

President's Council Meeting Notes – February 2, 2018

1) Welcome – Dr. Hanson welcomed all and was glad to be meeting after cancelling the past two months.

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

- Cindy Cammack – Excited to share that 27 students, plus others to total 75, are registered to come to the chili feed/game tomorrow. Admissions is also reaching out to student names obtained from the Educators Rising meeting (referenced by Ellie Kunkel at November meeting).
- Jesse Dorman – There has been good dialogue with History Day and Business Contest people about follow up with students who attend these events on campus.
- Greg Galardi – Lisa Parriott reports that Business Contest registration is at all-time high, with 29 schools and over 400 students registered! Greg also announced that accounting major, Thomas Norvell, has been awarded a full-ride scholarship to Creighton Law School.
- Bobbie Barton – Happy to announce that the Welcome Week Committee has hired a new student to help them plan for these important welcome events.
- Adam Neveau – Reported that the RA selection process is underway. Please encourage students to apply. He also noted that the housing application for fall is live and we have received 50 applications already.
- Mason White – Announced that Deb Pugh has been hired as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid and will begin her duties on or before April 1.
- Jason Hogue – Applauded Deb Solie for presenting about our 150 celebration at the Case Conference earlier this week. Jason also noted that PSC will be running ads out of Omaha stations during the upcoming Winter Olympics.
- Dan Hanson – He attended the Foundation Board Meeting this morning and is pleased at how very supportive of the College this group is. He talked about the new strategic plan with them and they are ready to seek funding and partner with PSC to execute the plan. He also announced that, at System Office request, we were able to gather over 40 letters of support for PSC from area leaders, individuals and businesses. Everyone who was asked to write a letter agreed to the task, with one exception due to a conflict of interest. These letters will be presented to the State Appropriations Committee next week.

3) Fall 2017 Academic Summary – Tim Borchers distributed a handout and reviewed the fall statistics (data courtesy Kristin Buscher). The document compares the past several years in many academic categories (ACT average, credits attempted, credits, completed, fall gpa, % probation/suspension, etc.). He noted that Credits Completed is now above 12, which is the highest it has been. We have made good progress in gpa stats, and probation/suspension percentages are also down this semester. Both Dr. Borchers and Dr. Hanson emphasized that it is many people working together across campus to provide strong support that helps students succeed.

4) Updates

- A. Budget** – Tammie Hart reported that the Budget Committee will be having an open meeting next week on Feb. 8. All are welcome to attend to hear the review of January financials and the budget model for next year.
- B. Facilities** – Jill McCormick reported on the following facilities projects:
 - 1) Theatre – Electrical and drywall are underway inside. Soon we will see the geothermal wells drilled.

- 2) Fountain – This is still part of the theatre project and will be an addition to the quad.
 - 3) Fire Alarms – These will be replaced this summer in Hoyt, CATS, Library, Campus Services, Morgan and the Student Center.
 - 4) Condensate Lines – Being replaced near the AWAC.
 - 5) Student Workers – They have four work-study students and five part-time students. They are also recruiting more students to help as event staff (15 events listed as of now!)
- C. Strategic Plan** – Dr. Hanson reviewed that the four subcommittees worked hard all fall on the strategies and initiatives of the Plan. Their work will be presented to the full Strategic Planning Committee on Feb. 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the Live Oak Room. The President’s Cabinet will then prioritize these projects for implementation. He thanked all who have been involved in the process.

5) Announcements

- The annual chili feed is tomorrow during the basketball games: Women’s game at 2pm, Men’s game at 4pm, Chili Feed begins at 2:30pm.
- Kristin Buscher announced that we will be putting out two surveys in March – Campus Life Student Satisfaction for students and *Great Colleges to Work For* for employees.
- Tim Borchers sent email reminder today about upcoming Distinguished Speaker Series presenters: Joe Starita on March 12 (Dr. Hanson encouraged reading Mr. Starita’s books) and Curt Tomasevicz on April 10. Both speakers will be at 7:00 p.m. in the AWAC.

6) Future meeting dates - Next meeting date is March 9, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in CATS ConferenceRoom.