

President's Council Meeting Notes – June 2, 2017

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

- Ellie Kunkel – Happy to announce that we have a new partnership with the Nebraska City High School. PSC practicum students will go into their school all on the same day. They will be observed and have a debriefing at the end of the day.
- Kyle Ryan – Announced that the College has received two grants, one from ServeNebraska and the other from the Rural Futures Institute. It is great to know there will be grant funding for 12 students to help with after school programs.
- Greg Seay – PSC has been awarded EETP funding from the State of Nebraska that will allow 85+ graduate students to receive tuition remission funds. There are now four full cohorts and potential for a fifth.
- Gene Beardslee – Computer Services is in process of updating two labs with new laptops and also many other computers across campus are being replaced. Budget Director Tammie Hart gave credit to Dr. Beardslee for managing his budget in order to accomplish these projects.
- John Tiner – Proud to report that he defended his dissertation three weeks ago and is now Dr. Tiner!
- Jason Hogue – Kudos to our music department...Matt Hill served as a judge at the Memphisfest music event and Jake Bartlett is a quarterfinalist (again) for an education Grammy award.
- Dr. Hanson – 1) Reported that Sara Crook informed him she was called to be an employment reference for a PSC graduate and was reminded again what a good job we are doing producing wonderful graduates; 2) He also thanked Jill McCormick/Campus Services for the work they have done together with OPPD to upgrade our power service so we don't experience the outages we used to, noting the recent OPPD Wire article concerning improvements at PSC; 3) Congratulations to Dr. Paul Hinrichs on his being named the new Dean of Arts & Sciences!

2) All-College Reunion and PSC Charter Day –

- A. Deborah Solie distributed All-College Reunion (June 16-18) post cards and also a full schedule of events for Charter Day (June 20). She reviewed the excited events that are being planned for these days. The All-College Reunion registration stands at 125 thus far, although they expect many more will register in the next couple of weeks and will get closer to the goal of 200.
- B. Deborah pointed out that Charter Day will be full of fun activities for children and adults alike, concluding with a reception and banquet in the evening. She asked all to consider registering their children, friends, family for the memorable events. Please visit www.peru.edu/150 for event details and to register. Dr. Hanson encouraged all to get out of the office that day and help host/participate. It is a day to celebrate!

3) PSC History Book and August 21st Solar Eclipse –

- A. Jason Hogue was excited to announce that the new PSC 150th history book is due to arrive on campus next week and will be launched at the All-College Reunion (June 16-18). He says it is gorgeous and will not disappoint for its reasonable \$39.95 price. The author, Dan Sullivan, from the Omaha World Herald, will be on campus for both the reunion and Charter Day to speak about the book. He and another OWH employee, Christine Zueck, have fallen in love with PSC through the completion of this project. Dr. Hanson noted that the Foundation has sponsored this project and will be handling book sales.
- B. Jason reported that PSC is now the proud sponsor of viewing glasses for the Aug. 21st solar eclipse. Glasses will be provided to all students in ESU4 and at PSC. Our Arts & Sciences

department has also agreed to put together curriculum for the event. Jason noted that this will take place on the first day of classes and may make for additional commotion on campus with perhaps several hundred students visiting, but one cannot chose the date for a solar eclipse!

4) Updates

- A. **Strategic Plan** – Dr. Hanson briefly reviewed the vision and goals progress, noting that subcommittees have been formed and will be working to further develop these four goals (and also an assessment plan) throughout the fall semester.
- B. **Budget** – Kathy Carroll reported that, as of the end of May, we are still falling short. The last enrollment report indicates that we will have about a \$30,000 shortfall. The PSC budget committee will be involved if there are extra funds to use.
- C. **Facilities** – Kathy Carroll reported on the following:
 - 1) Delzell – She says the colors are beautiful and have received many compliments already. Tours will be scheduled during the All-College Reunion and for other groups as requested. Football players will be moving in on August 7th so completion must occur by that date.
 - 2) Theater – Demolition progress lost three weeks due to additional asbestos being found. Now that abatement has been completed, the demolition can continue. She expects the section of building will come down as soon as next week. Project deadline is 7-31-2018. Dr. Hanson noted that the sesquicentennial plaza and the landscaping “screen” are also part of the theater project. He also noted that the fountain will be moved to a place on the quad.
 - 3) Complex Fire Sprinklers – These are being updated in all buildings at the Complex, beginning this summer and continuing through the school year and into next summer.
 - 4) Hoyt – There has been continued challenge with the new heating and cooling system so it has been determined the new valves must be replaced. Funding for this project is in place, both through the project itself and also LB309.
 - 5) Fire Alarm Systems – Several buildings need to have their systems replaced and funding for this will be covered by BL309.

5) Announcements

- Cheryl Reid has submitted her resignation effective Aug. 31st. She will be moving back to the west coast to be near her aging parents. Kathy Carroll noted that the search has begun for a replacement for Cheryl. The financial aid department will welcome a new counselor beginning July 5th. He is coming from Kentucky.
- Jason announced that the marketing department now has a full time IT specialist, Jaymi Victor, who has been working part-time prior to June 1st.

6) Future meeting dates - Next meeting date is September 1st at 11:00am in CATS Conference Room.

7) Student Campus Climate Survey Results – For those who had not yet seen her presentation, Kristin Buscher shared these results, which are available on the R: drive in the iResearch folder. The survey consists of 14 factors, measuring perceptions of the institution, peers, staff, policies, campus safety, sexual assault, campus training, and more. PSC has made good improvement in all of these factors over the past few years. There is still improvement needed in a few of the factors, including how students view their peers and the administration, as well as campus safety.