

President's Council Meeting Notes – June 7, 2018

1) Welcome – Dr. Hanson welcomed all and introduced the new Creative Dining director, Denise Hager, who was attending for the first time. He reminded all of the “Leadership Commitment” and “Role of the President’s Council” included on the printed agenda document.

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

- Matt Thielen – The first orientation day went very well and we are looking forward to another great one tomorrow.
- Eulanda Cade – Kudos to Admissions for supplying her with a nice setup and giveaways for the NE City job fair yesterday. It went very well and she distributed quite a few packets from Admissions as well.
- Tim Borchers – The study abroad group had a very successful trip to Europe – very transformative and engaging!
- Greg Seay – Thanks to Emily Volker, they have sent 1.3 million e-blast communications the past few months.
- Jason Hogue – Installation of the brick art on the western façade of the theater will be finished soon. To see many photos and video, visit the [Facility Services project page](#).

3) Financial Aid Update – Mason White began by thanking all for being a welcoming community to him. He also thanked his staff for working so hard to turn the Financial Aid ship around. He reviewed the millions of dollars that F. A. has dispersed the past nine months. He noted other department highlights as follows:

- Well ahead of schedule compared with last year on PeopleSoft setup, scholarship applications, etc.
- Implemented two new federal programs – TEACH Grant and Year-Round Pell Grant
- Improved operational efficiency with the remodel of the office – now have a training room and private conference room
- Currently operating in five aid years simultaneously, which is very confusing. Hope to drop two of those soon.
- Number comparisons as of June 1, 2017 compared to 2018:
 - Students awarded waivers & outside scholarships 2017-33 2018-512
 - Students awarded Foundation scholarships 2017-28 2018-253
 - Students awarded Federal & State awards 2017-449 2018-665

Dr. Hanson offered many thanks to Mason for his leadership in these efforts and to all who have collaborated in the success.

4) Higher Learning Commission Federal Compliance Filing – Dr. Borchers distributed a packet of materials on Federal Compliance Review in preparation for the upcoming 2021-22 HLC visit. He noted that the best thing to do to prepare for the visit is to make sure we are complying with Federal law. Many on campus are involved with compliance and need to be aware of the requirements. Tim reviewed the document’s Table of Contents, discussing the need to document in these areas. He asked all to take time to understand the relevant sections of the document that pertain to their areas of responsibility. Please prepare to provide the data that will be necessary for the HLC visit. Tim also noted that PSC will be working on our Quality Initiative this year.

5) Chancellor Search Update – Dr. Hanson reported that the search committee consists of three trustees from the Board: Gary Bieganski, John Chaney, and Jess Zeiss. There is also an advisory committee consisting of Carolyn Murphy, Jodi Kupper and representatives from each of the state colleges. Dr. Hanson is representing Peru State on this committee.

6) Updates

- A Enrollment** – Dr. Jesse Dorman reported good enrollment progress, with the freshman class currently measuring 35 students higher than last year. The freshman group is the biggest boost we are seeing, while online and graduate student numbers are slightly down compared to last year and on-campus is

seeing an increase from last year. As of today, there are 205 students registered for orientation sessions.

B Budget – Tammie Hart distributed a handout comparing current revenue to last year. She reviewed how the expected shortfall for this year will be covered.

C Facilities – Jill McCormick provided updates on projects across campus as follows:

- ➊ Administration Building Geothermal - Digging of geothermal wells has been started and will be completed by the end of July.
- ➋ AWAC Hot Water – Application has been made for additional emergency funding from LB309 Task Force to replace the AWAC hot water heater.
- ➌ Landscape Screen – Work on this project, west of the Campus Services building, is progressing quickly.
- ➍ Complex – Many projects going on in these buildings including fire sprinklers, HVAC, repairs, painting, and carpet. Dr. Hanson thanked Jill for her leadership on the 10-year plan for updates to the Complex.
- ➎ Summer Cleaning – In progress all over campus, cleaning carpets and floors, washing windows, etc.
- ➏ Oak Hill – Air conditioning is being installed in these apartments for the first time.
- ➐ Hoyt – Brick artwork on the western façade should be complete on Monday, June 11.
- ➑ Field House – Kitchen removal has been completed. Design development plans are being reviewed.
- ➒ Name Change – Jill thanked Eulanda for assistance with getting their department name changed to match the other state colleges. **They will now be called Facility Services instead of Campus Services.**

D Strategic Plan – Dr. Hanson reviewed the list of four goals in the new Plan and reported that implementation plans are underway for many of the initiatives. He is meeting with a Peru Work Group (community members, alumni, and PSC employees) with the goal of putting together an economic development and growth plan to benefit the City and the College. He is also meeting with a group to identify revenue streams for funding a Student Center renovation.

➤ Announcements

- Crystal Hutson reminded all that an email has been sent about Welcome Week. Registration for the Involvement Fair is due by July 30. Please let Crystal know if you would like to have a table at the fair, which will be on August 19 from 2:30-3:30.
- Jesse Dorman announced that there is a new posting for Assistant Director of Residence Life. This position will have a good amount of student involvement and is geared towards a newer professional. If you know good candidates, encourage them to apply.
- Dr. Hanson noted that faculty and staff are welcome to attend the Foundation's alumni gathering in Omaha tonight. There is a record number of guests planning to attend.

➤ Future meeting dates – No meeting scheduled for July or August. Next meeting will be in September, either 14 or 21, based on potential Board of Trustees meeting on 9/14. Regular meetings are the second Friday of each month, September-June.