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Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting March 15, 2016

Present: Kristen Grimes, Amanda Smith, Dan Enomoto, Lois Soeldner, Colette Homan, Richard Marr, Bob Blythe, Tom Cotton, Dara Gibson, Rachel Menken, Patti Hoit, Barb Arbogast; Guests – Arturo Ramirez, Tammy Carlson

Not Present: Amy Witzig, Glen Dawson, Patti Munster, Diana Nelson

Tammy Carlson presented information regarding upcoming changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act. New regulations are being drafted by the federal government following public comments in the fall of 2015. The regulations have not been finalized by the federal government; we do not know what the new salary amount will be, when it will go into effect, or an exact time frame on when Illinois State will have to comply with the updates. We do know the proposed changes will only effect employees that are currently in salaried positions; it will not effect any current employees in hourly positions.

Minutes from the March 1 meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report that Glen Dawson emailed to the Council prior to the March 1 meeting was approved.

Lois Soeldner reported that she would be having her scheduled meeting with the President and new A/P Council Chair, Ron Gifford later in the day.

Kristen Grimes reported that the OpenLine was sent out on March 14, with the upcoming deadline of March 29 for the next issue. She also proposed reducing the amount of times a year the OpenLine is delivered because of slow activity months and the amount of time dedicated to putting each issue together. She will follow up with an email with a more detailed proposal to all Council members.

Rick Marr reported that all upcoming EAC meetings will be in Central Illinois locations to cut down on travelling costs for all their members. The committee is looking into cutting down each meeting to one day, but it may not always be possible. He also informed us that the October meeting will likely be at UIUC because U of I is not able to host the Council of Councils.

Jan Cook reported that Maureen Peel will be running for the secretary position for the Annuitants Association and encouraged all to attend the June 1 meeting to cast votes in the election.

Amanda Smith reported that nominations for the Council elections are open and will close April 1.

Tom Cotton reported that he is still trying to get a hold of the contact at Western Avenue Community Center to find out specific donation needs, but all is ready to go for the drive in April.

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Amanda Smith reported that her and Amy Witzig reworded the information on the employee discounts page of the Council website to try to clear up confusion.

Lois Soeldner reiterated that U of I will not be hosting Council of Councils in 2016 and it will likely be moved to UIUC.

Bob Blythe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Barb Arbogast.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Smith