

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Professional and Scientific Council

Council Motion: Endorse the 2022-2023 Strategic Initiatives of Professional and Scientific Council

Submitted by: Executive Committee

Date: August 4, 2022

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Whereas: The Iowa State University Professional and Scientific Council engaged in a strategic initiative work session held during their July 7, 2022, General Council meeting.

Whereas: The strategic initiative ideas, suggestions, and comments provided by Councilors were condensed by the Council Executive Committee during their retreat on July 25, 2022, into three strategic initiatives.

Whereas: Council will work to address these 2022-2023 initiatives in addition to, or in conjunction with, the Council mission and Council Priorities of: Serving as the Voice of P&S Employees in the Shared Governance Structure, Investigating and Responding to P&S Employee Concerns, Providing Professional Development Opportunities for P&S Employees, Honoring P&S Employees, Representing P&S Employees, and Encouraging P&S Employee Engagement.

It is moved: That the Council endorse the Strategic Initiatives for 2022-2023 referenced on page two and send to University Senior Administration.

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Although this list details the “big picture” strategic initiatives Professional and Scientific Council works toward, these are often long-term goals that evolve as they are benchmarked and eventually achieved over many years.

- Aiding in Professional and Scientific employee retention through:
 - supporting a revised University budget model that prioritizes annual performance-based increases for P&S employees with a satisfactory performance review, ensuring that competitive, market-driven salary increases are a recurring, budgeted expense through secured funding; without sacrificing or reducing existing leave policies, benefits, and service
 - advocating for supervisor support, addressing basics such as: creating and maintaining an inclusive environment and recruiting and retaining diverse employee groups; supervisory processes in hiring, onboarding practices, and promotion processes; robust employee performance evaluations; conflict resolution
 - standardizing compensation across departments and divisions
 - expanding efforts with University leadership to improve employee engagement and wellbeing
- Making recommendations for a more robust and equitable WorkFlex program, including increased communication about the process and implementation, increased hybrid and/or work from home opportunities, and increased autonomy for supervisors to make independent decisions for the needs of the unit
- Educating Professional and Scientific employees to help them understand, engage with, and thrive in the complex University ecosystem