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Seasons Greetings from the Presidents Council Staff



Mike, Robyn, Patty, and Jake wish you every happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year!

Collaborating for Student Veterans

On October 7, Student Veteran Coordinators and/or Certifying Officials from the 15 public universities met in Lansing to learn more about Governor Snyder's perspective on recruiting and retaining student Veterans, and discuss best practices across the institutions. Governor Snyder and legislators want more Veterans to enroll in postsecondary education and then, upon graduation obtain jobs in Michigan. The participants found the meeting very helpful and recommended that the coordinators and certifying officials meet twice a year especially with the ongoing changes to veterans' education benefits at the Federal level. A small group (Steve Rellinger-CMU; Steven Lipnicki-GVSU, Philip Larson--UofM-AA, and Patty Farrell-PCSUM) was tasked to meet with the

Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) to persuade them to collaborate with us on (1) educating current military members, veterans and their families about their education benefits, (2) marketing our public postsecondary institutions and programs, (3) retaining student veterans through graduation and helping them find jobs in Michigan. MCCA is on board to partner with us. The first gathering of the public 4- and 2-year coordinators/certifying officials will be held on March 30, 2012 at CMU. In addition, we will be asking the MI Department of Military Affairs and Michigan Economic Development Corporation to partner with us.

For further information, please contact Patty Farrell at PCSUM.

Community-University Partnerships: Invested in Michigan's Future

On March 6, 2012 the 15 public universities will be gathering in Lansing with their community partners to feature and promote the importance of the universities involvement in Michigan's communities. Hiram Fitzgerald, Associate Provost of University Outreach & Engagement at MSU is leading this effort. Representatives from the 15 universities are in the planning stages of the one-day event. More information will be sent out in January.

Student Association of Michigan Update

The Student Association of Michigan (SAM) met last weekend at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. At the meeting, **Association representatives passed resolutions on two pieces of legislation: (1) supporting anti-bullying legislation and (2) opposing House Bills 4770 and 4771 - domestic partner benefits.**

This coming year SAM representatives will be asking university administrators to work with them on (1) increasing the number of students who are registered to vote, (2) helping provide adequate access to polling locations, (3) reminding student to vote, and (4) educating student on their rights under current Michigan Election Law.

For further information about SAM including SAM meeting minutes, news, visit their website at: www.mistudents.org

Detroit Economic Club Meeting: The University Research Corridor Presidents

At the Detroit Economic Club meeting on October 4, Presidents Lou Anna Simon (MSU), Mary Sue Coleman (UofM-Ann Arbor) and Allan Gilmour (WSU) discussed the role of higher education and how business can take advantage of the University Research Corridor's top talent and research facilities to create new businesses opportunities and spur job creation and growth in Michigan.

Michael Boulus and the Presidents Council hosted students from L'Anse Creuse High School at the DEC luncheon.



PCSUM Committee Meeting Reviews

Financial Aid Directors

The Financial Aid Directors met on October 3-4, at Michigan Tech for a 1.5 day meeting that included attending a NSFAA webinar on Federal financial aid. They also discussed new Federal financial aid mandates, student expense budgets and packaging of financial aid.

Academic Affairs Officers

The Academic Affairs Officers met on October 22 at the PCSUM offices. After covering the academic program review, Michael Boulus spent a considerable amount of time talking with the AAOs about the many FY12 boilerplate reports that are due in the upcoming months. The AAOs also discussed the 2012 Professor of the Year award and state authorization requirements.

Student Affairs Officers

The Student Affairs Officers met on October 28 at the PCSUM offices to discuss MHECare, student veterans, compliance policies and many other residential and student affairs issues. They will next meet at MSU in February to learn about MSU's neighborhood concept.

Analytical Studies Meeting

The Analytical Studies Committee met on October 31 at the Presidents Council offices. The ASC discussed HEIDI reporting on financial aid, the FY12 boilerplate reports, P-20 Student Longitudinal Data System, IPEDS human resource changes, and more.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Presidents Council Board of Directors met on November 3 at the Presidents Council offices. The Board discussed FY12 boilerplate reports, legislative bills, and performance funding.

Public Information Officers Meeting

The Public Information Officers met on December 2 at the Presidents Council offices. The officers talked with Ron French from Bridge Magazine about promoting higher education, and discussed topics such as working with first responders during a crisis, handling crises such as the one at Penn State University, and handling student deaths on campus.

Career Services Director Meeting

The Career Services Directors met on December 12 at the Presidents Council

offices.

State Relations Officers Meetings

The State Relations Officers met every other week while the legislature was in session, working on such issues as the community college baccalaureate, domestic partner benefits, and HB5000.

News Articles on PCSUM Web Site

Remember to visit the [Presidents Council](#) web site to obtain the latest articles and press releases.

- [Gov. Rick Snyder's Talent Message: What Happened to Letting the Market Decide?](#) December 5, 2011/MLive.com
- [SVSU Model United Nations Team Bests 80 Other Schools, Wins Best Delegation.](#) December 1, 2011/SVSU News
- [Education in Tune with Industry Raises Michigan Tech's Job Placement Rate to Nearly 95 Percent.](#) November 30, 2011/MTU News
- [Wanted: A Higher Education System for a Global Economy.](#) October 10, 2011/Michigan Future

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