OPEN FORUM WITH CHANCELLOR SCHEDULED

The Civil Service Council has scheduled an Open Forum with Chancellor Rita Cheng at Noon on Monday, April 29 in the Delta Room (fourth floor) of the Student Center. You are invited to share your ideas or concerns about important issues affecting your job and the University. If you would like to submit questions to the Chancellor in advance, please email/mail them to Carolin Harvey, Registrar’s Office, 4701 (charv@siu.edu), no later than April 18.

Questions will also be collected at the door and will be answered, time permitting.

Light refreshments will be provided, and you are welcome to bring your lunch.

If specialized services are needed, please contact Becky Armstrong, Professional Constituencies Office, 453-5249, no later than April 15.

We hope to see you there!

CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL ELECTIONS UNDERWAY

The Civil Service Council will soon be electing representatives for the 2013-2014 year. The Council is divided into three “sectors”: Provost and Vice Chancellor; General; and Auxiliary Services. Civil Service Employees will vote for the candidates in their respective sectors.

The individuals standing for election in the General Sector are:

ELIZABETH CHEEK, an Account Technician III at Plant and Service Operations. “I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to represent you by serving on the Civil Service Council. I want to be involved with the welfare of Southern Illinois University. As an alumnus of SIU Carbondale, I feel education is very important. I also believe that the employees are the strength of the University and that without teamwork, SIU would not attain success. If re-elected, I will do my best to speak for you.”

MICHEL CORDES presently works in Building Services. “I have served on the Civil Service Council for the last four years and been part of several subcommittees during my term. I wish to represent the employees of SIU Carbondale on the Council, and I ask for your support.”

The individuals standing for election in the Auxiliary Services Sector is:

PATRICK BRUMLEVE, Housing Representative in University Housing. “I have been on the Civil Service Council for several years and would like to continue. I have served on the Public Information Committee and strongly support the Education Assistance Committee. We are currently being faced with a variety of challenges and concerns. I believe I have the experience and dedication to assist the Council. I am asking for your support.”

The individuals standing for election in the Provost and Vice Chancellor Sector are:

MATTHEW BOROWICZ, Library Affairs Information Services. “As a two-time graduate of SIU Carbondale and an employee for 8 years working with students, I believe I would bring a unique perspective to the CSC. I currently work with the Library Training and Development Committee, the Library Staff Council and work with faculty, staff and students on a daily basis. I value my education from this University and strive to make this a better institution for future generations.”

CAROLIN HARVEY, Office of the Registrar-Transitional Programs. “Civil Service employees are the heart of SIU Carbondale. I have always considered it an honor to represent you. I would consider it a great privilege to continue in this role. As your advocate, my ultimate goal will be to continue to voice your concerns as we seek solutions. I ask for your support.”

JANE MEUTH, Center for English as a Second Language (CESL). “I have been employed by the SIU system for 25 years and am a proud alumnus (BS, MS, PhD). I am submitting my application for candidacy to the CSC because I care deeply for the people employed on this prestigious campus; am interested in the development and implementation of campus policies and procedures; and will strive to make a positive impact on the campus environment and employment conditions.”

TERI STOBBS RICCI works in Library Affairs as an Administrative Aide (Personnel Coordinator). “In my current position, I believe that my primary purpose is to serve as an advocate for all Library employees. I began attending CSC meetings last year to better stay abreast of what’s happening on campus. I got involved in a couple of CSC committees, and I feel that my experience in different capacities on the SIU campus will help me serve well. I look forward to having that opportunity!”

JULIE VIRGO, College of Science. “I have served on the Council in two different time periods, and I have been a part of some positive change that the Civil Service Council has put forward for the civil servants on campus. I feel that my 18 years on campus have prepared me to continue making a difference for effecting positive changes for my constituency group. I look forward to the opportunity to be able to serve.”

Look for your ballot this week, and please vote!
The Civil Service Council Education Assistance Committee would like to thank our fellow employees for making our October 17, 2012, fund raiser luncheon to the Student Center’s.

The Civil Service Council Education Assistance Committee thanks all those who participated in the Committee’s Fall 2012 fund raisers. Over $3500 was raised from the sale of tickets to the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction held at the Newman Center on December 8, the Holiday Raffle held on December 5 and the Old Main Lunch Buffet held on October 17.

