

## President's Council Meeting Notes – Dec. 11, 2020

- 1) **Welcome** – Dr. Hanson welcomed all and reminded them to share this information with their departments. In addition, Amy Mincer will be sending the notes to the entire campus each month.
- 2) **Good News** - Several departments communicated highlights, including the following:
  - Greg Seay – We have been helping to fill substitute teaching needs in the area by offering a training course, which has been widely attended.
  - Matt Thielen – Clara Edwards will be helping to fill Adam's duties until a new Director of Residence Life is hired.
  - Cindy Cammack – Excited to announce that Amanda Cole will be walking across the commencement stage tomorrow. Congrats to Amanda!
  - Heather Rinne – We have 79 graduates planning to participate in the graduation ceremonies tomorrow.
  - Kristi Nies – We held a great football recruiting event last Saturday. Many attended, including parents, and the feedback has been very positive. AD Albury is planning another event on January 9.
  - Dr. Hanson – Proud to announce that PSC alum, Seph Fauver, has connections at the CDC and has been very helpful in guiding our COVID testing strategy on campus.
- 3) **Commencement Overview** – Amy Mincer reported that we will have two ceremonies this Saturday (tomorrow) at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We are expecting Less than 50 graduates to attend each of the sessions which will be held in the Performing Arts Center. No guests will be allowed – only the graduates, stage party and a few faculty members, so to allow for proper social distancing. The events will be livestreamed and people can find the link on the campus commencement web page. In addition, Jason will stream the ceremonies over Facebook Live. Faculty have received communications from Dr. Borchers about participating in the events, whether in person or over Zoom.
- 4) **Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)** – Dr. Kristin Buscher reported that she has been working with the Assessment Committee to development the ILOs. They have used multiple surveys to gain feedback which is helpful in this process. She shared by Zoom the ILO dashboard that has been developed to show the five learning themes, along with their outcomes: Cultural Competency; Effective Communication; Interpersonal Relationships & Leadership; Discipline Mastery; Critical Literacies. Kristin plans to distribute the dashboard to the President's Council to gather feedback. Dr. Hanson noted that this data would be good support for future funding requests, in addition to improving as an institution.
- 5) **Updates**
  - a. COVID-19 Response: Testing and Contact Tracing – Matt Thielen reported that we ended the semester with all students cleared from quarantine and isolation. We have asked students to follow up with their healthcare providers with any concerns over the break. Matt noted that all students will be tested upon return to campus in January. Prior to their return, Res Life staff will be calling all students to ask screening questions and remind them of guidelines and protocols for the second semester. The campus has been continuing with weekly testing, even now. Dr. Hanson reported that we will continue to use Corteva testing, for the quicker results, but we are also hoping

to purchase some less-expensive rapid tests.

- b. Facilities – Keith Bailey reported on the following:
  - ADA project – should be completing the railing next Wednesday.
  - Roofing – Phase One is mostly complete. There is still some work remaining on Hoyt, the Library and AWAC. Phase Two will begin this month, hopefully on 12/17.
  - Criminal Justice Project in TJM – Construction is scheduled to begin in February.
  - President’s Home – Several projects are in process, thanks to a private donor.
  - Complex – Older plumbing is being replaced – showers, sinks, toilets.
- c. Budget – Dr. Hanson reported that with recent lower credit production hours, we are watching the budget carefully. We are not sure how normal projections will work during a COVID environment and there are many COVID expenses as well.
- d. SEM Committee – Dr. Hanson reported that this team will soon be communicating new enrollment strategies for next fall.
- e. Career Planning Position – Dr. Hanson reported that we are hoping to add this position to our campus and will keep all informed of the progress.
- f. Community Update – Dr. Hanson reported that FEMA has given the City of Peru their fixed-cost offer for a permanent water treatment solution and the offer is higher than what was anticipated. This means the project should move as quickly as possible – connecting to Auburn’s water supply, which will be the best water Peru has ever had. The project should be completed in 2022. Dr. Hanson announced that Deborah Solie has been hired, thanks to grant funding, to assist the Long-Term Recovery Group with flood recovery efforts. The City has received grant funding to begin repair on Hoyt and Fifth Streets. These repairs will take place in phases as funding becomes available.

## 6) Announcements –

- Crystal Hutson – Look for an email invitation to the MLK Unity Brunch which is scheduled for January 18, 2021. It will be held in the AWAC at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Faculty, staff and students will be invited and will need to RSVP. Please contact Crystal with questions.
- Black History Month – Look for announcements about special activities that will occur during the month of February.
- Crystal Hutson – All students who signed up for graduation will be receiving a Graduation Toast Box – complete with a champagne flute and special congratulations message from President Hanson.

## 7) Future meeting dates – Monthly meetings usually on the second Friday of each month, September-May. The next meeting date will be **Friday, Jan. 15, 2021.**