In Attendance:
Cathy Archer            Dorothy Hart
Shelly Armstrong       Leonard Johnson
Dan Burcham            Michelle Johnston
Barb Ciaramitaro       Brooke McComb
Dave Eisler            Kristen Motz
Fritz Erickson         David Pilgrim
Don Green              Deb Tyson
Kim Hancock            Helen Woodman

Guests:
Sandy Alspach, Don Flickinger, Ron McKean, Fran Rosen, Matt Wagenheim

Presenters:
David Pistrui and John Thompson, Co-Founders, Digital Dossiers

I. Action
Approval of the 3/13/12 meeting notes.
SPARC members approved the March 13, 2012 meeting summary.

II. General Education Task Force Update/Discussion
Chair Leonard Johnson distributed the 3/12/12 update of the “University-Wide Student Learning Outcomes for Ferris State University” from the General Education Task Force and provided the three year history of the committee's work. This document is a first draft of criteria for each University-Wide Student Learning Outcome (U-Wide SLO) that specify what students are expected to accomplish and what experiences are expected to provide in order to achieve the outcome; in effect, showing the roadmap of what a Ferris graduate has learned. Over the next year or more, the group will be working on refining outcomes statements, defining criteria, developing rubrics, and specifics and will continue to host a variety of University-wide conversations. The SPARC members discussed portfolio options, sharing expectations with students in a revised FSUS course, debated who will be “accountable” for deciding if students have met outcomes, and explored how outcomes might eventually be delivered, etc. President Eiser encouraged members to review the document in its entirety. Suggestions and comments regarding the document should be emailed to Fred Heck at heckf@ferris.edu. The current draft may be accessed under the April meeting information at: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/president/strategic/minutes/
III. “Digital Dossiers” Demonstration/Discussion
    David Pistrui and John Thompson, Co-Founders of Digital Dossiers, shared their background and presented their cloud-based portfolio solution, which could store student, faculty and staff information, and potentially provide one means for assessing student achievement of University-Wide learning outcomes.

    To see an outline of their presentation, go to the April meeting information at:
    http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/president/strategic/minutes/

    SPARC members asked several questions about the product.

Chair Johnson thanked the SPARC members, guests and presenters, and then confirmed the next meeting date as Monday, July 9, 9:00am-4:00pm for the Annual SPARC Retreat at WCCC.

Adjourned 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner