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Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting March 4, 2014

Present: Lois Soeldner, Glen Dawson, Dara Gibson, Bob Blythe, Jacob DeGeal, Bob Blick, Amanda Smith, and Maureen Peel

Ex-Officio: Rick Marr

Guests: Jan Cook

Not Present: Carol Pfoff, Capri Gonzalez, Kathleen Webster, Colette Homan, Jean Darnall, and Amy Witzig

The meeting was called to order by Lois Soeldner.

Minutes from the February 18 meeting were approved.

There was no treasurer's report.

Chairs comments:

Lois announced the Council is allowed to make a donation to the SURS lawsuit fund. An article regarding donations can be included in the OpenLine.

Bob Blick has collected items belonging to the Council from the Motorcycle Safety Building. These items will be stored in Hovey 408.

Lois asked if the Council should consider having a grievance committee. In order for the committee to be successful, it will be necessary to have a clear understanding of its purpose, and it will need a channel in which to be heard. Lois will discuss this idea with appropriate individuals to see how we might be able to do this. The makeup of the committee does not necessarily have to be council members only but may include other campus civil service employees.

OpenLine deadline is Friday. Lois hopes to include information regarding EAC nominations so that the EAC election can be held at the same time as the election of council members. Lois asked Rick Marr to look into the nomination process.

EAC—Rick suggested that Lois speak to Andy Small at Northern Illinois University regarding the subject of a grievance committee. He noted that this subject has been discussed at EAC meetings, and he mentioned that Southern, Northern, Eastern, and Western Illinois Universities have such a program.

Annuitants—Jan Cook had no report but stated she will have more to say after the primaries.

Food Drive—Jacob DeGeal reported the committee had met to discuss possible charities to receive the food donations. The food drive will be held April 1-30. Jacob indicated there are two charities on the short list. The first is Labrynth Outreach, a relatively new organization in Bloomington-Normal. They indicated they have no need at this time. The other charity that was their focus is the Western Avenue Food Pantry. Jacob is waiting for a return call from them. If for some reason they have no need at this time, the committee has other organizations they can contact. Jacob has contacted Liz Larson with a request to run an article about the food drive in the next OpenLine.

The committee also discussed some new ideas including putting bins in the residence halls, putting smaller boxes in individual offices, putting signs in buildings, and creating a visual map to help people see the locations of bins. Bins will be located in McCormick, DeGarmo, and Hovey Halls, Alumni Center, Uptown Normal location, Health Services, and Fell. Council members suggested Stevenson, Schroeder, Carter Harris, and Milner. Those additional locations will be added if arrangements can be made to pick up bins at those locations.

Elections—Lois indicated the executive committee had met to discuss the use of new groups in upcoming elections. She announced we will be staying with the present structure for this election because the announcement of new groups has not yet been presented to the campus. She also indicated that it will not be necessary to make any changes to our constitution or bylaws because we will be using the same number of groups. Amanda announced she cannot serve as chairperson of the election committee at this time as her term is up, and she will be running for re-election. Jacob will oversee elections. Amanda will submit election information to the OpenLine.

The Scholarship Committee is meeting tomorrow to finalize the simplification of the application process. That information will be available on our website.

New business—Amanda has again been contacted about selling tickets to a Chicago Cubs v. St. Louis Cardinals game at Wrigley Field. She stated the Council will have 50 tickets to sell for this event. The game is scheduled for Saturday, July 26, 3:00 .m. Seats will be located in Sections 202-205 (left field). The cost of each ticket is \$51.52. This amount covers only the cost of the ticket. The Council will not be providing bus service to this game. Individuals buying tickets will be responsible for picking them up. No tickets will be mailed. Tickets will be sold until July 10.

Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jacob.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Peel