

## President's Council Meeting Notes – December 2, 2016

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

- Greg Galardi – Reported that PBL and Sheri Grotrian-Ryan went to Texas for a conference and were able to attend a Mavericks basketball game, with a few courtside tickets. They had a great time. He also mentioned that we are hosting a few hundred students on campus today for Brainquest.
- President Hanson – Gunnar Orcutt earned first team academic all-american honors! Lou Varley was awarded assistant coach of the year and Derek Derr received a conference award.
- Jesse Dorman – Students from other campuses attended a career development conference at PSC and were impressed with our college.
- Tony Oldfield – There was a great response from people willing to help with the midnight breakfast. Thanks to all!
- Pat Fortney - Jake Bartlett gave a presentation at the NE Music Educators Association conference and Rebecca Smallfoot performed at the same. Both went very well.
- Kristin Buscher - Among seniors responding to statements relating to the Effective Teaching Strategies engagement indicator, PSC scored higher than the top 10% of performing schools that participated in NSSE. This is good news for our faculty.
- Jill McCormick – She, Darrin and Dana all met with their building captains for feedback. They liked being involved in the process and had good ideas.

### **Review of last meeting** – Notes from November 4, 2016 – no changes.

**Budget Discussion** – Dr. Hanson and Kathy Carroll responded to the email all have received from the Chancellor concerning budget cuts. We have a good plan for dealing with this year's four percent reduction due to our salary savings from unfilled positions and also being up \$280,000 in unbudgeted revenue. The College is working very hard to have an open and transparent budget process and will continue to share information as able. The PSC Budget Committee will be meeting this afternoon to begin to address these issues.

### **Updates**

- A** Strategic Planning – Dr. Hanson reported that the Strategic Planning Committee continues to meet biweekly. Much information gathering has been done and there will now be a sub-committee forming to begin drafting the wording for our vision and values. The Committee will presently be looking at some broad goals and more input will be solicited.
- B** Sesquicentennial – The Sesquicentennial Calendar of Events (draft) was distributed to all for review. The calendar will be finalized soon.
- C** Facilities – Kathy Carroll announced she will be sending the monthly facilities update to Amy for posting on the internal communication page. She highlighted a few of the items contained in that update:
  - The humming sound in Hoyt is being addressed.
  - The countertops in Hoyt will be replaced over the holiday break.
  - The Delzell project is progressing very well. There will be a model room completed soon for photos and possibly tours.

- The Complex transformer will be replaced over the holiday break.
- Theater construction documents are 80% ready. The bid opening is end January with work to being by May 2017, possibly earlier.

➤ **Presentation of *Great Colleges to Work For* Survey** – Kristin Buscher reviewed that this survey was given last spring, about the time some of the Campus Culture Enhancement Plan action steps were initiated. She distributed handouts and gave an overview of the results, including how we compare to peer groups in topics of employee engagement. These results are available at <http://www.peru.edu/oira/assessment-results/> and are also posted on the R-drive in the iResearch folder.

#### ➤ **Announcements**

- There is a band concert this Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. All are invited!
- There will be two choir concert times on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please attend at either 4:30pm or 7:30pm.
- The staff/faculty holiday open house will be Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00pm at the President's Home. All are invited!

➤ **Future Meeting Dates** – NOTE DATE CHANGE: The next President's Council meeting date will be January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the CATS Conference Room. Following meetings are on first Friday of the month at 11am in CATS Conference Room.