

## President's Council Meeting Notes – September 6, 2019

- 1) **Welcome** – In the interest of the many new members, President Hanson reviewed the “Leadership Commitment” and “Role of the President’s Council” listed on the agenda. He noted that Campus Climate Survey responses indicate a need for better communication across campus, which is part of the Council’s goal. An improved campus climate will better the experience for both students and employees. Dr. Hanson asked all to give self-introductions for the benefit of new members.
  
- 2) **Good News** - Several departments communicated highlights, including the following:
  - Deann Bayne – Student records has launched digital diplomas for all students now (they also get a physical diploma). Of the August graduates, 98% opened their digital diploma immediately and many shared on social media. This is a very successful innovation.
  - Gene Beardslee – Our campus will be changing to Microsoft Office 365 over the coming months. Computer Services will keep everyone updated on all of the changes this will bring. It will be beneficial to students as well, since they will have access to the full Office Suite at no cost.
  - Jesse Dorman – The Fresh Ideas rollout has been going well, despite a few hiccups. They still need more staff members, and they are serving more students than expected. There has been a good response to the food quality.
  - Debbie White – The Coffee Shop in the Library is open and operations are going well.
  - Jason Hogue – Happy to announce that Marketing has two new Graduate Assistants – Quentin Victor and Jamil Maddred. Marketing continues to write more press releases each year (always chasing Ted). They have been working with Admissions and Debbie White to have new blank greeting cards (available in the mailroom) for sending to individuals off campus. They have also been working with Security to give names to our parking lots for easier identification. The lots now have letter names and identification signs will be placed soon. Jason also noted that they have been working with Senator Slama to get great media stories about the Peru flood situation. He will post links to those stories on the Internal Communication Page. At the football game on September 14, our campus will be recognizing flood donors.
  - Crystal Hutson – Excited that the CAB participation numbers have been increasing. In addition, the Oakstock concert will take place tonight.
  - Gul Ahmad – Science student Noah Kasbohm has been offered admission into the UNO College of Pharmacy. He also received the A.O. Duer award. (Jason Hogue added that Deonte McReynolds received the Liston award.)
  - Dan Hanson – Exciting to see we just welcomed the largest freshman class since 1990. In addition, our retention rate is up significantly.
  - Gina Bittner – Reporting that the School of Education is off to a great start. The addition of new faculty Dwayne Chism has been very positive. The recent paddle boarding/kayaking event was a great success!
  - Tim Borchers – Happy to announce the addition of VPAA’s new Office Assistant, Dana Stovall.

**3) Institutional Learning Outcomes** – Tim Borchers began his presentation with an interactive activity, asking all to respond to questions about student success at Peru and beyond, highlighting the topics a task force will be pursuing this fall in preparation for the HLC visit. He shared a list of goals that the College seeks to instill in its students. These goals will help guide the task force.

**4) Updates**

a. City Water update – Dr. Hanson reviewed the following:

- The portable water unit has been up and running and the boil order was lifted on August 12. We are still asking all to practice conservation measures to ensure that the unit can meet the water needs of the community. The City has hired JEO to evaluate several long-term options for Peru’s water supply. The need to qualify for FEMA funding will affect the final choice. In the end, the water supply should be the best ever for residents of Peru. All are invited to attend City Council meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.
- The City is also addressing Peru’s wastewater issue.
- Currently the Peru levee is NOT on the Corps of Engineers repair list. Not repairing this levee would hurt the community in many ways, so there are efforts to find other funding for this project.

b. Online Recruitment – Dr. Hanson reported that online numbers have been declining and therefore we are signing a contract with Archer Education, a company that will help with online recruitment. Archer may be promoting Peru State as early as this fall, and hopefully will be recruiting students for the spring semester.

c. Admissions & Enrollment – Jesse Dorman reported that, through SEM, we will be adding additional programs for next year. They are still working on the final target numbers, which will be slightly lower than the SEM numbers for this fall. (target was 80)

Cindy Cammack reported that Admissions is already working on applications for fall 2020 and, thus far, have received 116 applications. Of those, 25 students have been admitted. In addition to their fall high school visits, the Admissions staff has 106 campus recruitment events scheduled. The Tour & Tailgate campus event has been scheduled for Nov. 16. Admissions will be recruiting helpers for the event. Cindy also reported that they have a new counselor-specific web page launching soon, which will be a great resource for high school counselors. Cindy displayed some of the “swag” giveaways (pens, socks, etc.) that they are currently using for PSC promotion.

d. Facilities – Debbie White gave the report today, noting that Darrin Reeves is on the road trading a vehicle with Wayne State College. We will now have 12-passenger vans instead of mini vans. Debbie reported on the following campus projects:

- ADA project will be out to bid soon, with work beginning early spring and completed hopefully June 2020.

- Final walkthrough of the Performing Arts Center is scheduled for October 9. A new company is being used to finish the final details of the project.
- Bids are coming in to replace many roofs due to the June hailstorm.
- Electrical project at the Complex should be completed in January.
- Field House project is running behind schedule, but will be completed.
- Painting in the Live Oak Room (Student Center) will be done next week.
- New lighting is being installed at the Complex stairs and walkway.
- Additional banners are being added to the Park Avenue light poles.
- Display cabinet is being installed in the Hoyt first-floor hallway to highlight many of the items from Daryl Long's collection.

**5) Announcements –**

- Homecoming is September 27-28.
- Student Senate President Tyler Harms reported that their Senate is working on Homecoming details. They plan to have an orientation meeting this Sunday.
- The student-led transportation initiative is still operating. Please encourage students to take advantage of these opportunities for free transportation. They can sign up using the Bobcat Life app.
- The Fresh X app is available for our food service vendor.

**6) Future meeting dates –** Monthly meetings will occur on the second Friday of each month, September-May. The next meeting date will be **Friday, October 11.**