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Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting January 15, 2013
Approved – motion by Jean Darnall, second by Bob Blick

Present: Diana Weekes, Lois Soeldner, Dara Gibson, Barb Arbogast, Amanda Smith, Jacob Degeal, Tom Cotton, Robert Block, Kathleen Webster, and Maureen Peel

Ex-Officio: Andee Radliff, Jan Cox

Not Present: Christa Lawhun, Carol Pfoff, Jean Darnall, Diana Nelson

The meeting was called to order by Lois Soeldner at 12:05 p.m.

Lois reported she had recently attended a SUCSS hearing in Urbana. Several representatives of ISU were present at the hearing. The issue at hand is the desire of SUCSS to prevent the creation of too many AP positions. This would be accomplished by taking away the power of individual HR departments at state universities to determine the classification of a position. That determination would be made only by the SUCSS in Urbana. Although union reps and employees' advisory boards are in favor of this, Lois stated that most responses were negative toward the idea. Lois, Stacy Ramsey (chair of the AP Council), and Dr. Bowman have written letters to the SUCSS opposing the change. Another hearing on the matter is scheduled for later this month.

Lois announced that Jan Cook is the winner of this year's Civil Service Council Esprit de Corps award. Jan will be recognized for this honor on Founders Day.

Lois stated the Executive Board of the Council will meet soon to consider a council member replacement for Group 1 from the list of Group 1 employees. The Executive Board will be looking for an individual willing to serve out the term of Seann Berrocales who resigned his position. Lois stressed the importance of stating more clearly to prospective council members the scope of duties and responsibilities of serving on the Council.

The deadline for Openline articles is January 30.

Andee Radliff discussed the SUCSS issue and stated that HR employees look at each position to determine whether it is a Civil Service or AP position. She feels our HR department has the ability to do this in a much more timely manner than if such a determination was to be made by the SUCSS in Urbana.

Jan Cook reported the new legislators do not seem to have any solutions to the pension problems. She indicated there are not many new legislators and that the contact information for our local representatives is still good. Jan reminded council members that any contact made by council members with legislators must be done through private means and not with the use of campus/state property.

Lois stated it is time to begin thinking about the annual food drive which has in the past been held in March. She added this schedule is flexible and can be changed. She asked that committee members Jacob Degeal, Bob Blick, and Tom Cotton consider who should receive the food collected. The Council has ten bins to be distributed throughout campus.

Maureen Peel reported that information should be received soon as to the names of vendors in Uptown Normal who will offer discounts on Mondays to ISU faculty, staff, and students.

Lois announced that two Civil Service employees will be a part of the presidential search committee. She explained this assignment will be time consuming and may involve travel. Lois will serve as one Civil Service representative. Cynthia James from the Academic Senate Office and Jean Darnall have expressed interest in serving as the other representative. A vote was taken at this meeting, and members of the Council selected Jean Darnall as the second representative to serve on the committee.

The next Civil Service Council meeting will be held on February 5.

Amanda Smith made a motion to adjourn. Barb Arbogast seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Peel