



Members Present: Ron Gifford, Nikki Brauer, Megan McCann, Amanda Papinchock, Kris Harding, Rachel Caracci, Amelia Noel-Elkins, Zach McDowell, Heidi Verticchio, Kevin Goffard, Stephanie Duquenne, Rachel Kobus, Susan Woollen, Christine Bruckner, Julie Navickas

Members Excused: Hope Fine, Elizabeth Chupp, Melanie Schaafsma

Speakers:

- **Larry Alferink**, State Universities Annuitants Association
- **Gail Lamb**, ISU Annuitants Association

The State has changed the rule on how much of a pay increase you can get every year. It was 6% and now is 3%, which is causing issues. There is a bill before the legislature to reverse it back. There is support in both parties to change this as it does not work well within Universities.

There are 52 new members in the legislature this year. They have a new bill that works to reduce the pension debt by selling serial bonds to be paid off by 2045. This bill is sponsored by Representative Martwick. There is a similar sponsor bill from Senator Aquino.

They are considering amending their by-laws, but do not have many current employees on their board. SURS considers you an annuitant when you receive your first paycheck. Anyone that participates in SURS can become a member. They are looking to add more representatives to their board. They have four board meetings a year on Wednesday afternoons at the Alumni Center. This person would have to be a member of the association. A letter was sent out to recruit more employees to the Annuitants Association.

1) Review of Agenda

2) Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes by Rachel Caracci, seconded by Kris Harding. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3) Chair Remarks – Ron Gifford

Ron has a meeting with the President next week. Let him know if you have anything you want him discuss with him.

4) Treasurer's Report - Heidi Verticchio

The balance is \$1,400.00. Nikki will look into the cost for plaques for outgoing Council members.

5) Human Resources Report - Melanie Schaafsma

The COE Dean Search forums were held on February 11, February 12, and February 14. The Association Vice President for Academic Fiscal Management has been posted as an internal search for the Provost's Office. The Associate Vice President for Facilities Management search is being formed. It should launch shortly.

6) Committee / Representative Reports:

- **Academic Senate – Amelia Noel-Elkins**

The Senate last met on February 6th and several topics were discussed. See the attached report from Amelia for full details. LG mentioned that the first event in the newly renovated Brown Ballroom will be February 19th. There is a 24 hour phone number you can call to report emergency facility issues such as burst pipes (8-5656). The student employment policy was approved.

- **Campus Communications Committee – Liz Chupp**

The CCC met on Monday to brainstorm ideas for the letter. It's still Academic Senate's turn to write the letter, so Susan Kalter is in the process of writing it. The final draft will be presented to President Dietz on Monday, February 18th.

- **Foundation – Christine Bruckner**

Birds Give Back Giving Day is taking place during Redbirds Philanthropy week. They are looking for ambassadors to be part of this process to help create a buzz for this giving day. If you are interested in helping out, contact Christine.

- **Awards** – Rachel Caracci
A news article went out this week with the award recipients.
- **Elections** – Amanda Papinchock
Amanda will send Rachel K. the approved language to be used for elections by the end of February and elections will start after spring break.
- **Programming** – Stephanie Duquenne
 - **Socials:**
 - 2/22 – Joe's Pub (Shoppes at College Hills Mall)
 - 3/29 – Gill St.
 - 4/26 – Keg Grove Brewery
 - 5/31 – Flingers
 - 6/28 – Pub II
 - 7/26 – Hyatt Rooftop
 - **Service Updates:** Christine Bruckner
A discussion took place on when we want to create cards for local hospitals. We will take time at our February 28th AP Council meeting to do this. Bring any materials you have including paper. Also, Bring it Back to Normal is on April 27th. Last year we helped with sign up for students. They asked if we can help again this year. Christine will send out an email with more details.
- **Communication** – Rachel Kobus
The newsletter will go out on Monday.
- **Scholarship** – Heidi Verticchio
The deadline to apply for scholarships is June 7th.

7) **New business**

A short discussion took place on having an AP representative on the ISUAA board.

8) **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Rachel Caracci, seconded by Nikki Brauer. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 28, 2019

Respectfully Submitted:

Megan McCann
2/18/19