

President's Council Meeting Notes – March 10, 2017

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

- Cindy Cammack – Ashleigh Eickhoff will be returning to Admissions on March 27th following her maternity leave.
- Eulanda Cade – Staff/faculty evaluations are underway and the first two have already been submitted.
- Tim Borchers – Happy to report that 250 of our 1,000 on-campus students travelled last year as part of their class experience.
- President Hanson – Theater renovation has begun. The bids all came in low, amazingly, and we will now be able to include some items (better roof, grand piano) that would otherwise have not been funded.

2) Review of last meeting – Notes from January 13, 2017 – no changes.

3) Strategic Plan Vision and Values Discussion – Dr. Hanson reviewed the process to-date and directed all to review the Vision and Values handout. The key themes from the SOAR exercises have been included in the vision and values information. A sub-committee has worked on the wording of these items and the full committee has reviewed them again. Dr. Hanson asked the Council for feedback, which included the following:

- The vision statement is clean and meets the definition of a vision statement. Perhaps we could use the last half of the mission statement as part of the vision?
- All seemed to like using the acronym P.E.R.U. for the values.
- Suggestion to remove the word “rewarding” from the Resilience component
- Maybe Resilience isn't the best word? There was a suggestion that it may not be the best forward-thinking term, but many think it works well.
- Perhaps replace the word “enhance” in the Pride component? It is a bit vague.

4) Report on research on non-returning students – Director of Assessment Kristin Buscher reviewed her handout with charts on factors that contributed to these students' decision to leave. There was a 20% response rate on this survey and 36% of those respondees have plans to return to PSC. The full report is available on the I-Research folder (see *Assessment* and *Non-returner Survey*)

5) Report on students not returning to residence halls - Adam Neveau shared a handout showing the number of students who left campus housing after the first semester. Most of the reasons given were financial, planning to save money by living off campus. He noted that nine of the students even paid a \$500 cancellation fee in order to do so. There wasn't much information that would help to improve services in student housing. Discussion followed concerning students who are living off campus in sub-standard conditions.

6) NAIA InCred – Director of Admissions Cindy Cammack reported on this new international credentials service by the NAIA. The student pays \$85 to have their documents verified for proof of high school graduation, athletic eligibility, etc. This is a cost savings for our Admissions department. Students, whether athlete or not, may use this service and have their verified documents sent to any school they choose.

7) Updates

- A. **VPMSA search** – Dr. Hanson thanked all for their feedback on the first two candidates and reminded that the third candidate will be on campus March 16-17.
- B. **Assistant Director of Admissions search** – Cindy Cammack announced there are two candidates (Jari Dunekacke and Bill Hayes) coming next week for interviews and feedback is appreciated.
- C. **Budget** – Budget Director Tammie Hart reviewed handouts showing the budget details. The College is in a better state than expected last month (year-end will be about \$170,000 above expected). She noted some areas of savings that have been identified by departments and said plans are set for next year. Thanks was given to Tammie and the budget committee for their work and sensitivity to the student experience in making their recommendations.
- D. **Facilities** – Kathy Carroll has released the monthly update on the internal communication page. In her absence, Darrin Reeves noted that the progress is going very well in Delzell and that the Theater asbestos is being removed now so construction can begin early April.
- E. **Sesquicentennial** – Dr. Hanson reminded the Council that our 150th celebration will officially kick off at commencement on May 6th, with both Governor Ricketts and Chancellor Carpenter planning to be here that day. Dr. Hanson and Elaine attended the unveiling of the Painting a Legacy display on Nebraska's statehood day March 1st. This exhibit of the 93 county paintings completed in honor of Nebraska's sesquicentennial will be on display at the Nebraska History Museum in Lincoln until June 4th.

8) Announcements

- The Campus Climate survey opens on March 13th for two weeks. Responses are important to help measure climate enhancement progress.
- Choir concert on Sunday, March 19th at 3pm.
- Country musician Dylan Scott will be in concert Friday night, March 17th, in the AWAC.
- Vijay Gupta will be on campus on Monday, March 27th at 7pm in the AWAC as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series.
- We are hosting the Board of Trustees on campus March 23-24.