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Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting August 7, 2012

Present: Lois Soeldner, Seann Berrocales, Amanda Smith, Christa Lawhun, Kathleen Webster, Barb Arbogast, Dara Gibson, Diana Weekes, Jacob Degeal, Tom Cotton, Bob Blick, and Maureen Peel

Ex-Officio: Rick Marr, Andrea Rediger

Guests: Jan Cook

Not Present: Jean Darnall, Carol Pfoff, Kathy Scott

The meeting was called to order by Lois Soeldner at 12:02 p.m.

Jan Cook stated the Board of Annuitants met with Representatives Dan Brady and Jason Barickman recently. One of the points made at that meeting was the fact that not everyone is making a large salary. The average pension is \$32,000. The Board is meeting with Senator Brady on Friday to get the same message to the Senate. Jan reminded Council members that any contact they make with legislators to express a point of view needs to be made with the individual's own phone off campus. Jan stated that she or other SUAA representatives would be glad to do presentations to campus groups in order to update them on what is happening in Springfield.

Chairperson Soeldner asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the July 17 minutes. There were none. Kathleen Webster made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Christa Lawhun.

In her Chair's remarks, Chairperson Soeldner stated that Milner Plaza has been reserved for September 27 for the annual Civil Service Council sponsored picnic. She asked that members strive to do a better job of selling tickets when those are available in order to increase the number of people attending.

Soeldner indicated she believes the AP Council may be interested in partnering with the Civil Service Council in distributing bags along the parade route for Homecoming again this year. If members of the Homecoming Committee are interested in this, she will pass along the information to them as soon as she receives it.

Soeldner passed around a sympathy card to be sent to the family of Paul Collins. He is a former member of Civil Service Council.

Chairperson Soeldner stated she has recently spoken to Diana Nelson who indicated she would like to help with the picnic and continue to serve on the Parking and Transportation Committee.

Soeldner has been thinking about a new fund raiser to be held in conjunction with the AP Council. She will share her thoughts about that fund raiser with the Executive Committee. She is also thinking about creating a new committee to work on obtaining discounts from area merchants for university employees. That matter will be further discussed at a later meeting.

Julie Prianos will attend the next Council meeting to explain My.IllinoisState.edu.

Jean Darnall has been contacted by the Educating Illinois Task Force who indicated they would like to meet again with the Council to provide updated information and gather feedback from members of the Council.

OpenLine report—Andrea Rediger stated the August issue will be going to the printer this week.

EAC report—Rick Marr thanked Lois, Kathleen, and Jan for attending the meeting recently held at ISU. He stated their visit to the meeting was very well received. Representatives of eleven universities were given a tour of the campus. The 21 representatives who attended the meeting liked the accommodations and meals. Linda Brookhart spoke to the group. Marr announced the next EAC meeting will be held with the Council of Councils on October 24, 25, and 26 at Northeastern University. He provided a twelve-page handout of legislative wrap-up materials that will be sent via e-mail to all council members.

Picnic Committee—Milner Plaza has been reserved for September 27. Jean Darnall has talked to Campus Dining about food and prices. They are to get back to him with information. The subject of renaming the picnic was discussed. The most popular choice seemed to be "Annual University Picnic Sponsored by Civil Service Council." Information regarding the picnic will be published in the OpenLine.

Scholarship Committee—Letters to scholarship winners have been sent. The signed request form has been sent to Financial Aid for disbursement of funds. Scholarship Committee Chair Barb Arbogast stated the scholarship application form needs to be revamped. She received communication from Financial Aid indicating the current form does not accurately indicate need. Arbogast asked

whether this matter should be presented to the entire Council for consideration or whether it is something to be handled by the Scholarship Committee. Christa Lawhun suggested the Scholarship Committee should work with the Foundation and Financial Aid Office and then bring the results to the Council. Lawhun then made a motion for the Scholarship Committee to look into this matter. The motion was seconded by Tom Cotton.

Raffle Committee—Maureen Peel stated the raffle committee has met to discuss prize donations and other matters. She asked that all council members try to obtain at least three prize donations. Letters explaining the purpose of the raffle were distributed to council members so they in turn can present them to possible donors. A list of vendors who have already been contacted was also distributed in order to prevent an individual merchant from being contacted by more than one council member. Peel stated the raffle tickets have been ordered from Printing Services. Rather than stating an exact drawing date on the ticket, it states the drawing will be held on the first Tuesday in December. This allows for any extra tickets to be used in next year's raffle. Peel indicated that all prizes should be obtained during the month of August so that a complete list of prizes can be available at the start of ticket sales. The grand prize this year will be a \$300 Visa card.

Christa Lawhun reminded council members that volunteers are still needed for Passages.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Peel