

**Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting**

October 4, 2005

**APPROVED**

Present: Barb Arbogast, Martha Burk, Pam Burress, Tammy Carlson, John Moss, Melody Palm,  
Jan Jolynn Staley, Ron Thompson, Jack Wylie  
Absent: Vicki Bryan, Julie Caplinger, Jac Copes, Sarita Cox, Linda Klawitter, Steve Lancaster,  
Tom D. Ryan, Pat Schnitker, Dave Turner  
Guests: Jan Cook, ISU Annuitants Association

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Martha called the meeting to order at 12:07.

Due to several absences, we didn't have a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes**—No minutes were approved.

**On-going**—

- Homecoming: Pam has a daughter and friend planning to come. Ron has a couple of grandchildren. Jan Jolynn and her daughter may be coming. Our parade lineup number is 41.
- Holiday Party: A/P Council would like to know how involved we'd like them to be. They shared potential ideas with Martha at their meeting. It was suggested that A/P Council members be invited to come share party ideas with CSC at a later meeting.
- Legislative Committee: A draft of a letter to the Board of Trustees regarding candidate qualifications for SURS Executive Director was distributed with the agenda. The letter urges selection of the SURS Executive Director based on "experience and qualification as an able administrator of a large retirement system." With Steve's vote in abstensia as author of the letter, a motion to send the letter passed.
- Martha shared a reply from Senator Dick Durbin related to Social Security concerns. Martha will talk with Steve about a response.
- Annuitants Representative: The governor doesn't have direct assignment for director of SURS. It behooves us to stay alert to information on candidates. Medicare recently sent out a letter re: Medicare-D. Many faculty/staff didn't receive it. A follow-up letter is expected to a wider group of people. In general, the state benefits are better than Medicare-D coverage.
- OpenLine: Have most of information for this issue. Are there pictures from the picnic? (Chicken Dance) Groups 2 and 4 haven't been represented in the "What the Council Means" articles recently. Jan Jolynn and John will work on articles for the next couple of issues.
- Human Resources: Staff can change address information on the I-Portal. Suggest checking to be sure information is current. We are in open enrollment for Prudential long term disability through the end of October. No medical documentation is needed during open enrollment. A lot of retirement training is going on this fall, with information available on the HR website.

**Other**—

- Foundation: Kevin had a meeting last week with Diane Ashby. Topics of their discussion included: What can they do better? How can the Foundation be more involved in needs of university? How can the Foundation and CSC be better connected? Kevin suggested inviting Diane to a meeting. She's looking for ideas for council involvement and ideas for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Jan Cook pointed out the number of buildings on campus named for staff members as a unique point of pride.
- The proposal for naming a building in honor of Robert Monninger is still up in the air. Policies about building naming are being reviewed/revised and our petition will be re-considered once the policies are revised.
- John: If we do another chicken picnic, and want more light meat than dark, the best way around it may be to order more meals instead of a "piece" price.

**Reminders**—

- Deadline for next 2 OpenLines - Oct. 4, Nov. 1

- Homecoming - Saturday, October 8, 2005
- Holiday party - Saturday, December 3, 2005 10 a.m.

**Web Sites—**

- State Universities Civil Service System: <http://www.sucss.state.il.us>
- SUCSS Classification Status Notices: <http://www.sucss.state.il.us/cpm.asp>
- Annuitants: <http://www.annuitants.ilstu.edu>
- Civil Service Council: <http://www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu>
- A/P Council: <http://www.apcouncil.ilstu.edu>
- Academic Senate: <http://www.academicssenate.ilstu.edu>
- Human Resources: <http://www.hr.ilstu.edu>

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m. (Jan Jolynn/John)

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The next regular Civil Service Council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18, at Noon in the Bone Student Center Spotlight Room