

**Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting**

**September 18, 2012**

*Approved on motion by Jean Darnall, second by Bob Blick*

**Present:** Barbara Arbogast, Seann Berrocales, Bob Blick, Tom Cotton, Jean Darnall, Jacob DeGeal, Dara Gibson, Maureen Peel, Carol Pfoff, Katherine Scott, Lois Soeldner, Amanda Smith, Kathleen Webster, Diana Weekes

**Not Present:** Christa Lawhun

**Ex-Officio:** Andee Radliff

**Guests:** Jan Cook

The meeting was called to order by chair Lois Soeldner at 12:02 p.m. in the Spotlight Room of the Bone Student Center.

Upon calling the meeting to order Lois asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 21, 2012 minutes. Being no additions or corrections the minutes stood as approved.

Lois Soeldner noted that she had sent her update via email to save time at the meeting. The group was asked if there were any questions on the information shared.

The newest Openline has been delivered to the mailroom and will go to employees in the next few days. Deadlines for future issues have been moved to the last day of the month before the issue is published.

Jan Cook noted that she had two important announcements to share. First there will be a meeting at noon on October 11 with the Director of the local Social Security Office. At that time there will be discussion regarding SURS and Social Security benefits. The location will be announced at a later date. The second item of interest is a meeting on Thursday, September 20 at 1 pm at the Alumni Center it is a Survivor Advocacy Workshop. This will give information to help understand what is needed if an active SURS member dies.

Jan also mentioned that the November ballot will contain a question on the Constitutional Amendment. It will likely be under the heading Pension Reform. She encouraged everyone to read the question very thoroughly before making a decision on which way to vote.

Lois passed around a sheet to sign up to work at the Krispie Kreme Donut booth on Tuesday, Sept. 25. The mobile unit will be on campus from 8:00 am to Noon selling both individual donuts and donuts by the dozen. They will be warm when they arrive on campus.

A lengthy discussion was held on the upcoming picnic. Everyone was encouraged to sell tickets to their colleagues across campus. Volunteers signed up to help during the event with set up, serving, raffle ticket sales, and/or clean up. All were reminded to donate drinks for the event. The annual State of the University address will be held that afternoon at 2 pm. After a short discussion the group noted that this event should be reevaluated before next year. If the Council continues to participate in the Quad Fest it could be used as the kick off for the annual raffle.

Discounts for employees was discussed briefly, two new discounts will be announced in the upcoming OpenLine. In the future a committee may be appointed to move forward with this project.

Members were encouraged to help distribute the bags prior to the homecoming parade on Oct. 7. A meeting place will be announced via email.

The next events for the Council will be the Shopping Trip and the Brotherhood Tree donation collection.

A motion was made by Jean Darnall and seconded by Tom Cotton to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Pfoff

**Reminders: Deadlines for next OpenLine -** October 31, November 28, December 19

**Upcoming CSC Meeting Dates** –October 16, November 6, November 20, December 4, December 18

**Websites of Interest:**

- Civil Service Council: <http://www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu>
- State Universities Civil Service System: <http://www.sucss.state.il.us>
- SUCSS Classification Status Notices: <http://www.sucss.state.il.us.cpm.asp>
- ISU Annuitants Association: <http://www.annuitants.ilstu.edu>
- State Universities Annuitants Association: <http://suaa.org>
- Human Resources: <http://www.hr.ilstu.edu>
- A/P Council: <http://www.apcouncil.ilstu.edu>
- Academic Senate: <http://www.academicssenate.ilstu.edu>

**Next Meeting ~**

**The next regular Civil Service Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, 2012 in the Spotlight Room at the Bone Student Center.**

