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**Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting February 18, 2014**

**Present:** Lois Soeldner, Jean Darnall, Amy Witzig, Glen Dawson, Dara Gibson, Bob Blythe, Jacob DeGeal, Bob Blick, and Maureen Peel

**Ex-Officio:** Rick Marr

**Guests:** Jean Ann Dargatz, and Jan Cook

**Not Present:** Carol Pfoff, Capri Gonzalez, Amanda Smith, Kathleen Webster, and Colette Homan

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The meeting was called to order by Lois Soeldner.

Minutes from the February 4 meeting were approved.

Jean Ann Dargatz gave a report of the SURSMAC meeting she attended in December. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss legislative changes. Among the items she shared:

- Some universities are trying to supplement plans for new employees.
- There are several pending court cases challenging this plan. Changes will not be effective until court cases have been resolved.
- Document is not very well written.
- Attorney General will be representing SURS.

Chair Comments:

Lois stated President Flanagan has been reviewing the 2009-2011 diversity reports. On Thursday Dr. Flanagan will announce he will be appointing an assistant to the President whose job it will be to work with diversity and inclusion issues on campus. Those issues may involve students, faculty, and staff. Lois was asked to appoint individuals to a task force who will determine the criteria of what the job will entail and how it will be performed. Lois asked individuals other than Council members to serve on the task force. She selected individuals from different areas around campus.

In an effort to fill the Council seat vacated by Diana Weekes, Lois contacted the person who was runner-up in Diana's group. This person stated she is unable to fill her spot. Consequently, there are two open Council positions, one for Diana Weekes and one for Diana Nelson. Individuals to replace them will be selected from their existing groups.

OpenLine deadline: Latest issue is going to press today.

There was no HR report.

EAC—Rick Marr reported topics at last meeting included:

- the pension reform act
- possibility of electing representatives via electronic means
- Rick has been re-elected a member of the Executive Committee

Annuitants—Jan had nothing to add today to the issue regarding pension reform.

Food Drive—Lois stated the members of the committee need to determine who will be the benefactor of this year's drive. The drive will be in April. She reminded committee members that supplies must be retrieved from the Motorcycle Safety Building and relocated to the fourth floor of Hovey. Additionally, permission must be obtained from the various building locations on campus in order to put a container in said buildings.

Elections—The new groups will not be applicable this year. The Council executive committee will be meeting shortly to finalize the language to be used in the presentation of the new groups to the campus community.

Jean Darnall reported that tickets for a May 16 Cubs v. Milwaukee Brewers game will be available to students, faculty, and staff on April 4. Individuals can purchase a maximum of four (4) tickets. All tickets are for the upper deck. There will be no bus trip offered this year. It is simply a sale of game tickets. Jean added there will be a handling charge for tickets this year, and the number of seats given to ISU is smaller than what has previously been provided.

Amy Witzig asked about the scholarship committee. Lois stated that committee must meet soon in order to finalize revised guidelines and the application form.

There was a short discussion of the use of the Council's listserv. It was noted that our business is being ignored at times, and other groups are using it without first being cleared by the office of Vice-President for Finance & Planning.

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion being made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Peel