In Attendance:
Cathy Archer               Michelle Johnston
Dan Burcham                David Pilgrim
Barb Ciaramitaro           Kristen Salomonson
Bob Eastley                Deb Tyson
Fritz Erickson             Byron Williams
Don Green                  Helen Woodman
Jackie Hughes              Leroy Wright
Leonard Johnson

Guests:
Katie Boolman, Margaret Lyons, Karen Strasser, Dan Tuuri

I. Action
Approval of the meeting notes.
SPARC members approved the September 11, 2012 meeting summary.

II. Creating a Mentoring Culture at Ferris
Vice President Pilgrim shared that the Diversity and Inclusion Office is a participant in a fledgling effort to enhance the mentoring of Ferris undergraduate students. He then requested advice and wisdom regarding “Creating A Mentoring Culture.” He provided several common definitions for mentors, and then initiated discussion by offering several questions for which SPARC members shared information, impressions and data. See PowerPoint presentation at http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/president/strategic/minutes/ . The likely next step will be to form a task force to identify a charge, define terms, propose goals and initiatives assess current efforts, and examine best practices.

III. Student Debt Task Force Update
Chair Leonard Johnson provided an update on the work of the Student Debt Task Force working groups (Controlling Costs, Finances/Financial Literacy, Time to Degree/Advising). The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 3:00-4:30 p.m. in WCCC; topic of discussion will be the report of the Student Debt Task Force.

Adjourned 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner