**Supportive Professional Staff Council**

**General Meeting – Draft Minutes**

December 12, 2024

In Person Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

**Call to Order:** President Bohanon called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Roll Call:** SecretaryDeborah Gettemy called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

**Members Present:** Chynar Amanova, Emily Belcher, Felicia Bohanon, John Boswell, Karinne Bredberg; Deborah Gettemy, Jennifer Manning, Margaret Myles, Tom O’Grady, Erin Smith, Kyle Springer, Shannon Stoker, Megan Woodruff

**Members Excused:** Bill Braksick; Cody Carter; Heath Duncan; Liz Guess; Michael Kunigonis; Kellie Martial; Candice Olagunju; Anthony Preston; Lauren Teso

**Guests:** Manny Corpuz, Speaker of the Senate, Student Government Association

**Approval of Agenda:** Properly motioned and seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Agenda accepted by voice vote.

**Approval of November 14, 2024, Minutes:** Motioned and seconded (O’Grady; Myles) all in favor, none opposed, November minutes approved by voice vote.

**University Committee Reports**

**Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate, Board of Trustees**: Felicia relayed information from Ben Creed from the recent *Board of Trustees* meeting concerning the mitigating strategies about how NIU can do more with less followed by lengthy discussion and this council’s plan to have those principals attend a meeting with SPSC members for a meaningful dialogue about how certain strategies will actually be implemented and other questions members of the Council have.

*Faculty Senate:* The Senate is working on a report about university bylaws and policies. Bohanon reported that one of the bylaw changes will involve the Social Justice Committee.

**Student Government Association:** No report.

**Operating Staff Council: N**o report.

**Vice President’s Report**: Tom O’Grady reporting highlights of various university committees;

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**SPSC Committee Reports**:

*Advocacy:* Felicia will be sending the survey out in January 2025.

*Awards:* No update since last month when it was determined to continue having a separate SPSC awards ceremony.

*Constitution & Elections*: Election work begins in Spring. Still need to update the Constitution.

*Events:* December 12, combined council meeting and holiday social 10:00 – 1:00 Huskie Den, Lower Level.

*Professional Development****:*** The committee expects to have a couple presentations scheduled for sometime this Spring.

*SPSC Dependent Scholarship Committee:*Planning to have a donation table at the March 12 StaffFest

**Announcements:**

**Topic** Personnel Advisor Accessibility- should SPS employees be able to consult with OSC PA and vice versa? Discussion followed, preliminary thought was maybe; only under limited circumstances.

Adjournment: President Bohanon adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

**Representatives**: Please contact Felicia Bohanon or our SPSC Administrative Aide, Frances Mitchell, ([fmitchell@niu.edu](mailto:fmitchell@niu.edu)) if you are unable to attend a meeting an Alternate will be contacted for you. A**lternates: You are invited to attend all meetings**.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Frances Mitchell, Administrative Aide*

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