

Present: David Bagnell, Valerie Bridson, Ted Coussens, Sarita Cox, Jean Darnall, Jeanette Harrison, Brian Huonker, Melody Palm, Theresa Sanchez, Dave Turner

Absent: Barb Arbogast, Vicki Bryan, Mark Buckley, Jac Copes, Tom Cotton, Jan Jolynn Staley, Nancy Spangler, Kevin Wiand, Pam Burress

Guests: Jan Cook

Council Chair Melody called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

-Approved Minutes – July 15, 2008, Jean/Valerie, motion carried.

-Action Item: Approval of Academic Senate Representative – Mark will be unavailable to serve as the AS Rep, Melody suggested to approve Brian, Sarita/Jean motioned, motion carried.

Ongoing Discussion Topics:

- Committee Reports

- o **Scholarships** – Melody - There have been four ISU students selected who are pre-approved for scholarship funds, came down to two for Carl Johansen, committee elected to approve both. Of the students not attending ISU, there are four, but at the moment the fundraising monies are sufficient for only three; if the Council is of the opinion that it would be the appropriate way to use the funds, it is open for discussion. Theresa provided account information, agrees we would be fiscally fine with a fourth scholarship. Sarita – what other expenditures come out of that account? Theresa – not much, supplies and such comes out of general revenue, perhaps some for the 50th anniversary. Melody – some comes out for the bus trips, but we make an effort to keep those self-supporting.

Action Item: Approval of funds. Jean motioned to approve, Brian seconded, motion carried. Letters will be going out and scholarships will be finalized.

- o **Fall Picnic** – Jeanette - Committee met on 31st, came up with date of Sept 19, 11:30am-1pm. Has sign-up sheet for taking tickets and servers, and decided to have vegetarian lasagna as option. Chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, cookies, and drink will be served, will stay with the \$6 per ticket. Price was up a little more, Mark was going to see if any other discounts could apply. How do we get the tickets printed? Melody – thinks last year Pam handled it, will see about it. Go with two different color tickets? Brian – may be better to find out how many people want what, get a better idea of how much of what stuff we will need. Jean – was there discussion about white/dark meat tickets (Theresa – we pay different prices for each)? Sarita – may want to be prepared to have a little more white meat, but most people haven't specified in the past. After further discussion, decided to have just the two tickets (chicken/vegetarian).

- o **Children's Holiday Party** – Barb not present, Melody had updates: due to extensive bookings on Saturdays, going to be moved to Sunday Dec 7th, 2-4ish, Gamma Phi is available that afternoon, AP Council taking care of 'inflatable environment things', it's all up and running. The date will also take it out of conflict with other events, possibly upping attendance.

- **EAC** – Had quarterly meeting at Governor State on July 17-18, had lengthy discussions on proposed rule revisions on rule registers, merit board discharges, more information available, much 'lengthy conversation' on the items, contact Dave Turner for details. Just proposed changes now, not at the point of being instituted. Rule and policy changes for Learner programs were discussed at the meeting, also still in discussion phase, no changes at this point. Next meeting is in October at the Quad Cities Western Illinois University campus. Last

year, we gave ourselves the option of a 3-day meeting in October in Quad Cities with the reasoning behind it that if the Council of Councils were going to have meeting nearby, we would attend their meeting on one of those days and have ours the following. The understanding was that if we have not heard anything we will continue with the two-day plan – has anyone on the CSC heard any more concerning the COC meeting? Melody – no, no news. Dave – may wish to alert Council of Councils to coordinate if interested. We have been encouraged by the CS Systems office to participate with the Council of Councils.

- **Annuitants Representative** – Jan Cook – from Springfield, 'no news is good news.'
- **Academic Senate/Campus Info/Foundation** – Melody - SUCSS reps are on our campus for this week for their 2-2 ½ year audit, executive committee met with Jeff Brownfield who is heading up the group. We did bring up questions from CSC meetings regarding medical/military leave, his answer was that departments have some flexibility, it is when people are functioning outside their role on a regular basis that it becomes an issue, in which case they need to contact HR. Mr. Brownfield indicated they took all the new hires from last audit (about 2006), and take a large number of those positions and see if the position falls within the specifications of the class, if applicable test scores were applied properly, that hiring procedures were followed regarding rosters, and related kinds of things. If you have anything specific that you would like their team to provide feedback on, contact Melody.
- **OpenLine** – Pam not present, Melody - hope to get scholarship winners informed before OpenLine comes out.
- **Human Resources** – Nancy not present, no news.
- Theresa – notes for the Openline – there were some individuals with repeating ads, contacted one with recurring ad to see if they wished to renew the ad, individual had said responses had dropped off in just the last few months.

Theresa/Jean motioned to adjourn, motion carried at 12:42pm.

Reminders: Deadline for next two OpenLines – August 6, Sept 3
CSC Meetings – August 19, Sept 2

Web Sites of interest:

- 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>

The next regular Civil Service Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at Noon in the Bone Student Center Spotlight Room.

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