

Illinois State University
Administrative/Professional Council
1:15 – 3:00 pm; Thursday, January 22, 2015
Spotlight Room, Bone Student Center

Present: Greg Diller, Jamie Wood, Stephanie Duquenne, Emily Vigneri, Stacey Mwilambwe, Susan Woollen, Maureen Roach,
Matthew Murray, Ron Gifford, Nikki Brauer, Melanie Schaafsma, Beth Keegan, Heidi Verticchio

AGENDA

- I. Guest Speaker Dr. Troy Johnson – Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management
 - a. Largest Freshmen class in recent history
 - i. Reached out to students who he met at Preview to schedule lunches to check how semester was going, but students felt well adjusted.
 - b. Touted Fall Athletics' success: 3 Conference Championships (Volleyball, Football, and Soccer)
 - c. Incoming class is looking good. Thanked Stacey Mwilambwe for finding rooms for students
 - d. Indicated that transfer student numbers are off, while graduate and international numbers are level
 - e. Retention:
 - i. Progression Rate from fall to spring is comparable to other years
 - ii. Freshman class had more high end and low end
 - iii. Graduating a large senior class, so it will be a tough task to keep enrollment above 20,000
 - f. ISU was asked to participate in a new initiative of 113 schools to pilot an application
 - g. SIS Oracle
 - i. Admissions has pretty much caught up from a slow start
 - ii. 5% down in admits now, which is a vast improvement from the start
 - iii. Transfer Days have been delayed 2 weeks as a result of Oracle implementation
 - h. Questions:
 - i. Councilmember Verticchio asked about the continuation of the Enrollment Rebound program
 1. Dr. Johnson indicated that there are no plans to discontinue this, though there may be caveats based on state funding cuts
 - ii. Councilmember Woollen asked about the transfer numbers being off.
 1. Dr. Johnson said that apps are down 21%, and other state schools seem to be lagging as well. He informed the Council that he is really focusing on the yield as opposed to the applications. The admit numbers are down because the focus of the Office of Admissions has been on the freshman class. The numbers of incoming students may be able to offset the transfer student numbers, but he is still hoping for around 1,800 transfers.
 - iii. Chair Skorpinski asked about how the melt from the University of Illinois would affect numbers.
 1. Dr. Johnson was unsure of what their numbers are, as different reports were reporting different figures. He also indicated that while the State of Illinois is the second leading exporter of students, California is inching up and may overtake IL in the near future.
 - iv. Councilmember (B.)Keegan asked how ISU is competing with institutions that are offering higher scholarships.
 1. Dr. Johnson provided an anecdotal evidence that schools are doing just that, and ISU is chosen 70% of the time when in comparison to NIU.
 2. He also indicated that enrollment deposits are up 24% compared to this time last year.
- II. Review of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2014: Passed Unanimously. Motioned by Heidi Verticchio, seconded by Nikki Brauer.
- IV. Chair Remarks – Alex Skorpinski
 - a. Chair Skorpinski will meet with President Dietz next week to discuss budget and state situation.
 - b. There are no current updates on the search for the Provost.

c. President Dietz has selected Joy Hutchcraft as the A/P member on the Vice President of Advancement Search.

V. Committee/Representative Reports

a. HR Updates – Melanie Schaafsma

- i. Service awards have been ordered and Foundation vouchers have been placed.
- ii. Audit was better than ever, but the SUCSS has not reviewed job descriptions and notes
- iii. The switch from exempt to hourly did not cost as much as expected

b. Academic Senate – Nikki Brauer (

c. Campus Communications Committee – Matthew Murray- No Report

d. Foundation – Beth Snyder-Next Meeting will be February 27.

e. Awards – Rachel Caracci

- i. Biographies and statements from winners will be included in the Founders' Day pamphlet.

f. Elections – Emily Vigneri- Elections will be coming up

g. Programming – Stacey Mwilambwe

- i. There will not be a Cubs/Cardinals game, but looking at the possibility of a Cubs/White Sox game
- ii. A/P Social at Stave

h. Communications—Matt Keegan and Stephanie Duquenne

- i. Email is going out about the Redbird Rally on February 21st

i. Scholarship – Ron Gifford-No Report

VI. Adjournment: Motioned by Ron Gifford, seconded by Nikki Brauer.

NOTE: If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Alex at 8-7108 or ajskorp@ilstu.edu.