

## President's Council Meeting Notes – October 11, 2019

- 1) **Welcome** – President Hanson reviewed the “Leadership Commitment” and “Role of the President’s Council” listed on the agenda. He also introduced new members from Fresh Ideas Food (Chris Harrell and Brittany Bennett).
  
- 2) **Good News** - Several departments communicated highlights, including the following:
  - Dr. Hanson – Happy to report that he is hearing good feedback from students about the improvements Fresh Ideas has brought to our dining experience. He also shared that the City of Peru has received \$500,000 in economic development funding for housing improvements.
  - Kristin Buscher – Exciting news that our retention percentage is higher than it has been for many years – 67.3%.
  - Debbie White – We will have a new Financial Aid Counselor, Laura Burgess, on campus next Wednesday, Oct. 16.
  - Cindy Cammack – Admissions is still searching for staff but, in the meantime, Keri Wilhelm has been hired back part-time to work with online and transfer students.
  - Wayne Albury – Athletics has achieved the gold-level status in the NAIA Champions of Character program. We were one of only 15 schools in the NAIA to have a perfect score of 100. In addition, our new JV sports are doing well and have good schedules lined up for their seasons.
  - Paul Hinrichs – The choir concert last night was excellent. If anyone would like to watch the video, check out the Peru State Choirs page on Facebook.
  - Amy Mincer – Homecoming went very smoothly, despite Deborah being gone and having to make a rain plan. Thanks to great planning for months ahead and to wonderful teamwork across campus, it was a great celebration!
  - Max Kathol – Kudos to Crystal Hutson on a great student trip to Worlds of Fun. Max enjoyed participating in this trip and he hopes to go again next time!
  
- 3) **One-Stop Shop** – Debbie White and Jesse Dorman shared information pertaining to this new plan, which is intended to help bolster persistence and retention. The College is looking to have a single location on campus where students can get answers to many of their questions, without having to bounce from office to office. Once the System Office approves plans, we will move forward with creating the space for this office, which will be staffed by current employees. It will take time to develop the One-Stop Shop. Feedback is encouraged and appreciated.
  
- 4) **NSSE Results** – Kristin Buscher distributed “*NSSE Results – Executive*” document to help explain high-level survey results, which are also available on the R-drive in the iResearch folder. Several engagement indicators were scored in the survey:
  - Academic Challenge – freshmen rated PSC lower than peer group, while seniors rated PSC higher than peer group.
  - Learning with Peers – both freshmen and seniors at PSC rated this indicator lower than peer group.

- Experiences with Faculty – seniors at PSC rated “*effective teaching practices*” higher than peer group, while freshmen rated “*student-faculty interaction*” slightly higher than peer group.
- Campus Environment – freshmen rated “*supportive environment*” significantly lower than peer group, while seniors rated “*quality of interactions*” higher than peer group.

Kristin also reviewed freshmen and senior comparisons in the areas of “*High Impact Practices Participation*” and “*Overall Experience*”. Dr. Hanson noted that these are all areas that influence student success and inform the way we work with students.

## 5) Updates

- a. City Water update – Dr. Hanson reported that the City is still facing many issues from the flood. They are working on a long-term solution for the town’s water supply. The four possibilities were recently reduced to three, as the Rural Water option was eliminated because it will not provide enough water for the community. FEMA funding will affect the solution selected by the City Council. Dr. Hanson invited all to attend the next Council meeting on October 21 for updates on this and other important topics.

Dr. Hanson is also working with Becca Jewell to develop a Long-Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) to help coordinate recovery efforts for Peru. This committee will include Senator Slama and representatives from the City, the College & Foundation, NRD, County, etc. There was a nice report on B103 recently with flood updates from Senator Slama. She is doing a good job of keeping the flood concerns in the news. In addition, the imperUving as ONE group is working with Mayor Reeves to publish a bi-weekly Flood Response Report for the community.

- b. Online Recruitment – Dr. Hanson reported that the College has signed a three-year contract with Archer Education to move forward with a new approach to marketing our online programs. Archer offers a support team that will provide quick turnaround in answering inquiries about online offerings. Jesse Dorman noted that, because of Archer’s marketing work, we hope to see an increase in online enrollment as early as January 2020. Jesse added that we are excited about this new teamwork approach. Archer’s professionalism is impressive and we are already learning best practices from them.
- c. Facilities – Jill McCormick reported on the following projects:
  - Winterizing is underway across campus.
  - Facilities hosted people from Wayne State facilities department to learn from one another.
  - We are going out for bids on the ADA project in the next few weeks.
  - Looking at plans to remedy the erosion control problem at the Oak Bowl.
  - Work continues on the Field House project.

- Final walkthrough in the PAC has been accomplished this week.

**6) Announcements –**

- Arts & Sciences – Peru Theatre Company production is next week, the Show Choir festival is Oct. 22-23, and Art Day is Oct. 30.
- Foundation – First ever PSC Giving Day is scheduled for Oct. 24. Donations can be made online or by text. In addition, student groups are doing service projects for Giving Day. Crystal Hutson is excited about the projects the students are selecting for the event.
- Student Senate – Tyler Harms (President) announced that we will be hosting students from Chadron and Wayne for the NSCS Student Leadership Conference on Oct. 17-18. All are invited to attend the speaker sessions, including Kristi Nies, Crystal Hutson, Senator Slama, and guest Aaron Thomas. The theme of the conference is *Leading Through Adversity*.
- Athletics – Volleyball tournament tonight and tomorrow. Athletic Hall of Fame events on Oct. 25-26.
- School of Professional Studies – a 300 lb. pumpkin is on campus outside of SPS...selfies are welcome!

**7) Future meeting dates –** Monthly meetings usually on the second Friday of each month, September-May. The next meeting date will be **Friday, November 8**.