

President's Council Meeting Notes – Oct. 8, 2021

- 1) **Welcome** – President Michael Evans welcomed all and noted the Leadership Commitment listed at the bottom of the meeting agenda. Looking at #2, “Providing opportunities for professional and personal growth”, he reminded all of the importance of this for our employees. Michael encouraged all leaders to develop their teams, as they need to know they are cared about enough to receive this investment.
- 2) **Good News** - Several departments communicated highlights, including the following:
 - Paul Hinrichs – Happy to report that Liz Stinman had a healthy baby boy and her replacement also had a healthy baby boy! Paul also reported that the Theatre production is this week and the fall choir concert will be next week (Oct. 14).
 - Amy Mincer – After 72 days in the NICU, Heather Rinne and husband were finally able this week to bring baby Lauren home from the hospital. She is now 7 lbs. 12 oz. and is doing very well!
 - Greg Seay – Several faculty members from campus will be attending an educational conference next week in the Rocky Mountains. He was also happy to report that the NDE has fully funded all EETP applications from PSC grad students.
 - Cory Moen – Residence Life is in the process of gaining survey feedback from sophomore students regarding their campus life experiences. These results help us make changes to improve their experience and increase retention.
 - Crystal Hutson – Student Activities is resuming “On the Road” experiences. Today they will be taking 53 students to Worlds of Fun. In February, they will be taking students to a production at the Lied Center in Lincoln.
 - Jason Hogue – The Hispanic Heritage Month speaker, Saul Flores, was very good.
 - Ken Curtis – There is a new art exhibit, by artist Katrina Swanson, on display in the campus gallery. Ken encouraged all to view the exhibit. In addition, we will be hosting our annual Art Day on campus on Oct. 27 and we are expecting a large turnout.
 - Cindy Cammack – Nov. 6 is our Tour & Tailgate recruitment event. This will be our last home football game (Senior Day) and we are also hosting a craft fair in the AWAC from 9am-3pm. It will be a busy day!
 - Dwayne Chism – The School of Ed is currently working on its self-study report. He reported that they are also connecting with Boys & Girls Clubs to develop recruitment efforts.
 - Jason Hogue for Athletics – The Hall of Fame banquet will be on campus next Friday, Oct. 15. Also, our men’s basketball team will be playing in an exhibition game against UNL at Pinnacle Bank Arena on Wednesday, Oct. 27.
- 3) **Accreditation** – Tim Borchers distributed a timetable of events that will occur over the next few months (see pdf attachment). He will be asking campus to review the report, chapter by chapter. There will be a survey distributed to gather feedback and all results will be sent to the review teams. The committee will complete its final review in January and the Cabinet review will take place in February.
- 4) **Updates**
 - a. **Enrollment & Recruitment** – Jesse Dorman reported that Term II enrollment is consistent with last year’s numbers. Inquiries are up 20% thus far this year and application numbers are looking similar to last year’s. Jesse noted that the Strategic

Enrollment Management (SEM) committee is continuing to research strategies to increase enrollment. Of the many being reviewed, the following five have been selected for further study and will be shared with Senates on campus:

- Finance
- Health Care Administration
- Archery
- Women's Flag Football
- Weightlifting

Cindy Cammack reported that the Admissions staff has attended 57 recruitment events since late August. Shawn Sherman has been helping at college fairs and is doing a great job, even covering some events on his own. We have been getting significant exposure and activity both in-State and out-of-State.

- b. **COVID** – Jesse Dorman reported that, although the number of COVID cases in the region is still high, we currently have only three active student cases and zero staff/faculty cases. We have had 45 total positive (student and staff/faculty) cases thus far this semester. We will continue with the mask policy for indoor spaces on campus for now. The College is in the process of purchasing COVID tests for the ongoing (optional) weekly testing. COVID test kits are currently difficult to find in stores.
- c. **Facilities** – Darrin Reeves reported on the following:
 - Morgan Hall Tuck Pointing - This project will be started next week.
 - Master Plan & Indoor Sports Complex – They will continue to work with the architects on these projects.
 - Kitchen Equipment Replacement – They are obtaining quotes for equipment replacement.
 - Open Positions – We continue to have open maintenance and custodial positions.
 - Saving Money – They recently met with Web TMA to eliminate unused modules which will save the NSCS \$14,000.

5) Q&A – President Evans offered time for Q&A:

- ARPA Funding – Chancellor Turman gave a three-minute testimony at this week's hearing before the State Appropriations Committee. He reports that all went well. Next, the committee will review the requests and may ask for additional information.
- College 101 Student Visits – President Evans and First Lady Joanna have hosted all of the freshmen students at their home this fall via College 101 classes. They have enjoyed these small group gatherings and have learned that many students are attracted to Peru State for the strong sense of community and small class sizes.
- Natalie Hahn African Art – The College has received a generous gift from Dr. Hahn of more than 150 pieces of African art that are being installed across campus. When President Evans met with Dr. Hahn this summer, they realized that they have a mutual African artist connection. Evidently, Natalie's favorite African artist is a man who calls himself Twins Seven-Seven. Michael's mentor has written a book about Twins Seven-Seven, and Natalie owns that book. The coincidence was amazing and prompted Dr. Hahn to add a very large (8.5' x 3') Twins Seven-Seven painting to the collection she has donated to Peru State.

6) Announcements –

- Greg Seay thanked all who have sent sympathy cards to Emily Volker. The funeral for her husband, Brice, is tomorrow morning (Saturday) in Beatrice.
- Tim Borchers asked that all open-records requests be sent to him while Heather Rinne is on maternity leave.

7) Future meeting dates – Second Friday of month at 11:00 a.m. in CATS. However, the next meeting will be Nov. 19, 2021.