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Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting October 21, 2014

Present: Lois Soeldner, Glen Dawson, Capri Gonzalez, Diana Nelson, Dara Gibson, Bob Blick, Bob Blythe, Amy Witzig, Dana Tuttle, Rick Marr, and Maureen Peel

Not Present: Carol Pfoff, Amanda Smith, Jacob DeGeal, JR Gordon, Kathleen Webster, and Colette Homan

The meeting was called to order by Lois Soeldner.

Minutes from the October 7 meeting were amended and approved.

Glen Dawson presented the Treasurer's quarterly report. A discussion of the Carl Johanson Scholarship followed. It was noted that few employees take advantage of this scholarship, and a suggestion was made to make the campus community more aware of this opportunity.

A motion to approve Lois' travel expenses resulting from her attendance at the Council of Councils was made and seconded.

Chair comments:

Lois recently attended the Council of Councils at Southern Illinois University and reported that Southern did an outstanding job in presenting the conference. She noted Southern had a budget of \$10,000, and they had various sponsors throughout the community. She will be requesting a larger budget for our council's use in hosting the Council of Councils in October of next year. While Southern had 88 individuals registered, it is anticipated ISU could have an even greater number in attendance because of its central location. Lois would like to structure the conference to provide the opportunity for different councils to interact and share ideas.

Donut sale—Information has been sent out regarding the October 30 sale. Extra donuts will be available for sale.

Fine Arts Dean Search—A list of names of civil service employees interested in serving has been requested for representation on the search committee. Lois sent an e-mail to all civil service employees in the College of Fine Arts asking for volunteers. To date there has been a response from only one individual.

BOT Meeting—The Board of Trustees will meet Friday. An announcement will be made regarding the largest single donation from an individual to the university. The \$13 million donation has been designated for a particular area.

OpenLine: There was a problem with getting the latest issue distributed on time.

HR: No report

EAC: Rick Marr reported SUCSS is testing a change to the “Rule of Three” for hiring purposes. The change would increase the applicant pool by selecting the top three scores rather than the top three individuals. Additionally, SUCSS is considering the hiring of out-of-state individuals for civil service positions with the understanding the job would be contingent upon the individuals establishing Illinois residence within ninety days.

Annuitants: No report

Raffle: Amy Witzig reported ticket sales are going very well, and we are half-way to our goal. She requested that council members continue to sell tickets and solicit prize donations.

Shopping Trip: Dana Tuttle reported two buses have been reserved. If a second bus is not necessary, it can be canceled without any problem. Information regarding the trip can be found on the Council’s website. Tickets are \$25 for ISU staff and retirees. Community members will be charged \$30.

Children’s Holiday Party: Lois will soon distribute a volunteer sheet.

Toy Collection: Lois recommended the committee meet soon to decide the recipient of this year’s collection.

Bob Blick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Blythe.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Peel