President’s Council
Meeting Summary
December 4, 2013
8:00 a.m., CSS 301C

Attendance:
Armstrong, Eisler, Erickson, Flickinger, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Rosen (by phone) and Scoby

Agenda:
• The summary from the November 20, 2013 PC meeting was approved for posting.

• Minors on Campus Policy
  VP Flickinger provided the Minors on Campus Policy background, findings, procedures and recommendations from the committee. This policy represents all divisions and campus locations. Council members discussed the purpose of the policy, overall reactions and the committee’s recommendations. Council members will further review the policy and process, and will discuss again at the Jan 21st meeting.

• Board of Trustees
  Guest: Karen Huisman
  Council discussed agenda items and itinerary for the Board of Trustees December committee and regular meetings.

• Curriculum Approvals
  Provost Erickson presented one Preliminary Curriculum Approval Forms (BS in Spanish). Council members support moving the degree forward.

• Textbook Policy
  Provost Erickson distributed a draft Academic Affairs Policy on Textbook and Instructional Materials. The purpose is to assure that “students are able to gain the maximum benefit for the lowest possible costs.” Council members support the policy.

• Honorary Doctorate Nominations
  Council members considered two candidate nominations; additional names will be discussed at the January meeting, and then names will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval.

• Strategic Plan
  Provost Erickson distributed the latest draft of the Strategic Plan from the committee. A university-wide notice will be sent tomorrow along with a link to the current version of the Plan.

• Round Robin
  o VP Armstrong reported on the progress of the Web Accessibility Committee.
  o VP Scoby announced that work on the RFQ for the Campus Master Plans, to include KCAD.
  o VP Flickinger distributed spring registration and fall scholarship offer data.
  o Provost Erickson provided an update on the College of Engineering Technology dean search; an announcement will be made to campus very soon.
  o VP Pilgrim had an excellent meeting with the Student Affairs Directors, who are doing good work.

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VP Postema reminded Council members of the February 28th, 25th anniversary, Friends of Ferris dinner/auction. He shared the sad news of Friends of Ferris Board member Linda Burns’ passing.

President Rosen is very pleased with the collaboration between Kendall and Ferris to build stronger programs and working relationships.

President Eisler reviewed upcoming events and holiday receptions. It was suggested that an ornament be created each year to be given at the donor receptions. For the January 13th mid-year planning meeting, vice presidents should bring their divisional expectations and be prepared to review where they are and what is still needed. Provost Erickson will be the acting president for the week after commencement.

Next meeting dates:
PC January 13, 9:00am-12:00pm, CSS 301C – Planning Meeting
PC January 21, 9:00am-12:00pm, CSS 301C – Regular Meeting

Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner