Present: Erin Brothers, John Downing, Laurie Hafner Dahms, Hans Hoerschelman, Kimberly Keister, Shannon Lizakowski, Randy Nessler, Joshua Smith, Chuck Wieland, and Marsha Adolph

Absent: None

Welcome, Roll Call, and Minutes
Meeting called to order.

January minutes were approved with corrections.

Presidential Search Survey Discussion:
The committee for the presidential search has not, yet, met and is still being formed. Staff Council is sponsoring an open forum on Friday, February 20th, from 2-3pm. The UISC officers will be leading the forum. The communications committee is working on emailing UISC councilors about the forum to encourage participation. Councilors are asked to email their constituents to inform them of the open forum, as well as to encourage them to attend.

Hawkeye Caucus Signage Update:
The design ad-hoc committee has been working on creating a banner for the Hawkeye Caucus. The current draft has been reviewed by the Office of the VP for Strategic Communication as well as the Executive Committee. Once final approval has been granted from the Office of the VP for Strategic Communication, the ad-hoc committee will move forward with ordering the banner.

USIG Diversity Inclusion Legislature Discussion:
The University of Iowa Student Government met last week to discuss their goals of increasing diversity on campus, including encouraging the university to hire 1-2 staff members to assist with the goals.

Coke Funds Request:
2 requests have been submitted for funding. The Staff Appreciation Grant Program will receive $2,000 and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration of Human Rights Unity March & Time to Remember will receive $250.

Committee Chair Reports (if any):
The Elections Committee has been moving forward with the election preparations. The committee will present to the full council in March about the process and what to expect. Elections start the day of the full council meeting. Flyers will be sent to staff council members to post in their work areas to encourage participation. Nominations will be taken at the April meeting, and final nominations plus elections will take place in May.

Athletics is electing a new org representative this month. Once that representative is elected, that person will begin to attend UIISC meetings. One additional IT function representative will be added to account for Hans Hoerschelman’s end-of-term. He will remain on Council to complete the Presidency & Past-President roles.
The Communications Committee is working through the process of communicating items on behalf of other entities on campus, and is seeking further structure/guidelines to work within. The committee will be meeting with UISC leadership to discuss this in further detail.

The Bylaws Committee is reviewing Article XV, section 1. Any replacement of a representative vacating their role on the council will serve the remainder of the vacant term. When staff councilors finish their term, regardless of their committee obligations, their role on the council will be re-elected. If a staff councilor has finished their term, but has obligations to the council beyond their term, they will remain on the council as an additional representative. This could happen when a councilor is ending their term and is in a 2-year committed position (VP, President, Budget Officer), but has 1 additional year to complete their role after their elected 3-year term ends. The Bylaws Committee will review the current wording of the bylaws to ensure that this is clear. Article XV, section 3: review may need to be done to ensure that the presidency role is filled appropriately if the current president leaves prematurely from their role. It is suggested that the past-president extends their term if the current president leaves within 6 months of the term, and the VP/President elect fills the role if it is in the last 6-months of the current president’s term. A new VP/President Elect would then be elected. The bylaws committee will continue to review the terms and present suggestions as they are determined.

Miscellaneous/Announcements
There are 3 more meetings with the current Executive Committee.

The length of time for the website redirect will be extended to account for promotional items still being used with the old website link.

Open discussion.

Meeting adjourned.