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Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting April 1, 2014

Present: Amy Witzig, Lois Soeldner, Dara Gibson, Bob Blick, Jacob DeGeal, Bob Blythe, Amanda Smith, and Glen Dawson

Guests: Jan Cook

Not Present: Carol Pfoff, Kathleen Webster, Colette Homan, Jean Darnall, Capri Gonzalez, and Rick Marr

The meeting was called to order by Lois Soeldner.

Minutes from the March 18 meeting were approved.

There was no treasurer's report.

Chairs comments:

Lois is gathering information in the hope of creating a personnel issues committee in order to help civil service employees who are dissatisfied with matters pertaining to them either in their departments or with Human Resources. The purpose of the committee will be to offer support to civil service employees going through personnel processes. Lois has scheduled meetings with HR and with the VP for Finance and Planning. The Administrative Professional Council is interested in what we will be doing, and the chair of the Academic Senate has expressed his support for this endeavor. Lois has contacted other state universities to gather information and ideas from them.

Lois reported that we will not be able to conduct the election for Rick Marr's EAC position concurrent with our elections for Civil Service Council seats as the EAC election will not be held until fall.

Lois stated that as a part of shared governance on campus, Civil Service was involved in the processing of transitioning from Dr. Flanagan to Dr. Larry Dietz as university president. She and other chairs of the shared governance entities (AP Council, Academic Senate and student government) met with the BOT Chair and board attorney prior to the special meeting of the board to deal with this matter. They were informed of the details which led up to Dr. Flanagan's resignation and the fact that Dr. Dietz was able to assume the title of president as opposed to interim president due to the fact that Dr. Flanagan had served less than one year as president and Dr. Dietz was the runner-up in the presidential search. The severance amount paid to Dr. Flanagan, considered high by some, was actually less than could have been paid to him if he had pursued the matter.

OpenLine—items are due now.

Human Resources—no report

EAC—no report

Annuitants—no report

Food Drive—Jacob DeGeal reported that bins are being distributed today. This year smaller offices are being encouraged to participate by filling boxes within their own areas and then taking the collected food to designated bins. Bin locations will be listed on the Council's website. Western Avenue Food Pantry has been chosen as the recipient of the food received. The food will be picked up on Monday afternoons for delivery to the Western Avenue facility. Jacob will submit news items regarding the drive to the OpenLine, Report, and Vidette. Information can also be found on My.IllinoisState.edu.

Lois reported that the AP and Civil Service Councils will share a conference room located on the fourth floor of Hovey. Civil Service supplies that were formerly stored in the Motorcycle Safety building will now be kept in this room.

Jacob reported that nominations for elections have been received in all groups except Group 2.

Amanda Smith reported there have been tickets sold for the Cubs-Cardinal game. Tickets for that game will be distributed in July.

Bob Blick stated he has received some complaints that Civil Service Council is not sponsoring a bus trip to a Cubs game this year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Blythe. Amanda seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Peel