

Illinois State University
Administrative/Professional Council
1:15 – 3:00 pm; Thursday, November 10th, 2016
Spotlight Room, BSC

AGENDA

Attendance: Ron Gifford, Heidi Verticcho, Greg Diller, Hope Fine, Aaron Von Qualen, Zach McDowell, Tara Hjalquist, Christine Bruckner, Rachel Caracci, Jamie Neville, Susan Woolen, Nikki Braurer, Stephanie Duquenne

Excused absence: Rachel Kobus

- I. Guest Speaker: President Larry Dietz
 - i. Questions purposed by executive committee:
 - What role do you see AP Council playing in the shared governance culture at ISU? Is it possible to expand that role? **The university must rely on the AP council as the year goes on and as the budget impasse continues. Most state universities will see their tuition dollars run out later this month. AP's roll will become more defined as the year continues and the budget issues continues to unfold. Shared governance is a hallmark on ISU's campus. Suggestion would be to formally ask senate for more balanced representation around the table at the Academic Senate. Encouraging advocacy amongst AP's, BOT's and other AP council's throughout the other 11 state institutions. Jonathon Lackland could assist with who at the other universities are doing the advocacy work.**
 - What can AP Council members do to foster inter-departmental and inter-division collegiality?
 - An invisible challenge that is hard to quantify is morale: do you have any ideas how we as a council could address morale? **Working hard on passing a small raise for employees that would begin in the Spring Semester. This would be a non-retroactive, raise at about 2%. President Dietz feels strongly about how our employees deserve this but knows this is not a favorable decision based on current budget standings. Goal would be to announce this before the December holiday.**
 - One member also asked to pass along a concern pertaining to professional development for APs and whether there was some way to enhance 'fairness' across departments/units/divisions.
- II. Review of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes **Heidi first and Christine second; all approved**
- IV. Chair Remarks – Ron Gifford **No remarks**
- V. Treasurer's Report **No changes**
- VI. Committee/Representative Reports
 - a. HR Updates – Melanie Schaafsma
 - b. Academic Senate – Nikki Brauer **at last night's senate each area had to state what they spent on consultants; the quad demonstration around the election that took place yesterday and how it did go peaceful and that as a university we need to provide a place and time for these types of demonstrations. Positive remarks around how campus faculty and leadership handled this demonstration and how faculty and SGA is here to support all students and that students need know that having an inclusive community is a value of ISU.**
 - c. Campus Communications Committee–Heidi Verticchio
 - d. Foundation – Christine Buckner

- e. Awards – Rachel Caracci Your postcard for nomination should be in your mailbox; Nominations due Dec. 2nd
- f. Elections – Greg Diller We will need to replace Emily Vigneri's and Greg Diller, who will leave at the end of this semesters position. We need to pull the last election to fill Emily's position, she was in her first of three year term and wait to fill Greg's whose term is up in May with our next election.
- g. Programming – Stephanie
 - i. Save the date for Socials 4:30pm unless stated otherwise 12/16 Swingers-Festive Holiday Attire contest; 1/27 Maggies; 2/24 Firehouse; 3/31 Cheeks; 4/28 Western Tab and May 19th Pub II
 - ii. Brown Bag updates
 - iii. Service Opportunities-Christine
- h. Communications—Rachel Kobus
- i. Scholarship – Heidi Verticchio

VII. New business

VIII. Adjournment

NOTE: If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Ron at 8-8298 or rmgiffo@IllinoisState.edu