

Elections Committee

Members of the CSC Elections Committee met immediately following the January 11, 2012 Civil Service Council meeting. Shari Garnett was selected to be Chair. Committee members reviewed and amended a tentative schedule, which was later distributed by Becky Armstrong to all committee members. Review of the list of status civil service employees will begin on or around January 23 with the Elections Committee meeting on February 1 to certify the number of employees and to determine the number of council vacancies in each sector. Statement of Candidacy forms will be mailed to civil service employees on February 22 with a deadline for return of March 7. Ballots will be mailed on March 30 with a deadline for return of April 13. Ballots will be counted on April 18.

Submitted by Shari Garnett

Affirmative Action Advisory Committee

Tracy Bennett - Civil Service Employee Council Representative

The Affirmative Action Advisory committee met on November 8, 2011. Dr. Cynthia Sims began the meeting by discussing the proposed changes to the operating papers regarding committee membership. Discussion was focused on whether or not the number of committee members should be limited or not. The meeting was shortened due to scheduling conflicts but additional discussion took place via email. It seems the consensus is that the spirit of the committee is that of inclusiveness and as such, we should not limit membership. The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012.

Employees Advisory Committee to the Merit Board

Meeting January 12 and 13th – Champaign-Urbana

Note: I went to Champaign with intent to attend this meeting and fell ill at the hotel and had to return to Carbondale without attending. The below is a recapitulation from the secretary of the committee. If you have questions, I'll email them to her and get answers back to you. Thanks.

1. University of Illinois President Michael Hogan was in attendance and spoke about budget and pension reform concerns. He suggested all members get to know and communicate with their state legislators.
2. New and returning members were installed. Recognition of outgoing members was held (3 from UIUC and one from SURS). Elections of officers and committee appointments for 2012 were held.

3. State Universities Civil Service System office will be unveiling a new public website on 2/1/12. EAC members can view it now...website is still www.sucss.illinois.gov.
4. Systems office then reported on classification plan changes, audit reports and a legal update.

Submitted by:

Vicki Nelson

Search Committee for Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts

The search committee for the Dean of CASA met on Tuesday, January 24 to begin discussion of candidate qualifications. The pool of applicants was narrowed down to 4 from a pool of 13. The committee determined that any additional applications received will be given consideration at the next search committee meeting which was scheduled for Thursday, February 2 from 2:00-4:00. A subcommittee was formed to begin calling references for the 4 candidates.

Submitted by Shari Garnett