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**Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting July 7, 2015**

**Present:** Amanda Smith, Kristen Grimes, Lois Soeldner, Dara Gibson, Barb Arbogast, Tom Cotton, JR Gordon, Bob Blythe, Patricia Hoit, Rachel Menken, Patti Munster, Amy Witzig, Daniel Enomoto, Jan Cook

**Not Present:** Glen Dawson, Diana Nelson

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The minutes from the June 16 meeting were approved. The May 19 minutes still need to be distributed for review.

Glen Dawson will have treasurer reports at the July 21 meeting.

Lois Soeldner presented the council with information she received from President Dietz during her monthly meeting with him. The President has yet to receive the budget allocation for the University from the State. He did say he is making every effort to maintain jobs on campus, despite the upcoming budget crunch. Some ideas to help the University reduce cost are to not fill empty full-time positions due to retirements, have offices cut back on travel expenses, and delay progress on some of the large capital projects. The University budget will have to be reworked due to only getting a 3.1% tuition increase, instead of the original proposal of a 4.1% increase. Lois then stated anyone could contact her if they have any questions or concerns.

Lois Soeldner officially seated the new council members, followed by the election of officers for the 2015/2016 year. Lois Soeldner was re-elected as chair. Amanda Smith was re-elected as vice-chair. Amy Witzig was elected as secretary. Glen Dawson was re-elected as treasurer.

Jan Cook presented a document from the Taxpayer Federation of Illinois that compared tax information in Illinois to other states in the country. A PDF of the document can be found online:  
<http://www.iltaxwatch.org/new/ucm/admin/userfiles/file/IL%20chart%20book%20final.pdf>

Lois Soeldner reported on Council of Councils. Illinois State will host the event this year on October 15 and 16. The plan is to have a cocktail hour at the new University Galleries, with dinner at Hancock Stadium on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held in the Bone Student Center on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Right now the President's Office is securing hotel room blocks for guests at the Marriott and looking into other hotels in the area. There is a request from the President to have a short Gamma Phi performance at lunch on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Sessions on the 16<sup>th</sup> will include presentations from SUAA, SUCSS, and President Dietz, followed by breakout sessions.

Amy Witzig gave an overview of the scholarship raffle for all the new members on the council. She encouraged everyone to start contacting businesses for prizes to be raffled off. All council members will be selling tickets to help raise funds for our student scholarships.

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Lois Soeldner began going through the committee assignments for the 2015/2016 year. The assignments will be completed at the July 21 meeting.

Tom Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amy Witzig.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Smith