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Illinois State University

Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting Approved as presented 05/21/2013

May 7, 2013

Present: Carol Pfoff, Maureen Peel, Lois Soeldner, Dara Gibson, Jean Darnell, Diana Nelson, Amanda Smith, Tom Cotton, Bob Blick, Jacob DeGeal, Diana Weekes **Not Present:** Christa Lawhun, Barb Arbogast, Kathleen Webster **Ex-Officio:** Rick Marr

Guests: Jan Cook

The meeting was called to order by chair Lois Soeldner at 12:06 p.m. in the Spotlight Room of the Bone Student Center.

Minutes of the April 2, 2013 meeting were approved as presented after a motion by Bob Blick and a second by Maureen Peel.

Chair Lois Soeldner informed the Council that a plaque will be presented to Dr. Bowman at his last Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Friday, May 10. The plaque is being presented from the Campus Communications Committee representing shared governance in recognition of his leadership at Illinois State. Following a short discussion a motion was made by Diana Nelson to approve monetary expenses to pay a portion of the cost of the plaque being given to Dr. Bowman. The motion was seconded by Amanda Smith and unanimously approved.

Recently the Academic Senate requested the name of the person from the Civil Service Council that will be representing that entity during the next fiscal year. Lois Soeldner submitted her name but noted she is open to others volunteering for this detail.

The next deadline for the OpenLine is Friday, May 31.

Rick Marr reported that the EAC held its quarterly meeting in April on the campus of SIU-E. Along with regular information it was noted that a disciplinary case went before the merit board recently but the decision was upheld and the employee will be terminated. The group also discussed several legislative bills pending.

Pensions continue to be the hot topic according to Jan Cook. She encouraged everyone to stay tuned and watch for updates on the latest news for pensions and additional legislation in the State of Illinois. It was also noted that the ISU Board of Trustees is still short one member and that issue should be brought up before too long.

The recent Food Drive held on campus was very successful. Several of the red totes were filled and emptied on a regular basis during the month long drive. Two thank you notes were received from Claire House.

Friday, May 10 is the deadline for voting for new members of the Civil Service Council. As of the date of this meeting only 8% of the eligible voters had voted in the election. Four buses will depart the Bone Student Center on Friday, May 17 to carry participants to the Cubs Baseball Game in Chicago. Participation is down this year.

Jean Darnall asked for volunteers to help pack the goodies bags for the event. This will be done beginning at 2 pm in the Spotlight Room on Thursday, May 16. Jean requested a \$500 budget to purchase items to use in the goodies bags for participants.

A discussion was held about use of the CSListServ to send information to Civil Service Employees. After being told that a recent message did not reach several people and some fact finding by Amanda it was learned that the listserv used by the Council has an opt out option. There is a second listserv that people are not allowed to opt out of that is used by the University.

A motion was made by Jean Darnall and seconded Bob Blick to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Pfoff

Reminders: Deadlines for 2013 *OpenLine* – May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 27, December 18.

Upcoming CSC Meeting Dates – **2013 -** May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, August 6, August 20, September 3, September 17, October 1, October 15, November 5, November 19, December 3, December 17

Next Meeting ~

The next regular Civil Service Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 2013 in the Spotlight Room at the Bone Student Center.