

**CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL
2015-2016 Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2015**

The September 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, Tina Gerecke, Cyndy Green, Lisa Grotts, Carolin Harvey, Doreen Hees, Ann Little, Randy Lowe, Jane Meuth, Tara Moore, Jason Phillips, Michele Tourville, Anthony Travelstead, Karin Wece

Members Absent: William Dozier, Travis Zettler

Others Present: Dawn Legier, Jennifer Watson, Jay Brooks, Vivian Williams

Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting on August 5, 2015 were presented. T. Moore noted a correction on the third line of the first paragraph and under *Others Present*. No other corrections noted. D. Hees made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. M. Tourville seconded. Minutes of the meeting approved with corrections.

Announcements:

A. Travelstead reminded everyone that there are a few Council members who have not paid the \$5 Flower Fund.

Reports:

Council President: C. Harvey reported that the Constituency Heads met on August 18, 2015 to discuss possible candidates for the Interim Chancellor position.

Board of Trustees: The next BOT meeting is September 10, 2015 in Edwardsville.

School of Medicine: V. Williams reported that the School of Medicine (SoM) is anxiously awaiting the announcement of who will be appointed to Dean of the School of Medicine; the SoM is also waiting to hear the final decision of the BOT regarding the potential change in reporting lines; the budget for the SoM is manageable until the end of the calendar year, possibly late fall; as of now no one has been laid off at the SoM; some positions have been reassigned; the Educational and Development Program, a monetary fund for Civil Service employees to further their education, has increased in awareness, 26 applicants for the fall semester; they are working on fund raisers to support this program.

Annuitants Association: J. Brooks reported that the next SUAA Board meeting is September 9, 2015; the Fall General Meeting is September 17, 2015 at 4:40 p.m. in the SIU Law School Auditorium; Bryan Lewis, Executive Director of the State Universities Retirement System (SURS), will be the guest speaker; there will be a question and answer session after the Mr. Lewis' presentation; refreshments will be served at the end of the program.

Human Resources: J. Watson reported that SURS counselors will be on campus October 20-22, 2015; a general session will be held on October 21, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the SIU Law School Auditorium; Flu shots will be at the Student Recreation Center, Alumni Lounge, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Friday, October 16, 2015 - Last Names N-Z, Tuesday, October 20, 2015 - Last Names A-M.

Council Committees:

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

Budget: M. Cordes reported that there is still no information to pass on since there is not a budget from the state.

Bylaws: K. Wece reported that the committee met on August 13, 2015 to discuss potential revisions and clean-up for the Bylaws; another meeting will be scheduled in September.

Civil Service Benefits: No report.

Education Assistance: A. Travelstead reported that the committee met on August 27, 2015 and elected Anthony Travelstead as Chair; EAP applications for fall 2015 were reviewed; there were 19 applications, 2 were disqualified for not meeting the requirements, 17 were approved for \$250 each. A. Travelstead made a recommendation to the Council to award \$250 for the 17 approved applicants. C. Green seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote. A. Travelstead made an additional recommendation to deposit \$1,679.26 back in to the endowment. C. Green seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote. Upcoming fundraisers will be the Holiday Luncheon on December 2, 2015, Dine-In Event with Quatro's in October, Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough in the spring.

Elections: No report.

Public Information: M. Cordes reported that the newsletter should be distributed late this week or early next week.

Range: No Report

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 EPBC met but there is not much to report because there is no 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, next meeting in November

Recreational Sports and Services Advisory: No report

Student Center Advisory: No report.

Traffic and Parking: K. Wece reported that there will be a meeting at the end of September or early October.

University Joint Benefits: No report

UWPA: No report

Special/Other:

Employee Advisory Committee to the Merit Board: A. Travelstead reported that the next meeting is October 14-15, 2015 at Illinois State University; there is an ongoing search for the director of the State Universities Civil Service System Office; three candidates are: Rhonda Armstead, James Gallagher, and Jeff Brownfield; there was an open forum with the candidates on August 27, 2015; the position is expected to be filled in September; the next Merit Board meeting is November 18, 2015.

Legislative Advisory: K. Wece reported that the House is in session today and is expected to vote to override the Governor's veto of SB1229. This bill would prevent AFSCME from going on strike or being locked-out by the Governor if either side declares impasse during negotiations; it would instead require an independent arbitrator to intervene.

Old Business:

New Business:

A question was asked about what is being done about the enforcement of staff and students smoking on campus now that SIU is smoke-free. C. Harvey responded that as far as she knows, there is no enforcement at this time. The following link has more information about SIU's no smoking policy <http://smokefree.siu.edu/>.

Non-Agenda Items:

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.