

President's Council Meeting Notes – November 10, 2017

1) Welcome – Dr. Hanson welcomed all and reminded them how important the College's work is. He has listened to many returning alumni share tales of how impactful their time at PSC was.

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

- Gene Beardslee – The computer replacement project has been very successful. There are no longer any desktop computers on campus older than three years. His department is also working to replace laptops.
- Bobbie Barton – She announced the new name for the Council for Inclusion. It will now be called the Council for Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion, with a steering committee and three active subcommittees. Bobbie also reported that Open Doors is collaborating with Stephanie Pfeifer and Austin Wegener to help support international students who will remain on campus over the holidays.
- Kathy Tynon – She has been contacting students to help them with their accounts and financial aid. The mypsc education is needed by many students, and the response has been very positive.
- Mason White – Happy to report that the 2018-19 FAFSAs are loading to PeopleSoft next week.
- Ellie Kunkel – Recently a SOE group (Robert Ingram, Kelly Kingsley, Sherry Jones, Katie Tenant) attended an Educators Rising meeting in Omaha. The College will be reaching out to 115 potential students from the 400 who attended this gathering.
- Dan Hanson – Thanks to all for helping with Homecoming. The events went well and people seemed impressed!

3) Title IX Education – Eulanda Cade announced that the NSCS office has hired a Title IX Director (Taylor Sinclair) who assists the three campuses with all relevant needs, including education on sexual harassment and sexual violence. Eulanda and Taylor have made presentations to many groups across campus (students and employees). They have received positive feedback regarding these sessions. Taylor also watches up and coming legislation to help the colleges be proactive on Title IX issues. Eulanda can help orchestrate when campus groups want to bring Taylor to campus for a workshop. She invited any with suggestions to communicate with her and/or Taylor about them. (Note: Jesse Dorman commented that there is existing programming within Student Housing that addresses these concerns with students.)

4) Updates

- A. Budget** – Dr. Hanson reminded all that the Governor has directed 1% of appropriations be held back each quarter. Tammie Hart shared a handout showing projections with the shortfall, stemming from budget cuts and reduced enrollment, and how PSC will cover the shortfall. Please see Tammie with any budget-related questions.
- B. Facilities** – Jill McCormick reported on the following facilities projects:
- 1) AWAC – Heat exchanger has been installed, exterior lights are working, and the roof repairs will begin soon.
 - 2) Student Center – A new heat exchanger will be installed soon.
 - 3) Complex – Fire sprinkler project is two-thirds complete. Six other campus buildings are undergoing fire alarm reviews.
 - 4) Park Avenue – Still working to finish some of the details.
 - 5) Oak Bowl – Winterizing project will begin soon.
 - 6) Baseball/Softball Complex – New roofs are going on buildings there.

- 7) Delzell – Workers are trying to loosen the compacted soil around the valuable oak trees on the north side of the building.
 - 8) Theatre – The construction team encountered some underground issues that have slowed progress. Precast walls should go up soon.
 - 9) Library – Elevator motor is coming soon.
 - 10) Walking Trail – The trail has been cleared and signs have been ordered.
 - 11) Staffing – There are two new custodians starting work on Nov. 15 and a half-time student worker hired for the Complex. Student workers have been hired to help with events. Sheena Hagen began work on Nov. 1, replacing Kelsee Sayer.
- C. S.E.M.** – Jesse Dorman reported that the Strategic Enrollment Management Committee has been meeting regularly to look at large amounts of data in a variety of areas. They will be sharing their data review findings from key areas with the campus community. (Dr. Hanson noted that freshman applications are running higher at this point.)
- D. VPAF and A.D. Searches** – Dr. Hanson shared updates on the status of these efforts.
- 1) VPAF – EFL Associates, the contracted search firm, will be meeting with the committee next week. The firm has been promoting the position and gathering a pool of applicants. There are 20 applicants in the pool currently, and 14 of these have advanced to level two. They will be reviewed by the committee.
 - 2) A.D. – A total of 33 applicants entered the pool of candidates. Of those, 18 have been asked to complete a questionnaire to gain additional information. The committee held five video interviews and the first campus interview has been scheduled for Nov. 19-20.
- E. Strategic Plan** – Dr. Hanson reviewed that the goals and values were developed by the full committee last year and now there are four subcommittees working to develop strategies and initiatives. The subcommittees are as follows:
- 1) Academic Excellence Through Engagement (Chair: Christy Hutchison; Advisor: Tim Borchers)
 - 2) Transformative Student Experience (Chair: Paul Hinrichs; Advisor: Jesse Dorman)
 - 3) Telling the Peru State Story (Chair: Jason Hogue; Advisor: Todd Simpson)
 - 4) Preparing for the Future (Chair: Gene Beardslee; Advisor: Dan Hanson)

5) Announcements

- Admissions is hosting Tour & Tailgate tomorrow. They have 90 prospective students and their families registered to attend.
- Derby Johnson has distributed an Inclement Weather memo for all to review.
- Veterans Day is tomorrow and will be celebrated at the Bobcat football game. It is also Senior Day.
- Paul Hinrichs announced several upcoming Arts & Sciences events – Theatre production, senior art show, distinguished speaker...all next week. The holiday choir concerts (and open house at the President's home) will be on December 7.
- Dining Services would appreciate more responses to the dining survey. Please complete the survey asap!
- Dr. Hanson thanked all for supporting our students, staff, and the family of Kaelia Nelson during the very difficult time of her death on campus. Kaelia's family will be attending the last football game tomorrow.

6) Future meeting dates - Next meeting date is December 8th at 11:00am in CATS Conference Room. Meetings are the 2nd Friday of the month through June 2018.