President’s Council / Deans’ Council
Meeting Summary
March 25, 2009
2:00 p.m., CSS 302

Attendance:
Burcham, Christner, Eisler, Green, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema, Willey, Flickinger, Haneline,
Johnston, Hill for Klein, Mathison, Monger, Nicol, Oldfield, Peterson-Klein, Potter

Discussion:
• Budget Reduction – Next Steps

President Eisler thanked the vice presidents and deans for replicating the exercise begun last month
and requested some of the top budget reductions suggestions from the colleges/divisions.
Members of the group shared their top five choices of the items that would provide big savings,
would be possible, and then shared the list of comments received during meetings from their
college/division.

The reduction ideas fall into the categories of positions, good ideas (sustainability, wellness, etc),
efficiencies (eliminate waste), and reductions (thing to choose not to do). Revenue enhancement
will be a benefit and should be pursued, but cannot be guaranteed to fill the budget gap.

President Eisler ended the session commenting on the next steps. We must reduce, and must be
thoughtful about what makes sense; what has worked in the past and what has not worked well.
We will continue to be under intense pressure to restrain tuition. Members agreed to focus on
reducing base budgets by 2% ($2.5 million in base reduction); the President offered assistance with
any data that may be needed to reach decisions. The broad parameters should be completed by
end of the semester and reductions plans done by June 1.

SPARC will begin to review the reduction suggestions at the April 8, 3-5pm meeting; all vice
presidents and deans are invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned 4:35 pm

Submitted by: Elaine R. Kamptner