

President's Council Meeting Notes – Feb. 8, 2019

1) Welcome – President Hanson welcomed all and thanked them for taking time to attending the council meeting.

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

- Denice Hager – Dining has added vitamin water and fresh-brewed tea to the list of beverage options in the dining hall and Bob Inn. Students are very happy about these new choices! Denice also noted that Creative Dining will be providing a special steak & shrimp Valentine's dinner on Feb. 14.
- Mason White – February is National Financial Aid Awareness month and we will be promoting this on campus. Mason is pleased to announce that today 175 incoming freshmen were awarded their financial aid packages for a total of \$3.6 million.
- Cindy Cammack – Admissions has hired four student phone workers who have been trained and are doing very well in their phoning of potential students.
- Jason Hogue – The PSC Bowling Team competed in their first tournament and are excited that they placed 5th out of the 7 teams that participated.
- President Hanson – Pleased to report that the largest financial gift ever will soon be coming to PSC. It is a gift of \$1.8 million, which will generate approximately \$60,000-\$70,000 annually. The donor is designating that the funds be used for students "in-need". Our Foundation does an excellent job of staying in touch with our loyal alumni. It was through one of these relationships that this donor contact emerged and is presenting Peru with this large monetary gift.
- President Hanson – Announced that PSC grad Seph Fauver is continuing his scientific research into mosquito-borne illnesses. Dr. Fauver is committed to giving back to our campus and is currently visiting to help the science department. Dr. Fauver has revealed that he will be attending Yale University for post-doc work.

3) Audit – Debbie White and Randy Willey noted that there were several findings from the audit, which they reviewed as follows:

- Received the final management letter from the State Auditors (APA) - Improved from the prior year, no issues with fraud or misuse of funds.
- Numerous items in the management letter will be address the system office
- Randy and Debbie will be meeting to go through each finding for Peru State College to determine best steps forward for corrective actions. Once this is determined we will be meeting with the Business and Accounting Offices to implement changes and create training to provide to those areas impacted.
- Some steps already taken:
 - Audit adjustments are posted in SAP it reflects what is reported on the Audit.
 - Debbie and Randy are working a new formula to allocate electrical costs in a manner that is acceptable to the APA.
 - The System Office and the Comptrollers will meet on 2/08/2019 to discuss System Office meeting with the APA and start planning for the FY2019 audit.

4) Fall Enrollment Dashboard – Kristin Buscher directed all to the website at www.peru.edu/oira where the enrollment dashboard can be accessed. The data reported currently is based on numbers from October 2018 and is reported to IPEDS. Six charts are displayed there, showing data based on aggregate numbers (no specifics).

5) Persistence Committee Discussion – Jesse Dorman referenced three articles that had been sent by email prior to the meeting, and today he distributed a handout "Mapworks Survey Data", asking all to consider this information within small group discussion. Following brief discussion, he requested feedback from the groups relating to strategies that might be implemented with sophomore students pertaining to the following areas:

Communication

- 1 Townhall meetings – for S, Jr, Sr model
- 2 Expectations through syllabi
- 3 Financial aid literacy

- 4 Video based weekly update, media based is better received
- 5 Questions about curriculum
- 6 Cohort identification
- 7 Communication on ROI – employment opportunities

Activities/Events

- 1 After 1st week have Soph more specific events, events for traditions
- 2 Involvement – participation
- 3 Similar programs for Sophs to help integrate them back in
- 4 Class projects need to attend events
- 5 Soph experience-focus on academic strategies
- 6 Topcat leadership program – enhance it
- 7 Leadership through small communities
- 8 Work opportunities

Advising/Withdrawal Decisions

- 1 Mandatory meeting w/ advisors – helping the student to look forward, see the end of the tunnel
- 2 Multiple people they need to have face to face contact with before they can withdraw
- 3 Working w/ students to better understand degree audit – able to utilize on their own
- 4 Advising sophs w/ focus on career dev't and internships
- 5 Intervention opportunity/wake-up call w/ advisor – individual conversations – Soph 101

Support

- 1 Visiting w/ the RAs and have them focus on the soph year
- 2 Career support
- 3 Soph scholarships/fin aid
- 4 Peer partnering – upperclass support for Sophs
- 5 Off and on camps students
- 6 Wake up calls
- 7 Culture of see something, say something
- 8 Intentional programs were most of the Sophs live in the residence halls
- 9 Men's support network – since they struggle
- 10 Money management skills – what's your "side hustle"
- 11 Time management seminars – most bandwidth is used between 11-3pm
- 12 Support w/ career planning – key factor, what's the end game
- 13 Need to tell students around now of what they can expect in the fall
- 14 Internship opportunities/job shadowing
- 15 What it analysis in our people soft

☞ Updates

- A Enrollment** – Jesse Dorman reported that, as of Feb. 1, all categories of enrollment are increasing. This includes applications and admissions for freshman, transfers, and online.
- B Budget** – Tammie Hart distributed a handout showing cash fund revenue compared to last year. The revenue shortfall is decreasing/heading in the right direction. Tammie noted that the Budget Committee will be looking at next year's budget at March-April meetings.
- C Facilities** – Jill McCormick shared updates on the following campus projects:
 - Winches and cables will be replaced in the AWAC tomorrow
 - New doors in Morgan Hall next week, and in Admissions and Businesses offices soon after
 - AV Larson – new heat pump soon
 - Foundation – signage in their new suite
 - Complex – electrical update (bidding in March, construction in May)
 - Oakhill – upgrade bathrooms, flooring & exterior soon

- Field House – successful bid opening last week (5 companies bid), with construction to begin in March-April (exterior of building, such as landscaping & drainage, and also Oak Bowl erosion control)

D Nebraska Talent Initiative & State Budget – President Hanson announced that the initiative has been well received and is still in the Governor’s budget. UNL has countered with another plan which likely will not be approved, but he anticipates that the original amounts may be approved.

➤ Announcements –

- Kristin Buscher – the assessment office will be sending out four institutional surveys soon. Please watch for these emails and participate.
- Emily Volker – Professional Staff Senate is partnering with Funds2Orgs on a *Treads for the Trail* project. They are hoping to gather 2500 pairs of used shoes for a fundraiser to benefit the campus trail.
- Greg Seay – his three daughters (all PSC grads) are all pregnant and babies are due this summer.
- Jesse Dorman – email has been sent to announce Tim Robertson’s daughter’s house fire. Donations of items listed in the email are being collected at Angela Seidl’s desk in the VPAF/VPEMSA office.
- Performance in the PAC – Monday night, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m, *Of Ebony Embers: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance* will be on stage.

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