

**CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL
2014-2015 Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2015**

The May meeting of the Civil Service was called to order at 1:00 pm by Carolin Harvey, President, Civil Service Council.

Roll call of the members was taken by Anthony Travelstead.

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

Members Absent: Regina Brown, Matthew Borowicz, Tina Gerecke

Others Present: Jay Brooks, Dawn Legier, Jane Meuth, Michele Tourville, Jennifer Watson, Vivian Williams (in Springfield via Polycom), Travis Zettler

Minutes:

Minutes from the April 1, 2015 were presented. D. Frew made a motion to approve the minutes. T. Moore seconded. Minutes approved.

Announcements:

Reports:

Council President: C. Harvey reported that the Constituency Heads meeting is today, May 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The next Board of Trustees meeting is on May 14, 2015 at SIUC.

School of Medicine: V. Williams reported that elections have been held and there are three new Civil Service Council Springfield members. Officer elections will take place on May 13, 2015. Williams will notify the Carbondale Council if she or someone else will be joining the Carbondale meetings.

Annuitants Association: J. Brooks reported that the spring meeting was held at the Dunn Richmond Center on April 17, 2015. Topics discussed at the meeting were Governor Rauner's proposal to move all current employees to tier 2. In tier 2 you pay 9.4% and get 7% back. The other topic was that lawyers representing state retirees in a case involving their health insurance premiums will receive a little more than \$1.5 million in fees and costs for their work (<http://www.suaa.org/assets/pdf/2015/MiniBriefing04.14.2015.pdf>).

Human Resources: J. Watson reported that Benefits choice period is from May 1 – June 1, 2015; changes made during this time will be effective July 1, 2015.

Council Committees:

Executive: J. Phillips reported that the committee met and discussed the agenda.

Budget: A. Little reported that the Council of Councils planning committee met to finalize the budget and determine how much of the Chancellor's money remains in the Civil Service Council state account. Details about the totals will be during the Council of Councils report.

Bylaws: No report.

Civil Service Benefits: No report.

Education Assistance: A. Travelstead reported the committee has not met, but has just concluded the fundraising activities for this semester. The Flea Market had 64 vendors and net income was \$1,890.69. Total money raised this semester is \$2,790 plus the projected endowment fund contribution adds up to \$5,307 for the Fall 2016 semester.

Elections: E. Cheek reported that the Election Committee met and accounted the ballots on April 15. ([Attachment A](#)) Cheek asked if there were any questions and asked for a motion to accept the results. D. Frew made a motion to accept the results of the election, No second needed. The results were approved. K. McClure made a motion to destroy the ballots, A. Travelstead seconded, the motion passed to destroy the ballots.

Public Information: M. Cordes reported that over 100 people attended the Open Forum with President Dunn and Jennifer Watson on April 8, 2015.

Range: Report attached. ([Attachment B](#))

Constituency Committees:

Advisory Committee, Director of Public Safety: No report

Affirmative Action Advisory: No report

Executive Planning and Budget Committee: C. Harvey reported that the committee has met multiple times and has been working on various budget scenarios to be referenced when the final state budget is announced. C. Harvey encouraged those present to visit the Chancellor's website for more up to date information about the budget. (<http://www.chancellor.siu.edu/budget/>)

Computing Advisory: No report.

Honorary Degrees: No report.

Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory: No report.

Naming University Facilities: No report.

Parking and Traffic Appeals: No report.

Recreational Sports and Services Advisory: M. Cordes reported that the committee met on April 24, 2015. The replacement of the lower track and curtains is scheduled to start in June. The next meeting is in September.

Student Center Advisory: No report.

Traffic and Parking: No report.

University Joint Benefits: No report.

UMPA: No report

Special/Other:

Chancellor's Search Advisory Committee: C. Harvey reported that the committee will be meeting with the last candidate today and the open forum is tomorrow at 8:45 a.m. in the Guyon Auditorium followed by a joint meeting with the Civil Service Council and AP Staff Council at 10 a.m. in the Illinois Room at the Student Center.

Academic Calendar: No report

Employee Advisory Committee to the Merit Board: T. Travelstead reported that the EAC met on April 16 and 17 at Governors State University in Chicago. The main topic of discussion was the Rule of Three House Bill 3102. Travelstead explained that this bill amends the State University Civil Service Act; making it possible for universities to expand the pool of prospective candidates for Civil Service positions. The reason for this amendment is to increase diversity on university campuses. The next meeting is July 16 and 17 at University of Illinois Chicago campus. The next Merit Board meeting is May 20.

Legislative Advisory: No report.

Council of Councils: D. Frew reported that the committee met and finalized the budget for the 2014 Council of Councils Conference; \$1947.04 remains from the \$10,000 provided by the Chancellor's office. Frew stated that this amount will be returned. ([Attachment C](#)) C. Harvey asked if there were any questions, none voice. R. Lowe made a motion to accept the report as presented, C. Green seconded; all in favor, motion passed.

Campus Climate Committee: No report

Staff Excellence Awards: C. Harvey reported that Rachel Shurtz, Laboratory Manager; Zoology received the award. C. Green noted that a total of six Civil Service employees were nominated.

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion of a reception for Staff Excellence Award Winner, Rachel Shurtz, at the June meeting. Carolin Harvey recognized outgoing Council members Regina Brown, Diane Frew, and Vera Gibbs with a certificate of appreciation. She expressed thanks to all of them for their service on the Council.

Non-Agenda Items: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.