

Members Present (box checked):

- Amanda Smith
- Amy Witzig

- Jean Darnall
- Daniel Enomoto
- Diana Nelson
- Holly Sanford
- Shayla Dennis

- Lois Soeldner
- Michael Lullo
- Patti Hoit
- Rachel Menken
- Tammie Beck
- Tom Cotton

- Bob Blythe
- Dana Tuttle

Visitors & Ex-Officio Members Present (box checked):

- Colette Homan
- Tommy Navickas

- Rick Marr
- Jan Cook

- Andrea Rediger
- Zeb Houle, School of IT

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Amanda Smith, Council Chairperson, in the Spotlight Room of the Bone Student Center.

Minutes: Minutes from December 6, 2016, December 20, 2016, and January 7, 2017 were approved with edits.

Chair Comments:

Amanda Smith reported

- Educating Illinois Taskforce- Amanda attended this committee meeting. A survey/questionnaire is coming to all staff across campus in order to help with the Educating Illinois 2019-2021 mission. There will also be open forums available to answer questions anyone may have. These open forums will be held Monday, February 13 at 2pm and Tuesday, February 14 at 10am. All are encouraged to attend.
- Founder’s Day- Amanda reminded all Council members of the Founder’s Day events which include Jane Lynch receiving her honorary degree. Some of our own Council members will be ringing the bell this year.

Standing Reports:

Treasurer report- Patti Hoit continues to work on the transfer of money from the donut sale. Dana Tuttle has a suggestion for a more detailed report which includes some history.

Academic Senate- Patti Hoit attended this recent Senate meeting and shared with Council, a letter that went to the Governor from Academic Senate regarding the possible health care cost increase to the State of Illinois employees who are part of the CMS health insurance plan. The letter expressed that this could be a significant loss in real income to many of our employees. The letter urges the Governor to reconsider such increases.

Open Line – Amy Witzig reminded Council to forward all news to Tommy Navickas soon, as the March issue is soon going out. The next issue will include election information, food drive information, and award recipients.

Human Resources – Colette Homan reported that there would be a HR Director’s meeting with the EAC on May 4 at the Alumni Center.

EAC – Rick Marr was not present.

Annuitants –Jan Cook had invited and expected Larry Alfrink to be at this meeting to share what talk is moving around the halls of legislature.

Committee Reports:

Awards- Amanda shared that Rachel Carracci, A/P Council, will be writing up an article on the awards that will be announced on Founder's Day. Look for that on the CS home page news feed.

By-Law Reviews: Lois Soeldner will find a date to meet with Bob Blythe to discuss.

April Food Drive: Tom Cotton will start planning for this April event. He will begin looking into charities such as Salvation Army, Neville House, Western Ave Food Pantry, etc.

New business:

Foundation Board Representative- Amanda learned that since Bob Blick is no longer on the CS Council, he is unable to serve on this board. Bob Blythe, Holly Sanford and Shayla Dennis replied to Amanda saying they are interested in this position.

AP/CS Networking – Amy Witzig is working with Rachel Carracci on the possibility of A/P and CS Council coming together and sharing ideas. This could be done through socials, networking opportunities, or inviting A/P to our CS Council meeting. The Council is interested so, Amy will report back to Rachel and together they will plan something.

Open Issues:

Scholarship – Lois Soeldner reminded Treasurer that it's time for the second set of scholarship distribution of monies.

Elections – Amanda reported that the elections are now electronic and run through her office, through Formstack. She will prepare for the next elections.

Meeting room- The February 21 meeting, we will meet in 3rd East Lounge.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m. with a motion from Patti Hoit and a second from Holly Sanford.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Witzig

Reminders: The deadline for submitting materials to the *OpenLine* is the 25th day of each month. – *NOTE: Deadline is subject to change.*

Upcoming CSC Meeting Dates:

2017 Dates – Feb 21, Mar 7, Mar 21, Apr 4, Apr 18, May 2, May 16, Jun 6, Jun 20

Upcoming CSC Important Dates:

Next Meeting ~

The next regular Civil Service Council Meeting will be **Tuesday, February 21, 2017, location 1st Floor West Lounge.**

