**Supportive Professional Staff Council**

**General Meeting – Minutes**

April 10, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

**Approved May 8, 2025**

**Call to Order:** President Bohanon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Members Present:** Chynar Amanova, Emily Belcher, Karinne Bredberg, Cody Carter, Heath Duncan, Deborah Gettemy, Liz Guess, Jennifer Manning, Margaret Myles, Tom O’Grady, Candice Olagunju, Anthony Preston, Kyle Springer, Megan Woodruff

**Members Excused:** John Boswell, Bill Braksick, Michael Kunigonis, Erin Smith, Lauren Teso

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

**Approval of March 13, 2025, Minutes**: Properly motioned and seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Minutes of the March 2025 meeting accepted by voice vote. (Gettemy/Myles)

**Guests:** President Lisa Freeman, Matt Streb, Chief Strategy Officer, BOT Liaison

Presented updated administrative report.

**University Committee Reports:** Ben Creed Reporting:

Updated SPS Membership on University Council, Faculty Senate committees-in collaboration with SPSC and SPS Presidents, University Council and Faculty Senate updated committee representation for staff members to allow for better representation and access to these committees.

University Council’s Resource, Space and Budget Committee was established – UC voted to formally re-establish the RSB Committee beginning in AY 2025-2026. SPS will have representation on the committee, selected by SPSC.

UAC to BOT– At the most recent BOT meeting on March 20th, sabbaticals were approved for the 2025-26 academic year. We also heard updates about the revitalization of Greek life at NIU. The next meeting is May 8.

**Vice President’s Report:**

No parking rate changes this year.

One hundred eighty-six parking appeals were reviewed by the Committee and the Parking Office. 128 approved; 32 denied and 26 reduced.

**New Business**: The 2025-2026 members of the Faculty Grievance Pool are: Heath Duncan, Cody Carter, and Margaret Myles. Jennifer Manning will serve on the Chief of Police search committee.

**Committee Reports:**

Advocacy: Anthony Preston presented PowerPoint with results of the survey.

Awards: Awards presented during StaffFest, March 12. 2025

Constitution & Elections: Preparations for our election is underway. Nominations to begin

April 28-May 2. Six expiring two-year terms and a one-year vacancy.

Events: May 8 Meeting and Lunch

Professional Development: Need to rely on offerings from Human Resources.

**SPS Dependent Scholarship Fund**: Scholarships have been awarded, nothing else to do at this time.

**SPS Personnel Advisor Update –** Cody Carter elected to Personnel Advisor position

**Meeting Summer Months:** June and July – No Meetings

**Moving May Meeting to May 15: May 8** **Meeting, then out to lunch at 11:30 a.m.**

**Adjournment:** President Bohanon adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Mitchell, Administrative Aide