

Inventory of the

Supportive Professional Staff

Records

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INTRODUCTION

Material from the Supportive Professional Staff Council came to the University Archives from Beverly Espy, SPSC President, in May 2003. Additional materials will be added to the collection as they are received by the Archives. There are no restrictions on access to these records.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents the interests and activities of the Supportive Professional Staff Council which represents the Supportive Professional Staff on the Northern Illinois University campuses. Records include constitutions and by-laws, agendas and meeting minutes, lists of council members, award winners, and correspondence. The Supportive Professional Council began distributing a newsletter in 1982. In the Fall of 1991 a new newsletter titled "SPS Speaks" began being printed. Researchers may also wish to consult related materials in the Provost Office Records (UA 16), Boards, Councils and Committees (UA 17), Presidents Papers (UA 4), and articles in the *Northern Star* and "Faculty Bulletin" for additional information of the Supportive Professional Staff and Council.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Efforts to organize a Supportive Professional Staff Council were initiated by Donald R. Buckner of Student Housing Services (Supportive Professional Staff representative to the University Council, Fall 1977 - Spring 1980), and Robert Fischer of Founders Memorial Library (Supportive Professional Staff representative to the Faculty Assembly). Buckner and Fischer, in addition to gaining University Council approval for the Supportive Professional Staff Council, gathered together a number of Supportive Professional Staff members to assist in drafting a constitution and by-laws. The first of these draft documents were ready by July 3, 1979. The revised constitution and by-laws were ratified by the Supportive Professional Staff in the Fall of 1980. Elections were then held for representatives, and the Supportive Professional Staff Council held its first meeting on December 8, 1980.

The Supportive Professional Staff Council meets monthly during the academic year. It has been effective agency in gaining SPS representation on a number of important University committees, and has also provided for increased communication with other areas of the University as well as improving communication among the Supportive Professional Staff.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	SPSC Constitutions and By-laws, (1979-2008)
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2	1	Supportive Professional Staff Brochures, 2001, 2002
	2	"Supportive Professional Staff Newsletter," (1982-1985)
	3	"SPS Speaks" (Newsletter), (Fall 1991-Fall 1998)
	4	SPSC Membership Lists, 1984-2003
	5	Name Change Initiative, 1990
	6	Statement of Professional Ethics, May 2002
	7	Overview of SPSC for NCA Evaluation, October 2002
	8	SPS Awards for Excellence, (1991-2004, 2009)
	9	Gary Gray Award Recipients, 2000-2004
	10-14	Correspondence, 1980-1989, (1990-2003)
	15	SPS Survey, 2002-2003
	16	Changes and Concerns Relating to Draft of New NIU Grievance Procedure, November 2003, n.d
	17	Annual Reports, FY 2003, 2004, 2010, 2011
	18	Personnel Policies and Procedures, (1978-1992)
	19	SPS Staff Lists, (Fall 1980-1995)
	20	SPS 2007 Survey Results
	21	Correspondence 2008: Letter to Pres. Peters, 2/29/08; Support Resolution to Virginia Tech, 4/10/08
	22	SPS Orientation - Evaluation, [ca. 2000]
3	1-6	SPSC Meeting Minutes and Agendas, 2005-2013
4	1	SPS Resolution Regarding Dr. John G. Peters
	2	SPS News and Events 2012, 2013
	3	SPS Archives FY 2011-2012 CD, FY 2012-2013 DVD
	4	SPS Tailgating Photos 2012
	5-6	E-mail Correspondence, 2004-05; November 2013-February 2014
	7-11	SPS Council Correspondence, Agendas, and Minutes, 2006-2009
5	1	SPS Constitution Committee, 2007-2009
	2-3	SPS Committees, 2008-2009
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