2nd Senate Appropriations Hearing on our campus.
  o VP Armstrong reported on the web redesign progress.
  o President Evans is pleased at the progress in the Kendall presidential search.
  o Provost Blake shared that the Charter School Director search is in final stages; thanked VP Scoby for A&F meetings with Automotive; and told Council members about the Feb. 20th reception for veterans prior to the Festival of the Arts “War Bonds” presentation.
  o VP Ward-Roof would like to have conversations about being more intentional with the Fact Book; announced that the Admitted Student Reception in Saginaw has been canceled and there is a Chamber After Hours event in University Center on March 19th.
  o VP Scoby reported that Jackie will be traveling with the softball team over the next week, the Honor Flight will be coming back to campus this summer, and a review of the finance area is being launched.
  o VP Pilgrim distributed the Diversity Audit schedule and reminded members of the Feb. 26th Beyond Diversity: Minds Aflame event.
  o President Eisler distributed an article regarding Yik Yak.

Next meeting date:
   Feb. 18, 2015, 9 a.m. - Noon, CSS 301C

Meeting adjourned 12:15 p.m.
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner