

President's Council Meeting Notes – November 4, 2016

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

- Kyle Ryan – Thank you to the Distinguished Speaker Series committee for bringing a great speaker. The student interaction with her (Amy Van Dyken) was great and one student even told Amy that it changed his life.
- Pat Fortney – Excited to announce that we have hired Kate Trout as new biology faculty! Kate is a PSC graduate from Tecumseh.
- Jesse Dorman – We hosted a NSCS student leadership conference on campus. Students from all three colleges attended and were impressed. We had a more robust conference than usual, with more staff and faculty involved.
- Tim Borchers – Attended a ServeNebraska luncheon where PSC was recognized for our Feeding 44 program.
- Matt Hill – We hosted approximately 60 high school show choirs at the annual festival. It was a great opportunity to showcase our campus. Today there is a barbershop event that the Nebraska City Apple Corps (men's a cappella group) is hosting at Peru. All are invited to the 2pm concert in the band room.
- Greg Seay – There will be 120 graduates in December and a new cohort starting in January.
- Greg Galardi – A) Pleased that his faculty have most of their books entered in Akademos and the process is going well. B) A representative from Canvas (a new LMS system) was on campus yesterday to present their system to our faculty. This will be a possible change next year. C) The psychology faculty are at a conference today. D) The early entry application will go live on Monday – hopefully!
- Veronica McAsey – The stats are in from the State regarding the summer passport program – we were the #2 stop in the state! (Nearly 300 participants entered the library to have their passports stamped and another 1400 were in the general vicinity using the Passport Program phone app)

👉 Review of last meeting – Notes from Oct. 7, 2016 – no changes.

👉 Mapworks – Jesse Dorman thanked those who have worked with the program thus far and noted that it is working well. A new email function is being added which will allow email tracking. Training with the coaches has been completed and training with others will be coming soon.

Tim Borchers showed several slides of information including results from student surveys. Their #1 issue is feeling homesick. They also say report needing to work on time management and study more. Transfer students are having difficulty engaging and getting connected. They also have financial concerns. Tim reported that Mapworks is helping with referrals and contacts, creating a “paper trail” of contacts with students. Faculty have been asked to complete academic updates within the system and we have had a whopping 90% of courses respond. This high response rate has led to Mapworks inviting PSC to attend their conference this summer and give a presentation about this success. Tim pointed out that the “Talking Points” tab helps a staff member to prepare for conversations with a student.

👉 Strategic Planning Vision & Values – Dr. Hanson presented slides showing the current vision and values, which 47% of survey respondents think should stay the same, while another 47% think they could be used with some revisions and six percent suggest starting over. A sub-committee was asked to make recommendations based on the survey results. The Strategic Planning Committee will be looking

at all the ideas and working together to advance the process. Dr. Hanson asked the Council for feedback regarding these survey results and received the following:

- Perhaps use “will continue to be” a college of choice – and also reference choosing to stay at PSC and graduate
- Do colleges of choice SAY they are colleges of choice?
- PSC fosters excellence in student achievement through inquiry, discovery, innovation
- Who do we WANT to be? It’s a VISION...
- Shorter can be better

The survey results showed the value of “engagement” as the top value by a large percentage. Dr. Hanson believes “engagement” should be kept as one of our values. In order to get feedback from the Council, he distributed a list of other possible values obtained from the survey and asked members to select those that should be considered.

Updates

- A** Campus Climate Enhancement Plan—Dr. Hanson reported that progress is being made on each of the seven action steps that make up the Plan. He also noted that survey results are in from *Great Colleges to Work For* and Kristin will be presenting these at the next Council meeting.
- B** Facilities – Kathy Carroll is providing monthly updates via the Internal Communication Page. In addition, Campus Services has a *Projects* page where photos and updates can be viewed. Kathy reported that the Hoyt project, after getting off to a rocky start, is improving. The Delzell renovation is going very well, with framing and drywall in progress. The football team has moved in to the Field House and, when the season is over, the windows and doors will be replaced. She was excited to say the Theater construction documents are half completed. This will go out for bid January 2nd and bids will be opened the end of January. Finally, there will be work on some new landscaping projects with more details to come.
- C** Council for Inclusion – Dr. Hanson reported that this group is meeting and has recommended the development of a student advisory council to the President. Dr. Hanson and the Council for Inclusion will be meeting with these ten students for the first time on November 17th.
- D** Budget Discussions at the State of Nebraska – Dr. Hanson alerted the Council of the State budget discussions and talk of withholding some of our allotment. The State budget is running behind. We are positioned well to manage this and he will continue to provide updates.

Announcements

- Tomorrow is the Admissions department’s Tour N Tailgate – a recruitment effort they are excited about. Also there will be a volleyball playoff game on campus.
- The search ads for VPMSA will be coming out soon. The search will take place next semester.
- Next Friday, November 11th, we will be having special events for Veterans Day. This will be more of a program than was held last year.

Future Meeting Dates – Next meeting date December 2nd at 11am, CATS Conference Room. Following meetings are on first Friday of the month at 11am in CATS Conference Room.