

President's Council Meeting Notes – Jan. 2019

1) Welcome – President Hanson welcomed all and reviewed the role of the President's Council as listed on the agenda. He intends to gather feedback from members concerning how well the Council is performing its role.

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

- Wayne Albury – Pleased to report that our 2017-18 female athletic teams had the highest gpa in the conference. As a result, one of our female athletes (Julia Zurek) has been selected to receive the Larry Lady \$1,000 scholarship. Wayne also reported that currently seven of our nine athletic teams have a first semester gpa above 3.0!
- Deann Bayne – Student Records conferred 180 degrees in December and all diplomas were mailed before Christmas break.
- Tim Borchers – Freshmen class gpa has increased to 2.84. Credit completion rate is up as well.
- Ellie Kunkel – Exciting news that we will be hosting ESU4 teacher workshops/professional development conference on February 18. There will be over 500 educators on campus, many of whom are PSC graduates. There will be challenges as it is a normal class day at Peru, but we will make adjustments as needed to highlight the campus for this group. They have already scheduled this meeting on a Friday next year, to avoid a class day. Special thanks to the Foundation for sponsoring the breakfast for this large group. Watch your email for more information to come.
- Greg Galardi – February 13 we will have 400-500 young people on campus for the annual Business Contest. Approximately 70-90 PSC students will help the contest run smoothly. Kudos to Lisa Parriott on her efforts to lead this event!
- Matt Thielen – On Feb. 2-3, PSC staff and bowling club sponsor Philip Rogers will be taking most of our bowling team (the top 8 of those who participate) to compete at a Hastings College tournament. The team practices on Monday evenings in Auburn, with an average of 10-12 in attendance.
- Adam Neveau – Cooper Nuclear held their annual holiday party on our campus last weekend and it was very successful. Creative Dining served about 260 people. Denice added that people seemed to love the food – there were many positive comments. Adam expects they will want to have it here again next year.
- Ken Meints – Happy to report that Jake Bartlett is back on campus part-time after cancer treatments. He is doing well and his prognosis is good.
- Denice Hager – Creative Dining's Human Resources department will be on campus on January 21 holding a job fair. They are hoping to boost employee numbers at PSC.

3) System Strategic Initiative Progress – Dr. Hanson reviewed that the NSCS Strategic Initiative, *Nebraska FWD*, included all three colleges engaging with rural businesses and industry to gather workforce needs. A proposal with this information was submitted to Governor Ricketts for consideration and he has now announced the initiative, *Nebraska Talent Scholarships*, as part of his budget. This program would give \$1 million to NSCS for scholarships, yielding 83 four-year scholarships for PSC, if approved. Both Criminal Justice and CMIS are programs included in the Governor's plan. Dr. Hanson noted that it was disappointing to have business and education programs left out of the budget, as these were certainly included in the NSCS proposal.

4) Mission Discussion – Dr. Hanson distributed a worksheet with the current mission statement. He asked all to review this statement and offer feedback on how it might be more concise and memorable. Council members worked in groups to briefly discuss ideas for improvement to the mission statement. Groups reported their feedback, which was submitted in writing, as follows:

- PSC cultivates the capacity and propensity for lifelong learning. Through innovative undergraduate and graduate programs, Nebraska's first college is committed to educating the individual for the benefit of society.
- Peru State College cultivates the capacity and propensity for lifelong learning, fostering and promoting the value of knowledge and discovery.
- Highlights: Serve, educate individuals, community (students), extended community/region, engagement, educating students to benefit society

- What – educate the individual, prepare for the future, serve the community
Who – student, community
Why – benefit of society, individual growth
- Highlights: Educate, invest, engaging experiences, benefit of society, fostering professional growth, open access, diversity
- Start with “As Nebraska’s first college...”
- Commitment to students, rural focus, family
- Peru State College proudly serves southeast Nebraska through excellence in education, commitment to service, and engaging our students for the betterment of society.
- Focus: Engaging students in the pursuits of serving others and their community
- Peru State College is Nebraska’s first college for more than 150 years. We continue to commit to making a vital contribution to the future of our students in our community, region and the state. Through our innovative undergraduate and graduate programs, this cultivates the capacity and propensity for lifelong learning by fostering independent inquiry and promoting the value of knowledge and discovery.
- PSC cultivates lifelong learning by fostering independent inquiry and promoting the value of knowledge through engagement and discovery.
- Peru State College is committed to educating people/constituents. Lifelong inquiry and innovation in our people for the benefit of society.

Dr. Hanson thanked all for their input and noted that a group will continue working to shape an updated mission statement.

⇒ Updates

- A Budget** – Tammie Hart distributed a handout showing cash fund revenue. She reported that we are 87.8% through the year on revenue collection. Tammie indicated there have been no significant changes year-to-date.
- B Facilities** – Jill McCormick shared updates on the following campus projects:
 - Field House – bids are due January 31
 - Student Center – fire marshal will be coming soon to perform the fire inspection. Many other buildings will also have fire alarm updates in the coming months.
 - Facility Services – the department will begin wearing new uniforms (polos, sweatshirts, caps) on Monday, January 14.
 - Complex – building lettering will be added to the Complex buildings in February.
- C Strategic Planning** – as part of Strategic Plan implementation, President Hanson is working with a committee representing both the College and the City of Peru, working under the name **ImPERUving as oNE**. This group distributed a survey to gather community feedback in addition to holding focus groups and town hall discussions. The committee has developed their own mission and vision statements:
 - ImPERUving as oNE Mission Statement – Work together to promote a unified and vibrant community by connecting people, ideas and resources to achieve the best future for the City of Peru and Peru State College.
 - InPERUving as oNE Vision Statement – Peru will be a welcoming, thriving and engaged community with exceptional amenities that attract people to live, work, visit and learn.

This group is developing five planning teams, which will each focus on different areas of improvement. The planning teams and their conveners are listed here:

- Infrastructure – Darrin Reeves & Jason Jones
- Housing – Tim & Cindy Hoffman
- Relationships & Communication – Vanessa Sherman & Jason Jones
- Economic/Business Development – Dan Hanson, Christopher Nwafor, Justin Douglas
- Attraction & Retention – Becca Jewell & Sara Granfors

📢 Announcements –

- Tammie Hart got married on December 28 – Congratulations to Tammie and Matt Dunn!
- Annie Neveau – tomorrow we are hosting an alumni reunion at the basketball games (100 confirmed rsvps thus far). Coach Gibbs and the '92 & '93 women's basketball teams will be recognized.
- Plan to attend the Distinguished Series Speaker Aaron Thomas on January 23.
- Plan to attend the All-Campus Meeting in the new Performing Arts Center on Thursday, January 17, at 11:00. Come early at 10:45 to hear the pep band playing in our new auditorium!

➡ Future meeting dates – Next meeting will be February 8. Regular meetings are the second Friday of each month, September-June.