

Illinois State University
Civil Service Council
April 17, 2007 Minutes
Approved

Present: Barb Arbogast, Mark Buckley, Martha Burk, Pam Burress, Julie Caplinger, Jac Copes, Jan Cook, Sarita Cox, Linda Klawitter, Melody Palm, Pat Schnitker, Nancy Spangler, Jan Jolynn Staley, Dave Turner
Absent: Vicki Bryan, Andy Monninger, Ron Thompson (Retired), Kevin Wiand, Jack Wylie

Melody called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

After minor amendments, the April 3 minutes were approved (Pat/Mark).

Treasurer's Report - Pat provided all members present with a copy of the Treasurer's Report for review. Motion was made (Martha/Linda) to approve this report. Motion carried.

Martha, who has been serving as CSC representative to the Academic Senate, will be retiring as of April 30. Melody proposed appointing Mark Buckley to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year. Mark is available and is willing to serve. Council members found this favorable and Melody made the appointment as such. Mark will resume these duties immediately; new Academic Senate members are to be "seated" May 9.

On-going:

- Elections – currently in process of sending mailing to gather nominees. Nominees will be accepted through May 15. Shortly thereafter, ballots will be mailed and voting will be completed in early June.
- Annuitants Representative – Jan reported that efforts are being made to join with AFSCME when meeting with legislatures and other State representatives. Both groups have many of the same concerns and agenda items (i.e. retirement and pension issues) – hopefully a larger group will make more of an impact on Legislatures.
- Employee Advisory Committee – Dave reports that the Merit Board will be meeting in Urbana and a quarterly meeting will be in Chicago later this week. Dave will summarize topics and comments and share with all members of the council.
- Academic Senate - little to share at this time – a letter written by Lane Crothers to the State regarding Ethics Training, especially those training sessions that were ruled unacceptable, did receive a response – from the tone of and comments in the letter it was obvious the State was not happy with Lane's comments.
- Other Campus Info – Linda will summarize her notes from Transportation Committee meeting and share electronically with council members.
- OpenLine – May 1 is deadline for next issue – Pam will be on vacation first week in May – a committee was formed (Pam, Pat and Julie) to review guidelines for 'classified ads' in the OpenLine – will bring suggestions/comments to next meeting of council.
- Human Resources – Nancy brings to the table the idea of having a guest speaker from HR hold a discussion on 401B/457 plans. CMS would likely send representative if could present to a large audience.
- Spring Activities –

Bus Trip – Sold out – several already on waiting list – 5 buses (270 attendees) with a few folks meeting the group at the ball park. Trip continues to be well received – originally proposed solely as a social event – has become a moderate profit making activity.

Raffle – currently have 26 prizes – prize donations should continue to grow for a while yet. Members are encouraged to sell raffle tickets and to solicit for prizes.

- Other –

Melody reminded the group of Monical’s Night Fundraiser –April25.

On a personal level, Jac mentioned that it would be in our own best interest to check on Social Security benefits – better to know now and plan than to be “unpleasantly surprised” when approaching retirement.

Melody reported that Marcia Strum was pleased with the number of letters she received to hand deliver to Senators/Representatives while she was in Washington, D.C.

Melody, Barb and Mark attended the session for the first VP of Advancement candidate. Melody encouraged anyone available, to attend the sessions for the remaining two candidates. Jan Cook indicated that at many other campuses Civil Service employees do not have this kind of opportunities.

This is Martha’s final meeting with us. Martha thank you for the eight years of service you gave to the Civil Service Council. Although you will be greatly missed, we hope you enjoy your retirement and we wish you well in all your future endeavors.

Motion to dismiss at 12:59 pm - Julie/Linda – motion carried.

Reminders

- Deadline for next two OpenLines — May 1, June 5
- CSC meetings: May 1, May15
- Monical’s Pizza Community Day, April 25
- ISU Night at Wrigley: Wednesday, May 30

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>
- State Universities Retirement System: <http://www.surs.com>
- 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.academicsenate.ilstu.edu>
- Human Resources: <http://www.hr.ilstu.edu>