Council members present: Mike Baum, Deb Gentry, Julie Goodlick, Paul Jarvis, Betty Kinser, Steve Klay, Mindy Mangialardi, Sally Pyne

Ex-officio members present: Kaye Johnson, Joe Rives

Absent: Gail Lamb, Annette Levitt, Rick Lewis

**Approval of minutes**
The Council approved the minutes of the February 26 meeting as read.

**Chair’s Remarks – Paul Jarvis**
Jarvis acknowledged that the A/P Council elections began today, signifying a great, new beginning in the Council’s history as these elections take place on-line for the first time.

**Liaison Remarks – Kaye Johnson**
Johnson reported that she had followed up with Vice President Bragg regarding the possibility of obtaining additional operating funds for the Council, bringing the amount in line with other campus governance groups. Johnson indicated that Bragg was open to this, and that the Council should submit a proposal with anticipated needs. There was some discussion among the Council regarding the need for someone to manage these funds. Should a Treasurer position be developed, or could this become part of the Vice President’s responsibilities? The Council will pursue this at a later date.

**Committee Reports**

**Academic Senate – Mike Baum**
Baum attended the March 3 Senate meeting, and provided the following report:

The Chair, Lane Crothers expressed his concern that there is a problem getting faculty to serve on Senate and other committees. He suggested that this problem has been with the University for awhile and attributed it to the loss of so many senior faculty over the recent years and the difficulties junior faculty have in finding the time for such service. He also expressed concern that rumors both within Illinois State and external to us contributed to difficulties the Presidential Search committee experienced in terms of
attracting and maintaining candidate’s interest. He assured the campus community that 
the search was conducted in good faith, that it was honest and transparent and that it 
resulted in an appropriate outcome.

SGA President Meister reminded the Senators that the student elections were currently in 
progress and that many in the room were anxiously awaiting the outcome of the elections. 
He also reported that after much discussion the student fees were set for next year. He 
went on to explain that much discussion occurred over the role of Student Legal Services, 
but that ultimately it was re-affirmed that its focus should be on tenant-landlord issues 
and not criminal issues such as DUI charges.

President Bowman was not present.
Provost Presley reported that this was his one-year anniversary at Illinois State and that 
he was enjoying himself. Currently he is very involved in the promotion-tenure process. 
He invited the campus community to the priority and planning sessions coming up.

Vice-president Mamarchev was not present.

Vice-president Bragg informed the Senate that next Tuesday is the deadline for 
substantive submission of bills for the state legislature so in a subsequent Senate meeting 
he will review what may be something of importance to Illinois State. He also indicated 
that the appropriation hearing dates have been set and that the search for a new director of 
Human Resources is all but completed.

The various committee chairs then reported on work in progress. Of note to A/P members 
whose responsibilities include advising is the fact that the Academic Affairs 
subcommittee is planning a couple of feedback sessions to obtain input and reactions to 
the recommendations for changing General Education. As it was initially formulated, 
there will be a session set aside to garner student input and one for faculty. A point was 
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raised that this process would potentially limit or exclude the feedback/input of A/P 
personnel involved in the advisement process. The Chair of the subcommittee [Kerry 
Tutor, Professor, ktudor@ilstu.edu or 438-2412] indicated that he would attempt to 

insure that advisors were made aware of and invited to the “faculty” session. On another 
issue of importance to A/P staff, the Academic Affairs and Budget committee is still 
working on revisions to the Administrator Selection Policy document presented in the last 
session. It is my understanding that the effort is being made to: (1) make changes offered 
by Senator Burke so that the Civil Service Council would have the same prerogative to 
determine the means of selection of Civil Service representation on these search 
committees and does the A/P Council and (2) that the Department Chairs be provided 
representation as well [this would be in addition to their having the opportunity to run for 
“faculty” slots on the search committees. Hopefully these issues will be resolved and the
revised policy will come before the Senate for approval during our next scheduled meeting.

**Business items**

1. Spring Awards Ceremony – April 7
   Jarvis reported that the call for nominations for the Distinguished Service Awards have gone out to all A/P employees. There was some discussion as to the availability of funds for these awards, as their source is a Foundation endowment account. Joe Rives will follow up on this.

2. Esprit de Corps Award – Paul Jarvis
   The Council has the option each year of selecting a recipient of this award. Several nominations were discussed, and a selection was made. It will be announced at the awards ceremony on April 7.

3. Spring A/P Elections – Mindy Mangialardi
   Elections began on-line today. There were some minor, initial problems, but everything seems to be going well. There was some discussion regarding ways to remind A/P staff of the elections, and encourage their participation.

4. Shared Governance Discussion – Paul Jarvis
   This developed into a discussion about Council representation. Does the at-large representation model that is currently in place work? Does the individual A/P employee know who “their” representative is? Changing to divisional representation would generate many questions about how procedures should be changed, including voting. Pros and cons were discussed on both sides of the issue. It will be included on future agendas so discussion may continue.

5. A/P Representative to the Academic Senate – Mike Baum
   This was included on the agenda again as a reminder of the need to find a new representative by April 21. Jarvis reiterated that this is an important position and we need to continue to consider who may fill it. This will appear again on the next meeting’s agenda.

6. Consensual Relations Policy
   The policy that was endorsed by the Council (as well as by the Civil Service Council and the Student Government Association) was not the policy that has recently been endorsed by the Academic Senate. There was some discussion about how the Council might want to respond to this. There is some concern about the Senate making a policy that applies only to non-faculty. Jarvis will address this issue in his next meeting with President Bowman.

Adjournment
The Council adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Moved and seconded by Julie Goodlick and Mindy Mangialardi.
Respectfully submitted,
Steven Klay, Secretary

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