

Illinois State University

Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting

February 17, 2009

Approved Minutes

Present: Barb Arbogast, Valerie Bridson, Vicki Bryan, Jac Copes, Tom Cotton, Sarita Cox, Jean Darnall, Jeanette Harrison, Melody Palm, Theresa Sanchez, Nancy Spangler, Jan Jolynn Staley, David Turner

Absent: David Bagnell, Mark Buckley, Pam Burress, Ted Coussens, Brian Huonker, Kevin Wiand

Guests: Jan Cook

Council Chair Melody called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

Presentation: Gladly We Give Ambassador Mboka Mwilambwe

Gladly We Give is a new Annual Fund for faculty, staff and retirees. The initiative asks, "What's your passion?" The program is Illinois State University's first comprehensive annual fund drive. The goal is participation, not the size of the gift. When development-staff contact corporate and other major sponsors, the level of participation among the university community is an indication of support and dedication. The participation rate is currently about 22% of faculty, staff and retirees giving financially to the university. The goal is to raise participation within three years to 50% who give a minimum \$10 gift.

Mboka shared some of his passions on campus, and examples of priorities in several campus areas. The list is available at <http://Illinois.State.edu/gladlywegive>. Other information, including an online donor form is available at the website. Gladly We Give information was also mailed to all staff and faculty.

Gladly We Give is also about saying Thank You to participants, and celebrating accomplishments made possible by donors.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes for February 3 was tabled until the next meeting.

Ongoing Discussion Topics:

- o Committee Reports
 - Brian emailed a draft of recommendations concerning computer access to all members. Council members should send any additional suggestions to Brian. The recommendations will be an action item at the next meeting.
 - The date for the Cubs game trip is expected to be Weds., May 27, for an early afternoon game against Pittsburg.
 - Elections committee is working on nomination forms, and expects to mail these in early March. There will be one vacancy in Group I, one in Group II, one in Group III, two in Group IV, one in Group V, and one Ex-Officio (Campus Communications Committee Representative).

- **EAC Representative** - The Merit Board will meet February 18 in Urbana.

- **Annuitants Representative** – Governor Quinn's budget proposal is expected to go to the legislature in mid-March. There is speculation in some areas that state income tax refunds might be delayed.

Related to state budget concerns, Valerie shared that she checked into a personal insurance payment delay and was told that the claims had been processed but payment would be delayed until funds became available. The state is required to pay interest on bills not paid within 30 days.

- **Academic Senate/Campus Info/Foundation** – Spring enrollment is very strong, up almost 300 students over last year. Applications for Fall, 2009 are already above last year's record numbers. The quality of applicants for the Presidential Scholarship Program was noted at the

February 4 Academic Senate—350 applications for 30 seats evaluated on several factors resulted in rejecting one student with a 33 ACT and 4.0 GPA from the Honors Program.

Melody shared a memo from Provost Sherri Noren Everts inviting Council members to attend the Academic Affairs Annual Planning Presentations. These will be Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon in the Bone Student Center Old main Room. Proposals by the deans/major administrators will be available at the Milner Library reference desk a week before the presentations. Jac asked if these presentations qualified for release time. Nancy will check.

- **OpenLine** – Pam not present, no news.

- **Human Resources** – No news.

JanJolynn/Barb motioned to adjourn, motion carried at 1:05pm.

Reminders: Deadline for next two OpenLines – March 4, April 8

CSC meetings – March 3 will be in BSC 3E Lounge

March 17 back in Spotlight Room

Web Sites of interest:

- 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>

The next regular Civil Service Council meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at Noon in the Bone Student Center Spotlight Room.

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