

Supportive Professional Staff Council Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2020 Meeting

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

HSC – Sky Room

Approved April 9, 2020

Present: Anderson, Ballard, Bohanon, Borg, Bredberg, Burchard, Costello, Davis, Doederlein, Edwards, Hochstatter, Kazmierczak, Koenen, Lyles, Myer, Miesbauer, Miller, Mooberry, O’Grady

Excused: Botterman, Boughton, Click, Gipson, Goode, Guess, McKee, Mewhirter, Myles, Reid, Sutcliffe, Xidis

Guest Speakers: Michael Adzovic – Day of Giving 2020
Andy Small - Annuitant’s Association

I. **Call to Order:** Doederlein called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Moved and Seconded, all in favor, no abstentions, none opposed, motion passed, Agenda approved. (Movant: Ballard; Second: Borg)

Doederlein called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting. Moved and Seconded, all in favor, no abstentions, none opposed, Minutes approved. (Movant: Bredberg; Second: Kazmierczak)

II. Guest Speakers:

Michael Adzovic, NIU Foundation, reported that last year’s Day of Giving surpassed expectations. This year’s Day of Giving is April 1-2. The goal is \$1 million and 2000 gifts. The plan is to continue expanding the number of donors across campus and the community through social media. Adzovic urged everyone to consider being an Ambassador. Day-of-Giving Canceled due to **COVID-19**.

Andy Small, former shared governance representative emeritus, visited to provide members with information about the value of the State Universities Annuitant Association (SUAA) for current employees. Small mentioned that SUAA offers scholarships and professional development opportunities.

III. Announcements:

STEM Café, Earthquakes and Fracking – March 18
COVID-19 General Announcements

IV. Committee Reports:

Advocacy: Ballard reported committee met and are now working on refining their survey.

Awards: Edwards reported nine nominees for four Presidential awards. Edwards named the contenders and will be producing a slate for Council approval.

Communications & Technology: No Report.

Constitution & Elections: Doederlein reported on behalf of Myles: One announcement went out to all SPS employees as a head's up for next notice which will have a link to the ballot by division, coming soon.

Events: No report.

Professional Development: Mooberry reported working with Xidis on a fact sheet. The committee may need to ask what other opportunities people will be looking for. Doederlein added that there may be four sabbatical opportunities for SPS employees. If they are not awarded they will be used by faculty.

Regional Community Relations: No report.

SPS Scholarship Fund: Bredberg reported the balance is \$6364.75. The current recipient will be honored at the April Awards Ceremony which was **CANCELED COVID-19**

V. Vice President's Report: Bohanon reported covering the highlights of the report which is on SharePoint [Reps/Alts/Guests/Documents/VP Reports].

VI. Unfinished Business:

Search Committee Update: COL and CLAS Dean searches are complete but no decisions have been announced to date.

SUCSS Update: HR will entertain suggestions for their FAQ on the HR website.

VII. New Business:

COVID-19: NIU intends to minimally remain open, promoting social distancing; work from home flexibility, hand washing, online meetings,

postponing events. This is a fluid situation. If experiencing symptoms, do not go to the Health Center, call first: 815-753-3121.

VIII. University Committee Reports:

Board of Trustees approved SPS employees accruing vacation according to years of service effective July 1. **Next meetings May-June Streaming**

Faculty Senate: March 25 **CANCELED**

SGA: March 22 **PRESUMED CANCELED**

IX. Adjournment: Doederlein called for a motion to adjourn; Miesbauer moved, seconded by Bohanon, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.