

## President's Council Meeting Notes – March 8, 2019

**1) Welcome** – President Hanson welcomed all and reminded them of the Council's role and commitment as listed on the agenda.

**2) Good News** - Several departments communicated highlights, including the following:

- Cindy Cammack – Admissions has 14 applicants thus far for their open position and phone interviews begin next week.
- Wayne Albury – Alyssa Marsh-Contreras was named the Heart Conference WBB freshman player of the year and Lyle Hexom has been awarded the MBB player of the year for the conference. The men will be playing in their next tournament game on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
- Dan Hanson – Congratulations to Dr. Sara Crook for receiving the Nebraskalander Award, which was presented at the State Capitol during the annual banquet celebrating Statehood Day. Dr. Crook did a wonderful job representing the College in her remarks.
- Amy Mincer – Check the Internal Communication Page for baby announcements: Dr. Paul Hinrichs is now Grandpa Hinrichs and Matt Hill has welcomed his first-born. Congrats to both!
- Jason Hogue – Student Bailey Bindle was awarded both the Newman Civic Fellow and the Lifesavers Traffic Scholar.
- Dan Hanson – The Foundation is launching its inaugural 1000 Oaks Alumni Excellence Awards, which will be presented at a luncheon on April 4 during our Research and Creativity Expo. The winners of this year's awards are Paul Fell (Arts & Sciences), Lori Broady (Education), Jeff Greenwald (School of Professional Studies), and Marilyn Schlake (Graduate Programs).
- Foundation – Proud to be displaying a new office look. Their remodel is complete – please come visit!

**3) Faculty & Staff Giving Drive** – Deborah Solie announced that this program (“We Are Peru State”) will be launching on Monday, March 11, and continue through April 30. They will be sharing results at the annual employee recognition lunch on April 29. Deborah emphasized that the important thing is not the amount given, but rather the participation. It communicates that we believe in the purpose of PSC. Deborah reviewed the Faculty & Staff Giving Drive web page (<https://www.peru.edu/foundation/fsgiving>) and noted that donations can be directed to the program of choice. In addition, Dr. Daryl and Peggy Long have announced a matching gift program for all new giving, whether monthly or one-time. Currently, 22% of faculty and staff give to the Foundation through monthly payroll deduction. They are hoping to increase that percentage through this program. Debbie White shared her reason for giving to the Foundation – she has designated her giving to support feeding students who stay on campus during the holidays, as well as a few other projects.

### 4) Updates

**A Budget** – Tammie Hart distributed an income and expenses statement showing that the College is still expecting a shortfall of over \$650,000 for the year. This will be managed through contingency funding. Tammie announced that the Budget Committee would be meeting next Thursday at 3:30.

**B Facilities** – Jill McCormick shared updates on the following campus projects:

- Taking inventory of equipment that will need to be purchased for the next year (Dana Cummins is working with Marshal Connolly, the new night shift custodial lead, on this inventory for their department).
- Working with OPPD on updates to the lighting in Peru, converting all to LED. Lighting will be added to the Commuter Lot as well.
- Jeremiah is working with UNL Extension to become a Master Gardener. He attends training classes in Auburn.
- Still completing punch list items on the Performing Arts Center.
- Board of Trustees will be approving (on March 22) the contract for Phase Two of the Field House project, which addresses exterior concerns. They are also working with the City on the street drain repair and street lighting near the Field House.

**C Nebraska Talent Initiative & State Budget** – President Hanson reported that this proposal of the Governor’s would give scholarships to students in high-workforce-need programs. As of now, it is still in the State budget to give 82 – \$4,000 scholarships per year to PSC students (current and incoming, as well as transfer). Chancellor Turman presented this week to the Appropriations Committee. Governor Ricketts very much wants the program, which will give \$1 million to the NSCS.

**5) Announcements –**

- Board of Trustees will be meeting on campus March 21-22.
- Men’s basketball tournament game tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.
- Mark your calendar for the Distinguished Speaker Series guest, Megan Phelps-Roper, who will be presenting her story “Empathy for the other side”.
- The Board of Trustees scholarship luncheon will be on campus (for the first time) April 12. This awards luncheon has previously been held in Lincoln for all three colleges together, but this year each college will host its own event.
- Tammie Hart announced that the ImPERUving as oNE subcommittee, Attraction & Retention, met recently to discuss many potential projects in Peru, including a community garden. This garden will be an agenda item for the City Council this month.

**6) Future meeting dates** – Next meeting will be April 19 (Note: this is a change from April 12 due to the BOT Scholarship Luncheon). Regular meetings are the second Friday of each month, September-June.