President’s Council (PC)
Meeting Summary
March 9, 2005
9:45 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:
Burcham, Davison, Duffett, Eisler, Harris, Hill-Kennedy

Action Item: Summary from February 9, 2005 meeting was approved for posting.

Discussion Items:

- Spring PC Retreat – Eisler
  May 9-10 will be held for a Council Retreat to discuss the 2005-2006 agenda and planning issues.

- Housing and Food Service Room & Board Rates – Duffett
  An increase to Room & Board rates for next year is expected due to increasing utility, gas, and salary rates.

- Progress on Six Overarching Goals - Eisler
  There was an update by vice presidents on each goal (classroom improvements, University message/identity, assessment of student engagement, computer hardware replacement, wireless network, funding formula for enrollment growth). President Eisler will provide a progress report to the campus community.

- Proposal for 1-year Temporary Faculty - Harris
  VP Harris presented a proposal for initial discussion regarding offering benefits to a specific group of 1-year temporary faculty under a multi-year contract. There will be further review.

- 2005 Presidential Bus Tour Itinerary – Duffett
  A draft itinerary for the June 2005 Bus Tour was presented and discussed. Three hours in the morning will be spent at each Lansing Community College, Mott Community College, Macomb Community College, and Grand Rapids Community College. Each division will determine attendees and events for their specific purposes. A revised itinerary will be presented at the next Council meeting using the additional information. Billboard space will be purchased in May and June saluting our educational partners.

- Legislative Presentation - Eisler
  Guest: Sally DePew
  President Eisler distributed the list of questions from State Representative John Stewart that will be asked during the higher education appropriation hearings. There was discussion regarding the message content and amount of statistics to share in the limited time frame of the hearings.

- Other
  Updates provided by members.
Future PC Meeting dates:
  March 16, 2005 – 9:00-11:00am
  March 23, 2005 – no meeting
  March 30, 2005 – 9:00-11:00am
  April 6, 2005 – no meeting
  April 13, 2005 – no meeting
  April 20, 2005 – 9:00-11:00am
  April 27, 2005 – 9:00-11:00am

Adjourned at 11:45am
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner