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Illinois State University

Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting

November 5, 2013

Present: Bob Blick, Bob Blythe, Jean Darnall, Jacob DeGeal, Diana Nelson, Carol Pfoff, Amanda Smith, Lois Soeldner, Kathleen Webster, Diana Weekes, Amy Witzig

Not Present: Glen Dawson, Dara Gibson, Capri Gonzalez, Maureen Peel

Ex-Officio: Rick Marr

Guests: Jan Cook, Arturo Ramirez, Mark Walbert

The meeting was called to order by chair Lois Soeldner in the Third East Lounge of the Bone Student Center at 12:04 p.m.

Being no additions or corrections to the minutes they stood as presented for the October 15, 2013 meeting.

The Krispie Kreme Donut Sale was a big success. Ninety dozen doughnuts were sold in one and a half hours. The profits of \$347.50 were split equally between the Civil Service and Administrative/Professional Councils.

Chair Lois Soeldner gave her report:

- Lois attended the Council of Councils with Maureen Peel. They learned a few interesting things at the meeting. One thing learned was that the state is revisiting possible inappropriate reclassifications at the next schedule audit if information has been provided to the auditors.

Mark Walbert presented the IT Strategic Plan to the Council. This is the third time the strategic plan has been updated. It was noted that technology changes are happening quickly Illinois State is roughly in the middle when being compared to peer institutions.

The next OpenLine deadline is November 27, however, everyone is encouraged to submit information early due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Rick Marr, EAC representative, noted that the systems office previously requested to take over classification authority but the merit board denied the request. It was reported to them that the systems office is preparing to ask for monthly reports on classification exemptions. The recent audit at Illinois State was not as good as the previous audits.

After attending the Council of Councils meeting Lois reported that she has requested funding to host the event. She was informed funding would be available. She will move forward to get information on hosting the event.

Jan Cook, Annuitant Representative, informed the Council there is now a petition to change the Constitution to a progressive tax for income. Current pensions are not subject to Illinois income tax which is unusual; most states tax those that are retired. Pensions are taxed at the federal level.

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Raffle – tickets are available from Maureen and she is also collecting money from tickets sold.

Shopping Trip – seats still remain on the bus for the trip.

Holiday Party – they meet soon, registration is now open.

Toy Drive – boxes will be put in place soon for the Salvation Army Toy Drive

Arturo Ramirez, Director of Institutional Web Support Services asked the Council if there are areas that will help with remodeling costs. He is trying to get his department remodeled but they have asbestos that will need removed and no funding to pay for the additional expense. He was directed to talk to Environmental Health and Safety to see if they can help the area.

Lois distributed information on notifying Representatives and Senators about pension reform. Comments are to be sent to Lois and she will be developing letters to send.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Pfoff

Reminders: Deadlines for 2013 *OpenLine* –November 29, December 18.

Upcoming CSC Meeting Dates – 2013 - November 19, December 3, December 17

2014 Dates - January 7, January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4 March 18, April 1, April 15, May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17

Next Meeting ~

The next regular Civil Service Council Meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2013 in the Spotlight Room at the Bone Student Center