

**Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting  
June 21, 2005  
APPROVED**

Present: Barb Arbogast, Vicki Bryan, Martha Burk, Julie Caplinger, Paul Collins, J. A. Copes, Sarita Cox, Linda Klawitter, Steve Lancaster, Christa Lawhun, John Moss, Melody Palm, Tom D. Ryan, Theresa Sanchez, Pat Schnitker, Jan Jolynn Staley, Marcia Strum, Elaine Thoennes, Ron Thompson, David Turner, Jack Wylie  
Absent: Pam Burress, Tammy Carlson,

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Martha called the meeting to order at 12:03

Welcome to new members:

Group I - Sarita Cox

Group II - Barbara Arbogast & Linda Klawitter

Group III - Ron Thompson

Group IV - John Copes

And re-elected, returning members: Julie Caplinger, Jack Wylie, & Martha Burk

Goodbye and Thank You to outgoing members:

Paul Collins, Christa Lawhun, Theresa Sanchez, and Elaine Thoennes

**Approval of Minutes**— Minutes for June 7 were approved (Theresa/Vicki )

On-going—

- Scholarships--15 applications have been received for student scholarships. No applications to date for Carl Johansen scholarship for staff members. Information will be sent on the listserve with an extended deadline for the staff scholarship. It was clarified that this scholarship may be won twice by the same person.
- Legislative Committee – Steve worked on a proposal for ways for the Legislative Committee to work. A draft was distributed for discussion. The Council of Councils could be a way to make contacts and distribute information. Council members agree that combining efforts with other councils would be positive and increase the ability to impact changes. Communication should include a statement of non-partisan status – focus on issues, not political affiliations. The proposal was accepted. (Paul/Christa)
- Current council members were introduced for the benefit of newly elected members.
- Annuitants Representative- no report
- OpenLine- no report
- Human Resources- no report Members reported that American Vision and MetroOptique will be EyeMed providers. The EyeMed website can be accessed through the HR website now.
- Year-end purchases: Theresa will purchase tubs for charity drives this week. Steve is communicating with Sue Locke about food event supplies. Vicki has received things Elaine had stored. The file cabinets will be nearly full with existing historic documentation. Digitizing the archive information (1959 to current) in order to reduce storage needs was discussed.

Other—

- Attendance question: Proposal for Exception Waiver for Tom D. Ryan. Due to a shift schedule change, and the distance between his home and campus, Tom faces difficulties meeting CSC attendance requirements. The waiver would run through June, 2007 (end of Tom's term), or until

his schedule returns to day shift, whichever comes first. Motion passed. Tom will continue to be involved in committee work and attend the meetings he can. (Julie/Jan Jolynn)

- Christa requested clarification about classified ads in the Openline. The submission information is included about every other issue, depending on space. It's OK to advertise Rental property, but we can't include real estate for sale.

Marcia reported pension information and shared a reply from Keith Summers (State Representative from Morton, IL) to a letter she sent. Mr. Summers indicated strong disagreement with the pension reform decisions. "Diversion of funds (pension contributions from the State) to other projects" Marcia has requested a list of projects from Brady.

Dave reported that Jim Hacking has resigned from SURS and is moving to Texas. Changes in pensions affect both new hires and existing staff. The changes include interest determinations by the state comptroller instead of SURS, the last four year salary % caps and questions of whether vacation/sick leave payouts are included in the amounts. The Social Security offset is also a concern. While estimates vary, it seems typical that a state pension reduces Social Security eligibility about \$300 a month.

Christa asked how we can summarize information and distribute it to constituents and help them to understand it, and the ramifications, while avoiding "political" polarizations. Steve suggested this is an area that we might request ideas from the Marketing department. Jan Jolynn has talked with Dr. Tim Longfellow, and he is willing to work with us through his spring, 2006 class.

#### Reminders—

Deadline for next 2 OpenLines - July 5, August 2

#### 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>

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m. (Theresa/Christa)

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The next regular Civil Service Council meeting will be held Tuesday, July 5, at Noon in the Bone Student Center Spotlight Room