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## Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting April 21, 2015

**Present:** Amanda Smith, Jacob DeGeal, Colette Homan, Bob Blythe, JR Gordon, Bob Blick, Dara Gibson, Diana Nelson, Dana Tuttle, Maureen Peel, Lois Soeldner, Rick Marr, Jan Cook

Not Present: Carol Pfoff, Kathleen Webster, Glen Dawson, Amy Witzig

The meeting was called to order by Lois Soeldner. The April 7 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Lois noted that today is Maureen's last Council meeting, with her retirement reception on April 29. Lois also reminded everyone that the April 7 meeting was Capri Gonzalez's last meeting due to a job change.

Jacob DeGeal is drafting the April issue of OpenLine.

Colette Homan reported that May 1 begins the benefit choice period for all employees. Also reported was the iPeople upgrade will be finishing up April 23-30. iPeople will be in a read-only state during that time period.

Human Resources has a brand new testing center for incoming Civil Service employees off of Main Street, with parking onsite. This has allowed for testing to occur every day of the week.

Jan Cook reported on two bills that employees might want to be aware of, as they will affect those coming close to retirement – HC09 and SB104.

Bob Blick reported that he has made a trip to all the food donation boxes, but there has not been enough to take to the pantry yet.

Amanda Smith passed around a mock-up of the election reminder postcard to be sent to all employees. It was also noted that the Constitution does not need to be part of the election form because there were no proposed changes.

Amanda Smith noted that there are still tickets available for the Cubs game in July.

Lois Soeldner reported that a block of rooms has been made at the Marriott for the Council of Councils for \$83 a night. The contract for the rooms is being handled by the President's Office. She is still hoping to get the survey of session feedback from SIUC later this week.

Lois Soeldner reported that Amy Witzig will take over the discount program for the Council.

Rick Marr attended the quarterly EAC meeting. He reported that the proposed removal of half off tuition (at state schools) for University employee's children seems to be dead in committee. He also reported that the HB3102 is past the trial period and moving through the state congress. The EAC also discussed the five human resources proposals at their

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Lois Soeldner reported that the proposed policy on policy edits/creation is on hold until the fall.

It was noted that the Board of Trustees is full once more, with the appointment of Robert Dobski and Mary Ann Louderback.

Those who attended the Holiday Party planning meeting reported that both the Civil Service and Administrative Professional Councils will need to increase funding for the event, due to upcoming budget cuts for the University. The final amount has not been determined by the President's Office yet. It also looks like the party will remain on a Friday night, the first week of December.

Bob Blythe motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Maureen Peel.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Smith