

CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL
2015-2016 Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2016

The March meeting of the Civil Service was called to order at 1:00 pm by Jason Phillips, Vice President, Civil Service Council.

Roll call of the members was taken by Anthony Travelstead.

Members Present: Elizabeth Cheek, Mickel Cordes, William Dozier, Diane Frew, Tina Gerecke, Cyndy Green, Lisa Grotts, Ann Little, Randy Lowe, Jane Meuth, Tara Moore, Jason Phillips, Darla Phoenix, Michele Tourville, Anthony Travelstead, Karin Wece

Members Absent with proxy:

Members Absent: Carolin Harvey

Others Present: Jennifer Watson, Jay Brooks, Kathy Anderson, Marianne Wilson, Lori Stettler (Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs)

Invited Guest: Lori Stettler, Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, presented the Council with a copy of the Mission Vision and Value Statement (http://studentaffairs.siu.edu/about_us/mission_vision_values.html) for Student Affairs and spoke about what Student Affairs is and the recent realignment of the organization. Stettler has units in Housing, Recreation Center, Student Center, Student Health and Counseling, Rainbow's End Child Development Center, Touch of Nature, Sustainability, Dean of Students, Non-Traditional Students Services, Veterans Services, Students Rights and Responsibilities, Center for Inclusive Excellence, and Student Engagement. Stettler explained that all of the units that work with students outside of the classroom were moved back in to Student Affairs. Student Affairs was part of SIU for many years and went away for a while. The Mission Vision and Value statement outlines what Student Affairs values are and how they work with students and the campus community. Stettler added that one of the goals of Student Affairs it to create better and more collaborative relationships across campus. The focus is to serve students with integrity, excellence through accountability, and engagement. Stettler stated that one of the most important things that Student Affairs does is being advocates for students. Student Affairs is part of the core mission of the institution.

Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting on February 2, 2016 were presented. Changes were noted. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with corrections. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Announcements:

No announcements

Reports:

Council President: No report

Board of Trustees Meeting: Next meeting March 24, 2016 at SIUE

School of Medicine: No report

Annuitants Association: Jay Brooks provided those present with information about becoming a member of the Annuitants Association. (<http://annuitants.siu.edu/membership-information/>)

Human Resources: Jennifer Watson reported that SURS will be on campus on April 19 and 20, but all of the appointments have been taken. The general session will be on April 20 in the Law School auditorium at 10:30 a.m.

Council Committees:

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

Budget: No report

Bylaws: No report

Civil Service Benefits: Has not met, no report.

Education Assistance: A. Travelstead reported that the committee has not met and thanked everyone for selling cookie dough. The next fundraiser is the flea market on April 30.

Public Information: M. Cordes reported that the committee met on February 23 and discussed the Open Forum on April 14. The Executive Council asked Ryan Hall in Labor and Employee Relations if civil service employees will be granted leave time for attending the Open Forum; civil service employees will not have to use their personal time to attend the open forum, but must have prior consent from their immediate supervisor to attend. The committee also talked about the newsletter and drafting a letter to be presented at the upcoming Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. The main idea behind drafting a letter to be read at the BOT is to address the concerns as State employees in the Civil Service system.

Range: No report

Election: K. Wece gave an update on the current election; met on February 3, validated the list of civil service employees and finalized the schedule; Monday, February 29 was the last day to file the candidacy ballots; the next step is to put the election ballots together and send in campus mail on March 28.

Constituency Committees:

Advisory Committee, Director of Public Safety: No report

Affirmative Action Advisory: No report.

Executive Planning and Budget Committee: No report

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 and discussed the elimination of 5 student employee positions and the hiring of one full time person in a supervisory role on seconds and weekend shift. There was also discussion about a fee increase; there has not been a fee increase in nine years. Minutes of Recreational Sports and Services Advisory Board meetings are available upon request. Please contact Dee Donaldson at ddndson@siu.edu or 618-453-1274.

Student Center Advisory: No report

Traffic and Parking: K. Wece reported that the committee met on February 18, 2016 and will type a report for next month's meeting. There will be a price increase next year; low blue will go from \$125 to \$135, medium blue \$175 to \$185, high blue \$200 to \$210, premium blue \$250 to \$265, red and green will increase from \$127 to \$135, yellow \$48 to \$55, Wall and Grand \$217 to \$230, Wall and Grand Stoker Street \$72 to \$80. The amount of parking sticker refund is going to decrease; currently refunds are prorated, August to December refund will be 40% of the purchase price, after December there are no refunds. A. Travelstead asked if there was discussion about the price of a sticker for a second vehicle. Wece responded by saying that it was not discussed, but there was discussion about the cost of a replacement sticker increasing from \$5 to \$15. The next meeting is in November.

University Joint Benefits: No report

UWPA: No report

Special/Other:

Employee Advisory Committee to the Merit Board: Not met. Next meeting is April 14-15, 2016. W. Dozier asked if there would be discussion regarding the exam for Corporal and Sargent. J. Watson and Travelstead said that they would ask about that at the meeting in April.

Legislative Advisory: K. Wece reported that there were two pension buy-out bills proposed by two different representatives. It appears that both of these bills would be entirely voluntary and would be advantageous for very few people under limited circumstances because it will save the State money which would in turn cost the pension. The bill numbers are HB4427 and HB5625.

College of Business Dean Search: D. Frew reported that two candidates have visited campus and two more are scheduled next week.

Non-Academic Program Review Committee: A. Travelstead reported that this committee met on February 4, 2016 for the first time and received the official charge from the Chancellor. The committee has not met since.

Old Business:

New Business:

Non-Agenda Items:

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.