

UI Staff Council Executive Committee
Wednesday, May 1, 2024
2:30-4:30 pm
2520B UCC and Zoom

Attendance

Present: Neda Barrett, Makur Jain, James Jorris, Jackie Kleppe, Brian Morelli, David Stenersen.

Absent: Nima Chaudhary, Molly James, Ashley Peters.

Minutes

SCEC April minutes were adopted unanimously without changes.

Discussion topics

DEI Recap and BOR Presentation – Jorris

Discussion centered on the recent Board of Regents meeting in which the campuses provided responses to Regents' DEI recommendations. Jorris noted the DEI office at Iowa is not being closed but rather split into two groups. He noted this nuance had been misreported in the news media. EC members were pleased with President Wilson's presentation and response to questions. EC also applauded the efforts of Iowa's DEI task force. Representatives of the task force noted they had some communication with the board office throughout the months long process of drafting responses to each recommendation.

EC members applauded Jorris for his presentation to the Regents. Each year the SC president from each university makes a speech to the BOR timed to the approval of the annual salary policy. Jorris provided a positive overview of his own experiences and thoughts as a staff member and highlighted contributions from across campus.

Budget Update – Stenersen

There is \$8,000 remaining in the SC Coca Cola Awards budget. EC members favored keeping carryover funds given our fiscal year budget often is not known or allocated until October or November. Having a reserve buffer of funds would allow SC to fund awards early in the fiscal year. Jain noted SC has been asked to co-sponsor a Homecoming morning coffee event.

Action: EC voted unanimously to deny a request for \$3,500 to support a CLAS retreat.

Action: EC voted unanimously to approve a request for \$480 to support CLAS' 1900 Social Club event.

Elections - Jain

Jain noted 20 people have been elected for terms starting in June. This includes 15 new members and five returning. Downtown Campus for UIHC (formerly Mercy Hospital) will run elections in May.

Q+A with President Wilson at Staff Council May Meeting - Jorris

EC members discussed possible topics and questions including a question about how Wilson advocates for salaries to the Regents, DEI topics, and how Staff Council can support the university.

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Adjournment

Jorris adjourns the meeting.

Next meeting

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