

CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2015

The January meeting of the Civil Service was called to order at 1:04 pm by Carolin Harvey, President, Civil Service Council.

Roll call of the members was taken by Anthony Travelstead.

Members Present: Matthew Borowicz, Regina Brown, Elizabeth Cheek, Mickel Cordes, Diane Frew, Tina Gerecke, Vera Gibbs, Cyndy Green, Lisa Grotts, Carolin Harvey, Ann Little, Randy Lowe, Karin McClure, Tara Moore, Jason Phillips, Anthony Travelstead

Others Present: Jay Brooks, Quiana Jenkins, Jane Meuth, Teri Ricci, Jennifer Watson

Minutes:

Minutes from the January 7, 2015 were presented. Revisions were noted. R. Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. D. Frew seconded. Minutes approved with revisions.

Announcements:

C. Harvey encouraged those present to make an effort to attend some of the events planned for Black History month.

Reports:

Council President: C. Harvey reported that the Constituency Heads meeting is today, February 4th at 3:00 p.m. Harvey concluded by reporting that the next Board of Trustees meeting will be on March 19th.

School of Medicine: V. Williams with the Springfield campus was unable to join the meeting due to technical difficulties and the weather. A written report is attached. ([Attachment A](#))

Annuitants Association: J. Brooks reported that there was a meeting on January 14, 2015. Gary Beer attended. A full report is attached. ([Attachment B](#))

Human Resources: J. Watson reported that SURS will be on campus on April 7th, 8th, and 9th. An email announcement is going out next week to employees who are within four years of retiring. SURS will be making appointments as well as providing an opportunity for open discussion.

Council Committees:

Executive: J. Phillips reported the committee did not meet. The agenda was discussed via emails and set.

Budget: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

Civil Service Benefits: No report.

Education Assistance: A. Travelstead reported the committee met on January 14th and 28th. Travelstead stated that there were 22 applicants for the assistance award; 21 of those were approved. It was recommended that each approved applicant will receive \$225 each. Travelstead made a recommendation to the Council to approve \$225 for each of the 21 approved EAP applicants. C. Harvey asked if there was any discussion. A vote was taken. All in favor. Travelstead added that all money left over to be deposited in the Endowment Fund. The amount of the deposit will be reported at the March meeting. Travelstead handed out Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough order forms which are due back by March 4th with anticipated delivery of March 27th. The next fundraiser is the Flea Market on April 18, 2015 at the SIU Arena.

Elections: E. Cheek reported that the committee met on January 15th and reviewed election procedures and revised the election schedule. The next meeting is today after the regular Council meeting.

Public Information: M. Cordes reported that the Winter Edition of the newsletter will be sent before the end of February. C. Harvey asked if Chancellor/President Dunn has been asked to be the speaker at the Open Forum which is scheduled in April 8, 2015 in rooms 150/160 at the Student Services Building. A. Travelstead replied that he had not heard back from his office yet. C. Harvey stated that she will ask Julie McDannel to check his schedule at the meeting this afternoon.

Range: T. Gerecke stated that the committee has not met and are still exploring options with the Judicial Review Board and partnering with the Law School.

Constituency Committees:

Advisory Committee, Director of Public Safety: Not met, no meeting scheduled.

Affirmative Action Advisory: C. Harvey noted that this committee is meeting at this minute and a report will be submitted for next month's meeting.

Chancellor's Advisory Review Board: C. Harvey announced that this committee has been disbanded.

Executive Planning and Budget Committee: C. Harvey reported the January meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is February 23rd.

Computing Advisory: No report.

Honorary Degrees: Full report attached. ([Attachment C](#))

Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory: Full report attached. ([Attachment D](#))

Naming University Facilities: Not met, no meeting scheduled.

Parking and Traffic Appeals: No report.

Recreational Sports and Services Advisory: M. Cordes reported that the committee met on January 16th. Cordes stated that renovations are moving forward as scheduled and the “no tank tops” policy is being accepted better than anticipated. Cordes continued by saying that the Rec Center is expecting a negative impact in relation to the opening of The Hub in Marion. Cordes noted increased fees at SIU may contribute to less memberships.

Student Center Advisory: No report.

Traffic and Parking: K. McClure reported that the committee had not met. C. Harvey asked McClure to ask the Traffic and Parking committee to clarify the parking rules in the parking lot across from the Student Center and where the 24 hours parking lots are on campus.

University Joint Benefits: Teri Ricci reported that this committee has not met and are in still in the process of identifying all of the members. Ricci continued by saying that she is now in possession of the UJBC files and documents dating back numerous years.

UMPA: No report

Special/Other:

Academic Calendar: Not met, no meeting scheduled.

Employee Advisory Committee to the Merit Board: T. Travelstead reported that the EAC met on January 22nd and 23rd in Champaign at the Systems Office. During that meeting, two members that are no longer on the committee were recognized for their years of service. He continued by noting that three new members were seated. Travelstead stated that the Executive Committee discussed electronic voting for elections. He continued by noting that the last election had 16 voters out of 1600 Civil Service members. Changing to electronic voting will significantly reduce the amount of time and resources it takes for an election that is not electronic. Travelstead reported that SURS is in the process of hiring a new director. He noted that there is concern about a possible hiring freeze and the impact it will have on SURS. There are currently 48 SURS employees; over half of these employees will be eligible for retirement in the next three to five years. Travelstead noted that a hiring freeze will not only impact that office; it will impact the entire state of Illinois. The next Merit Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on February 23rd.

Legislative Advisory: K. McClure reported that Governor Rauner’s state of the state address is today at noon and the budget address is on February 18th.

Council of Councils: No report.

Campus Climate Committee: M. Borowicz reported that there was slightly over 33% participation with the Campus Climate Survey. Results are being tabulate and will be made available when the process is complete.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Non-Agenda Items:

C. Harvey asked that the Chancellor's Search Advisory Committee be added to the agenda under *Special/Other* and noted that none of the names submitted to the committee were chosen. Harvey added that President/Chancellor Dunn sent a request to constituency heads asking them to self-nominate to the committee. Harvey stated that she has asked about constituency representation on the search committee for the Athletic Director and has not had a response.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned.