

## President's Council Meeting Notes – October 7, 2016

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

- Ellie Kunkel – She received an email communicating that the Physical Education Standards which she helped write were passed. These are the first set of standards that Nebraska has ever had.
- Kristin Buscher – Excited to announce that she has created an Assessment web page, the link to which will be available soon via the Internal Communication Page.
- Jesse Dorman – Offered kudos to our campus counselors, Shelly, and others who helped with the mental health awareness events of the week.
- Tim Borchers – Mapworks is functional and is going well. He reported that 64% of students have completed a recent survey.
- Shelley Hartman – Pleased with the Homecoming events. The mobile app continues to be downloaded. She has created a new dining tile on the app which allows people to see the weekly menu.
- Cindy Cammack – This is “Apply to College Week”. They have used all Admissions staff and even a few others to be out attending events. Admissions has received 170 applications this week! An online early-entry application is being developed in order to know these numbers earlier in the year.
- President Hanson – He heard from various alumni at Homecoming about how great the campus looks and how impressed they were with students’ helpfulness.
- Jason Hogue – The new commercial is ready for viewing and has been emailed out for all to see!

**➤ Review of last meeting** – Notes from Sept. 2, 2016, were reviewed and accepted.

**➤ Follow-up from the coaches on Sept. event** - Dr. Hanson thanked Coach Schneider and Coach Behrens for coming to offer follow-up on the off-campus stabbing incident that occurred on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Coach Schneider explained that they would discuss four topics:

**A Coaches Response to the Event** – They were both frustrated, disappointed and saddened at the tragic event. The choices of a few students were certainly not a reflection of the expectations the coaches have for them. They came to campus promptly that evening to assure the safety of students and the community. Coach Schneider praised Dr. Dorman and his team for their involvement and leadership throughout the event.

**B Actions Taken** – Coach Behrens spoke of the three levels of action taken. The Police Level, with the State Patrol Investigation, leading to arrests. The College Level, with investigations into student conduct and the need for academic suspensions/probations. Finally, the Team Level. Players on both football and basketball teams have been dismissed from their teams, have left Peru, and are waiting for the College’s actions concerning their academic involvement at PSC. Remaining team members have seen the swift action that was taken and know any retaliation will not be tolerated. The character of our athletes is of highest importance. Coach Schneider referenced the Student Athlete Handbook (available on the school website). Standards have been reviewed with the athletes and curfews have been imposed. NOTE: Coach Schneider also distributed a list of PSC athletic character-related national awards that have been earned the past several years, noting that the recent event is out of character for our athletics department.

**C Moving Forward** – Although the conflict was not a “football vs. basketball” conflict, both team captains have met together (didn’t know each other before). They have discussed the teams being involved together in social events and service projects to build community. The

department is looking at using an outside consultant to perform an audit of the athletic department and give feedback on policies and procedures. They are also looking at assembling a committee to address how off-campus activities are handled.

#### **D Questions & Concerns –**

- 1** Faculty Athletic Representative (John Tiner) hasn't heard much feedback. He mentioned that athletes are some of his best students.
- 2** For the PSC staff who reside in Peru, is the College offering "Talking Points" that can be used when responding to questions from others about the incident? (Jason will look at providing talking points for this purpose – i.e., those considered threats have been removed from campus, curfews are being imposed, etc.)
- 3** Does the College communicate with the City of Peru about what to do when they notice something that seems "not right"? (Dr. Hanson is looking at developing a community advisory committee that would include law enforcement, community members, and the mayor.)
- 4** Q: How many student-athletes have been dismissed?  
A: Basketball – 6; Football – 1, and 1 on suspension
- 5** Note: Mapworks is a helpful system to identify risks. Relevant information on student "trouble spots" is shared with the Athletic Department.

#### **4 Announcements –**

- Jason Hogue again noted the commercial is ready for viewing and he has been getting great responses.
- Tammie Hart announced that the online bookstore forum/presentation is posted online (<http://www.peru.edu/media/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2016/09/Online-Bookstore.pdf>) There were many concerns voiced and many resolutions offered. The process should be much smoother next semester. Please encourage all students to order their books BEFORE the holiday break. The bookstore will be open for ordering beginning November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Admissions is hosting "Tours & Tailgate" on November 5<sup>th</sup> (last football game on campus this season). They hope to have 200 guests on campus for this fun outreach event.
- Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a PSC choir concert at 3pm.
- The Peru Theater Company presents "God of Carnage" October 25-30<sup>th</sup>.
- Please use the phone app to promote events (see Shelley).

**5) Future Meeting Dates** – Next meeting date November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am, CATS Conference Room. Following meetings are on first Friday of the month at 11am in CATS Conference Room.