

Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting

May 3, 2005

APPROVED

Present: Vicki Bryan, Martha Burk, Pam Burress, Julie Caplinger, Tammy Carlson, Steve Lancaster, Christa Lawhun, John Moss, Melody Palm, Tom D. Ryan, Pat Schnitker, Jan Jolynn Staley, Elaine Thoennes, David Turner
Absent: Paul Collins, Theresa Sanchez, Marcia Strum, Jack Wylie
Guests: Jan Cook, Vicki Sullivan

Martha called the meeting to order at 12:05.

Approval of Minutes— Minutes for April 5 and April 19 were approved (Julie/Elaine)

On-going—

- Spring Bus Trip—225 paid participants to date. There are a few more that have contacted us and have “checks in the mail.” We’ll be taking five busses. Christa has talked to Peoria Charter, and they will use three 55-passenger busses and two slightly smaller busses. This will accommodate our group and reduce the bus expense a little. The Council approved a “door prize” drawing of \$10 per bus (Julie/Pat). Souvenir buttons for each participant were also approved. Julie will work on the design.
- Raffle—There are only about 80 unsold tickets in Martha’s box. Other council members still have some unsold tickets. Anyone needing additional tickets should contact other council members to see who has tickets available. All tickets should be sold or returned by the next meeting.
- Elections—Elaine reported that ballots aren’t in the mail yet. The election committee is in the process of confirming nominee information. Everything will be returned to Jan Jolynn.
- Monical’s Night--No information about proceeds is back from Monical’s yet.
- Scholarships—Copies of the Scholarship applications were distributed to council members. The applications are available at the website. Council members can also provide copies to anyone who requests one. This year’s June 10 deadline is a little earlier than previous years.
- Annuitants Representative—Jan attended the state annuitants meeting. Talked about dues and issues related to consistency across organizations in state. The state is requesting each local chapter maintain dues at one of four amounts. ISU’s are between two of the levels. Lowering dues to the level below would impact budgets of organization, and raising amounts impacts annuitants on fixed budgets... even a dollar or two can be significant. Faculty/Administrator slant on these issues may be different than CS members, especially in the area of finances.
- OpenLine—The deadline is today. The issue is ready except for the “What CSC means to me” article (Julie). Dave suggests running legislator contact information on regular basis. State CS Office has requested an article on quarterly basis for their newsletter. (What CSC does, what goes on at your campus) Vicki suggested summarizing Martha’s welcome speech from the April awards ceremony.
- Human Resources--Benefits choice period is this month. The Fair is tomorrow. Vicki Sullivan attended today’s CSC meeting to assist with questions. The Benefits Newsletter went out. The change from VisionCare to Eye Med was discussed. There probably won’t be an Eye Med provider list posted until June or maybe July 1. Without a Group number, constituents don’t have access to information at the Eye Med site. The group number may also not be available until July 1, when the contract takes effect. There may be a process to “nominate” providers. HR will check on this. Julie brought up a dental care question. She has found that charges can vary a lot from one dental care provider to another. It’s a good idea to inquire about charges and services and compare value. Dental providers set their own charges. Insurance companies determine how much they’ll pay.
- Year-end Council purchase ideas--File folders, file cabinet, and hanging folders & rack if needed. Toner cartridges for Cynthia’s & Martha’s printers. (Elaine has portfolios on hand.) CSC Nametags? Utensils, aprons and other supplies for picnic. It was suggested we check with property control about the possibility they may have a suitable file cabinet on hand. Vicki has a place to “park” the cabinet. Bins/tubs for parade & food drive (?). First aid kit for activities. Email Martha additional ideas.

IV. Other

Dave suggested a legislative committee, which might mean a bylaw change. The Annuitants Association has a group, and we might combine forces. The committee's charge would be to stay on top of legislation and report issues of interest. The Annuitants group works primarily through email. (Add above to Annuitants) Involvement would probably lead to contacts at other campuses, and other information resources. Vicki indicated that we have a legislative committee in the structure that has been inactive. Steve and Tom volunteered to explore the issue further and act as our legislative liaisons.

We discussed proposed changes in SURS. The State Representative from the Charleston area hosted a Q/A session. It was suggested that our area legislators might do a similar meeting. This could be a valuable collaborative effort by CSC/APC/Annuitants Association.

Pat looked up some information about the Governor's Pension Review Committee. The organization Civic Federation that has announced support for plans includes someone from the Gov's "Blue Ribbon" committee.

Christa will not be up for election. Christa is willing to continue coordinating or being backup for the List serve. We discussed the value of having 2 or 3 people with access to post messages. Melody will work with Christa sometime after the Wrigley trip.

Steve brought up a concern that the CS/AP awards ceremony was the same day as the Division Star Awards. Staff in his area had to choose between the events. Is there any way to avoid conflicts with the date? Melody will contact the Student Affairs Division office with the concern. Colette Homan in Hr is the contact for the CS/AP Awards schedule.

Reminders:

Deadline for next 2 OpenLines -May 3, June 7
Scholarship deadline - June 10
Cubs game - May 25, 6:00 pm (Leave campus at 2)

VI. Web Sites

State Universities Civil Service System: <http://www.sucss.state.il.us>
SUCSS Classification Status Notices: <http://www.sucss.state.il.us/cpm.asp>
Annuitants: <http://www.annuitants.ilstu.edu>
Civil Service Council: <http://www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu>
A/P Council: <http://www.apcouncil.ilstu.edu>
Academic Senate: <http://www.academicssenate.ilstu.edu>
Human Resources: <http://www.hr.ilstu.edu>

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m. (Christa/Tom)

The next regular Civil Service Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17, at Noon in the Bone Student Center Spotlight Room