

## President's Council Meeting Notes – May 10, 2018

**1) Welcome** – Dr. Hanson welcomed all and thanked them for their hard work that contributed to a wonderful commencement ceremony, most importantly helping our students achieve their academic goals. He reminded all of the “Leadership Commitment” and “Role of the President’s Council” included on the printed agenda document. He also introduced our new comptroller, Randy Willey, who began his duties on May 1.

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

- Ellie Kunkel – Happy to report there are new computers being installed today in TJM 203 computer lab. She also reported that the SOE had a great assessment-planning day yesterday. Their faculty worked very hard on a non-contract day to ensure we have the best processes in place for our students.
- Greg Galardi – Three faculty (Danny Hayes, Jim Nevitt, and Amber Mahan) leave on May 17 with 14 students for their international trip, “The History of Psychology in Europe”. In addition, Sheri Grotrian-Ryan will be taking students to PBL nationals in Baltimore. He also mentioned that we had several student volunteers help get the TJM computer lab updated and ready to go for next semester.
- Debbie White – Congrats to Tammie Hart and Brandy Van Der Kamp for achieving their master’s degrees from Chadron State College!
- Tammie Hart – Trey Nelson held his campus textbook buyback event. It was very successful and a great opportunity for him and for students.
- President Hanson – The grand opening of our renovated theater will be Oct. 18-20. Several donors are contributing and will have spaces named for them.
- Tim Borchers – He is away today but wanted to highlight that the percentage of Peru students on probation and suspension has been dropping steadily each year.

**3) Orientation and Yes, No, Maybe Campaign Updates** – Cindy Cammack announced thus far we have 177 students registered for freshman orientation sessions. She also reported that the Admissions staff is working hard to follow up with potential students in the Yes, No, Maybe Campaign. To date, 223 have responded “Yes”, and 54 are saying “Maybe” to a Bobcat education.

**4) Living Learning Communities** – Adam Neveau distributed a handout with data from the LLCs this past year, which shows that we are slowly growing LLCs on campus. This past year there were 21 active members. They tend to be more connected to the LLC at the beginning of the academic year and then less so as they get more involved on campus throughout the year. Our LLCs for 2018-19 will be as follows:

- Freshmen Fusion (Delzell)
- Gaming Community (Delzell)
- Discovery LLC (Morgan)
- Wellness Community (Morgan)
- Honors LLC (Clayburn and Mathews)

Adam will be sharing information about LLCs at the upcoming freshman orientation sessions and encouraging students to participate. He noted that we are also working to get LLC students in classes together. Matt Thielen added that the national data shows better retention and success for students participating in LLCs.

**5) Student Satisfaction Survey Results** – Director of Assessment Kristin Buscher highlighted results from the Ruffalo Noel Levitz survey, noting that RNL is well known for its student satisfaction surveys. There are four steps in the process: 1) Administer the survey; 2) Review and share the results; 3) Respond to the data with initiatives; and 4) Inform the campus how you are responding to the data.

The survey was sent to 837 on-campus students with 249 responding (30% response rate, which is very good improvement). Online students also received the survey and had a 26% response rate. Kristin reported some demographic information on the participants. She also shared a list of priorities & services, noting that students ranked the importance of the priorities listed.

Results indicate that PSC scored significantly higher in satisfaction than peer institutions across the nation. This is true of both on-campus and online students. Kristin shared a list of both strengths and opportunities as determined by the RNL survey. Many of these have been built into the new strategic plan. Some of the RNL statements will be used as Key Performance Indicators to track progress in the strategic plan.

Survey results and additional data can be found in the iResearch folder on the R-drive (see the Assessment folder).

In conclusion, Kristin offered that we should be proud of how we are doing while marketing our successes and addressing our challenges.

## **6) Updates**

- A. Enrollment** – Jesse Dorman reported a 4% increase over last year in freshman admits. We are also up 13% in transfer students over last year.
- B. Budget** – Tammie Hart reviewed a handout showing a total budget shortfall of approximately \$530,000, which we have plans in place to handle.
- C. Facilities** – Jill McCormick provided updates on projects across campus as follows:
  - 1. Theater – Drywall work has begun. In addition, they have finished digging 37 of the 60 wells.
  - 2. Administration – Geothermal work will begin soon, following the completion of the Theater geothermal.
  - 3. Fire Alarm – Student Center will be first on the list for fire alarm updates.
  - 4. Field House – Work on the outside improvements will begin soon.
  - 5. Complex – Beginning to work on summer cleaning and painting.
  - 6. Building Signage – Campus Services is working with Debbie to move this project forward.
  - 7. AWAC – Flooring work is underway.
  - 8. Student Center – Getting new ovens today!
  - 9. Arboretum – Trees on campus will be getting new labels this summer.
- D. Strategic Plan** – Dr. Hanson reported that the implementation plan is in the works, and that work teams are forming. He will be meeting soon with a group about Student Center funding strategies. Another team will be working together to identify and prioritize ways to enhance the City of Peru and the College.

## 7) Announcements

- Mason White announced a few stats from financial aid:
  - 40 undergraduate students are going on financial aid warning status
  - 27 students have been denied aid for the upcoming year, however they may appeal
  - 22 students have reached their maximum time frame

Mason noted that these statistics are much better than what we saw after the fall term.

- Amy Mincer requested that all send announcement information she can post on our internal communication page...summer fun activities and vacations, etc. Please include photos!
- President Hanson reminded all that the Council meets in June, but not in July or August.

**8) Future meeting dates** - Next meeting date is **Thursday, June 7** at 11:00 a.m. in CATSConference Room.