

Minutes
Operating Staff Council
May 2, 2024
Virtual Meeting Only (Teams) – 9:00 A.M.
Approved June 6, 2024

Present: Nicole Adams, Cindy Kozumplik, Natasha Johnson, Mandy Kreitzer, Rave Meyer, Frances Mitchell/Admin. Aide, Sara Richter, Mary Schlagel, Tracey Ward, Tiffany Morris, Tawanda Paul, Cindy Robinson, Jim Slagstad, Jay Monteiro, David Rapp, Mark Pietrowski

Non-members present: John Acardo, Gigi Beaird, Felicia Bohanon, Renee Camerena, Alan Clay, Sandra Cox, Ben Creed, Cathy Doederlein, Karen Eaton, Pat Erickson, Wes Jones, Krystyna Kamka, Caroline Kosmel, Pulchratia Lacey, Mark McGowan, Nancy Newman, Holly Nicholson, Michael Rhode, Denise Sherden, Karen Smith, Linda Srygler

Absent: Rob Kerschke, Kathy Mosher, Sam Hawkins, Angie Gutierrez-Vargas

I. Call to Order

President Johnson called the regular meeting of the OSC to order at 9:00 AM

II. Roll Call

Attendance was recorded by Mandy Kreitzer online.

III. Approval of Agenda

Richter made a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Kozumplik and passed by vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Kozumplik made a motion to accept the April 4, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Meyer and passed by vote.

V. Treasurer's Report Report on file. No report read.

VI. Visiting Committees/Guests

A. Police Chief Darren Mitchell

- a. Chief Mitchell shared about NIU Police Department being a 24/7 full-service police department.
- b. The Chief answered questions surrounding demonstrations on campus, EMT requirements, and recruitment for positions on the department.
- c. Chief Mitchell shared on the long hiring process.

VII. Public Comment

A. None

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

A. Congratulations to the four scholarship winners.

- a. Angel Angelica Sanyal - \$1,000; parents are Rana Sanyal from the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
- b. Mackenzie Condon - \$500; parent is Patrick Condon from Grounds.
- c. Darby McGown - \$500; parent is Mark McGowan from the Institution Institutional Communication
 - i. Mark McGowan was present to express his gratitude for Darby receiving this scholarship.
- d. Maya Porcello - \$500; parent is Danuta Portscheller from Outreach Services

IX. Shared Governance Reports

- A. Board of Trustees – Ben Creed no report.
 - a. Board meeting next week.
- B. University Council – Ben Creed reported.
 - a. Update on the conversations around Normal Rd was joined by the City of DeKalb to talk about the Lucinda roundabout and the closure of Normal Rd.
 - b. A Presentation was given on budget updates from George Middlemist and his team on
- C. Faculty Senate – Ben Creed reported.
 - a. Heard updates on progress towards the goal of reducing our structural deficit in fiscal year 25 from President Freeman, and there were some numbers to attach to that with progress made for reductions in expenditures. In addition to increased revenues for the upcoming year and beyond.
 - b. Sol Jensen updated regarding FAFSA on how it's impacting our students, how it impacts our campus, and what is being done with the advocacy that's ongoing led by President Freeman and other senior administrators across the state.
- D. Supportive Professional Staff Council (SPSC) – Felicia Bohanan reported.
 - a. Moving into our last meeting of the academic year and next week is the last meeting until August.
 - b. In the process of accepting nominations for representative alternates
 - c. Anticipating that elections will take place next week and will have those results.

X. Operating Staff Council Committee Reports

- A. Elections and Appointments – Jay reported.
 - a. Elections started yesterday and continue through May 17th.
 - b. Five openings and we had 11 candidates apply.
 - c. University council positions will be voted on after posting election information.
- B. Legislative Committee – Kozumplik reported.
 - a. Second reading of the Operating Staff Council Handbook.
- C. Public Relations/Activities – No report.
- C. Workplace Guidance – Jim Slagstad reported.
 - a. Over 50 responses on the Who to Call list will get formatted which led to conversation regarding our website and changes.
- D. Civil Service Emergency Fund – Mandy Kreitzer reported.
 - a. No new applications since the last meeting.
 - b. Starting to work with Josh Binder from Foundation
- E. Scholarship update – Natasha Johnson reported during announcements.
 - a. Angelica Samuel – parent is Ronna Sonia from the College of Engineering.

- b. Mackenzie Condon, parent is Patrick Condon from Grounds.
- c. Darby McGowan, parent is Mark McGowan and Institutional Communications
- d. Maya Portscheller and her parent is Danita Portscheller.
- F. President's Report – See announcements.
- G. Council of Councils Ad Hoc Committee – No report
- H. Employee Advisory Committee (EAC) – No report

XI. Prior Business - None

XII. New Business - None

XIII. Adjournment

Kozumplik moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Meyer and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mandy Kreitzer, Secretary
Operating Staff Council