



**Members Present:** Elizabeth Chupp, Bridget Reeland, Amy Secretan, Megan McCann, Kevin Goffard, Derek O'Connell, Derrek Drenckpohl, Nora Atkins, Chelley Jackson, Mike Regilio, Hope Miller, Jamie Sennett, Rachel Kobus, Julie Navickas, Tal Parmenter, Emily Nafziger, Chris Roberts

**Members Excused:** Melanie Fata

**Speakers:**

**1) Review of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda by Jamie, seconded by Hope. The agenda was unanimously approved.

**2) Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes by Derek O., seconded by Chris. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3) New business**

• **Presidential Search Discussion**

Rachel Caracci joined the meeting today to listen to our discussion. She is our second AP representative serving on the Presidential search committee. The first committee meeting took place on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee is made up of 32 people. Liz posted a link to the ISU Board of Trustees website page as updates regarding the Presidential search will be posted there. A discussion took place about characteristics we would like to see in our new President. A couple items were reiterated from our previous meeting including that we hope the new President is involved in our community and that this new person understands the importance of shared governance.

• **Progress on AP Survey – Bridget Reeland**

Bridget reviewed the questions and asked for feedback. A few updates were made. The council was okay with the survey questions and are ready for the next steps in the process to get this out to APs.

• **Brainstorming Topics List**

- How do we communicate information out to other APs
- Increasing visibility of APs on campus
- Increase representation on Senate
- Monitor HR updates related to AP transitions
- AP engagement/programming
- Timely committee work (i.e., awards, scholarship, elections, etc.)
- Workplace flexibility
- Creating space, opportunities, and programming to discuss and generate new ideas regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**4) Chair Remarks – Liz Chupp**

- She met with President Dietz a couple weeks ago and her next meeting with him will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Derrek D. and Jamie will be the AP representatives on the workplace flexibility policy committee being formed with Civil Service and HR.

**5) Treasurer's Report – Amy Secretan – No Report**

**6) Human Resources Report - Melanie Fata**

Melanie submitted this report prior to the meeting: The SURS 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for additional retirement savings will be announced to campus via mass email on 2/16. SURS will also be sending information to employees. Enrollment can begin March 1 for deductions to start in April. Plan information and enrollment instructions will be provided in the email.

**7) Representative Reports:**

• **Academic Senate – Chris Roberts**

Chris provided updates from the Senate meetings on 1/20/21 and 2/3/21. A couple things he mentioned were that there was time spent commenting on the events of January 6<sup>th</sup> and a presentation was provided regarding the Engineering program. See Chris' notes for full details.

- **Campus Communications Committee** – Liz Chupp  
The Board of Trustees have a meeting on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, which will be virtual. The CCC is currently drafting the letter. Liz will post the meeting link in Teams when available.
- **Foundation** – Emily Nafziger  
The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for February 26. The Ewing Advisory Committee met on Monday, February 8. Due to the pandemic, revenue is down \$65,900 just from events that were cancelled. That doesn't include lost revenue from additional events that could have been scheduled. Events are being booked for 2022, though, so that's positive news. Expenses were also down over the last year, so that helps with the lost revenue. Ewing staff cancelled services and instituted other cost-saving measures to help keep expenses as low as possible. Capital expenses over the last year focused on window restoration and repair. The focus next year will be on exterior painting that needs repair. They're currently looking at renegotiating the contract with the Illinois Shakespeare Festival for this summer because the Festival will use less space. Facilities Planning is helping to gather possible options for parking and both Facilities Planning and Grounds are looking into erosion issues at the back of the property. Alumni Engagement offered several virtual tours of Ewing, and those have been popular. Ewing also has a challenge on Birds Give Back—30 donations to Ewing will unlock \$8,000 toward additional window restoration.
- **ISU Annuity Association** – Tal Parmenter  
There was a state membership meeting yesterday.

## 8) Committee Reports:

- **Awards** – Chelley Jackson  
There will be a virtual award ceremony for the winners. The remaining money for the AP scholarships were processed this week.
- **Elections** – Julie Navickas  
We are having a coffee hour on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please join if you can to talk about AP Council.
- **Programming** – Megan McCann  
The programming committee is discussing presenter and topic options. We are working to solidify our next event for late March or early April. We are also looking at collecting food for the School Street Food Pantry. We will have more information at our next meeting.
- **Communication** – Rachel Kobus  
The newsletter will go out on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will include information on the April homecoming.
- **Scholarship** – Derek O'Connell  
We are meeting next week to discuss new processes for how to handle scholarships this year.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives** – Kevin Goffard  
He is meeting with his committee tomorrow.

## 9) University Updates

## 10) Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Emily, seconded by Kevin. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2021 via Zoom**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Megan McCann  
2/12/21