

Illinois State University

Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting

May 21, 2013

Approved Minutes

Present: Barb Arbogast, Bob Blick, Tom Cotton, Jean Darnell, Jacob DeGeal, Dara Gibson, Diana Nelson, Maureen Peel, Carol Pfoff, Amanda Smith, Lois Soeldner, Kathleen Webster, Diana Weekes

Not Present: Christa Lawhun

Ex-Officio: Rick Marr Andee Radliff

Guests: Jan Cook, Ryan Denham

The meeting was called to order by chair Lois Soeldner in the Spotlight Room of the Bone Student Center.

Ryan Denham, Editor of *STATESide*, a part of University Marketing and Communications, was present to inform the Council of a daily blog that is done on campus. *STATESide* was launched in August 2012 and uses the same staff as the Alumni Magazine. In the past nine months the staff has done 185 stories that would be old news if they wanted until the Alumni Magazine was published. Although the audience is largely alumni the group is working to build awareness and getting more on-campus and community readers. Articles are archives and can be searched and viewed later.

Minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting stood approved as presented.

Chair Lois Soeldner noted that the bill for the plaque given to Dr. Bowman was received and has been paid.

The next deadline for the *OpenLine* is May 31. Lois noted that the position of Editor for the *OpenLine* has traditionally been a person who is not an elected member of the Council. Andrea Rediger served as a substitute while she was on the Council. A person from outside the Council has expressed interest and may be named soon.

Andee Radliff of Human Resources reminded members that Benefits Choice ends on May 31. If you do not want to change many items they will roll over but it is best to check to make sure you are signed up correctly. Changes will take effect on July 1, 2013.

Jan Cook reported that Linda Brookhart of SURS has been testifying recently. It was noted that University Presidents have come forward to take on some of the responsibility of funding pensions for their employees. Although pensions remain a high priority don't expect a decision in May. Gun control has an early June deadline and will be done first.

Jean Darnell reported on the Cubs Baseball Bus Trip held on Friday, May 17. He informed the Council that he was contacted on Wednesday of last week about someone to represent ISU to throw out the first pitch. He made some quick phone calls and as a result Carol Pfoff was selected to represent ISU at the game. Jean thanked the people that helped stuff goodies bags on Thursday afternoon for the trip. Leftover goodie bags were distributed to those attending the meeting.

Election results were announced as follows by Amanda Smith, chair of the election committee:

Group I – Glenn Dawson, 3-year term; Capri Gonzalez, 2-year term

Group II – Amy Witzig, 3-year term

Group III – Dara Gibson, 3-year term

Group IV – Robert Blythe, 3-year term, Bob Blick, 2-year term

Group V – Maureen Peel, 3-year term

Diana Nelson noted that the Motorcycle Safety Program will be ending in 2013 and she will be leaving the Council at that time. Diana Weekes may also be leaving at the end of the year. Both ladies currently work on grants that are on campus.

Tickets for the Cubs vs. Cardinals game at Wrigley Field on Saturday, July 13 are still for sale. These tickets are for the game only and people must provide their own transportation.

Deadline for Scholarship applications is June 7. Council members were encouraged to spread the word to get students to apply for the scholarships.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Pfoff

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

Upcoming CSC Meeting Dates – 2013 - 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, June 4, 2013 in the Spotlight Room at the Bone Student Center.