Funds raised went toward Spring 2013 scholarships for the following 24 dependents of SIU Carbondale Civil Service employees:

Abby Bateman (sponsor, Jana Bateman, Student Health Center)
Nichole Beckman, (sponsor, Robert Beckman, Physical Plant)
Sarah Castle (sponsor, Shirley Castle, Accounting Services)
Andrew Clark (sponsor, David Clark, Physical Plant)
Jessica Cludray (sponsor, Patti Cludray, Forestry)
Rachel Dunning (sponsor, John Dunning, Public Safety, retired)
Sarah Fields (sponsor, Debra Fields, Sponsored Research Administration)
Adam Floro (sponsor, Linda Floro, Recreational Sports and Services)
Allen Foster (sponsor, Lori Foster, Sponsored Research Administration)
Allison Gibson (sponsor, Charles Gibson, Information Technology)
Victoria Gwaltney (sponsor, Denis Gwaltney, Physical Plant)
Jacob Hackman (sponsor, Diane Hackman, SIU Foundation)
Brittany Jennings (sponsor, Susan Jennings, Payroll)
Michael Kraft (sponsor, Jon Kraft, Chemistry and Biochemistry)
Jacob McClure (sponsor, Karin McClure, Library Affairs)
Sarah O’Dell (sponsor, Christine O’Dell, Civil Engineering)
Kyle Quigley (sponsor, Carla Quigley, Physical Plant)
Alyssa Reinhardt (sponsor Cheryl Reinhardt, Provost and Vice Chancellor)
Cammi Ruffino (sponsor, Trudy Ruffino, University Housing)
TreVon Sherrill (sponsor, Kita Sherrill, University Housing)
Mackenzie Wicoff (sponsor, Kelly Wicoff, Exploratory Students)
The Civil Service Council Education Assistance Committee is conducting two fund raisers for Spring 2013. The committee’s major fund raiser is the annual Spring Flea Market, scheduled for 8AM-3PM on Saturday, April 27 at the SIU Arena Parking Lot. All are welcome to browse or sell! Anyone interested in renting a space for the flea market can contact Becky Armstrong at 453-5249 or download an application from the Civil Service Council’s website at http://cscouncil.siu.edu/Educ_Asst/FM13.html.

As a result of the success of last year’s Old Main Luncheon Buffet fund raiser, the committee is again selling tickets for the lunch buffet at the Student Center’s Old Main Restaurant from 11AM to 1:30PM on Wednesday, April 17. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased from any member of the Civil Service Council (see page 2) or by calling the Professional Constituencies Office at 453-5249.

As part of the event, the committee will give away five Visa gift cards worth a combined total of $250. The names of those who buy tickets will be entered into the drawing, which will be held immediately following the luncheon. Those who are entered need not be present to win.

Proceeds from all fund raising activities go to the Education Assistance Program administered by the SIU Carbondale Civil Service Council. The Education Assistance Program provides monetary awards to any SIU Carbondale student whose sponsor is an SIU Carbondale Civil Service Employee (must meet eligibility criteria). For more information on the Education Assistance Program, call the Constituencies office or go to http://cscouncil.siu.edu/Educ_Asst/about_EAP.html.

JOIN THE CIVIL SERVICE LISTSERV

The Civil Service Council established a Listserv for use by all SIU Carbondale Civil Service employees. The listserv is a tool we can all use to openly communicate with one another about University-related issues.

In order to subscribe to the listserv, simply follow these instructions:

Send an e-mail message to listserv@siu.edu. Your message should say
SUB CS-STAFF-L [your first and last name]

You will receive an e-mail message indicating your subscription has been accepted, along with a lengthy message as to the listserv protocol.

If you wish to discuss an issue or pose a question, send an e-mail message to CS-STAFF-L@SIU.EDU

Please remember that when you click on “reply” to a message, your response goes to every subscriber. However, each message received will have the e-mail address of the sender. So, if you wish to reply only to the sender, address an e-mail directly to that person. Should you wish to unsubscribe from the list, send a note to the listserv and put:
unsub CS-STAFF-L [your e-mail address]

We look forward to hearing your comments and concerns.

Chancellor Rita Cheng addresses the Council at its meeting on December 5, 2012

Dean Anne Cooper Moore presented to the Council on January 9, 2013, on Morris Library’s new initiatives
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PAYROLL DEDUCTION CAMPAIGN

For about the cost of a soda a week, you can help support the Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund!

With more than 2,500 Civil Service Employees right here at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, just think what your small, yet significant, contribution could do! Over the last 30 years, the Civil Service Council Education Assistance Program has given away just over $150,000 in financial assistance, which has benefited more than 300 dependent students of civil service employees' right here at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Over the last few years, the number of employee dependents applying for assistance has risen, and we need your help to ensure that this program continues to benefit our SIU Carbondale civil service employee dependents into the future.

With a minimal contribution made each pay period, we can help ensure that OUR dependents receive a quality education while easing their financial burden here at Southern Illinois University. Why not get involved and give a little back? Employees who would like to contribute monthly to the program can submit the payroll deduction form below to the SIU Foundation. One-time contributions are also very appreciated!

The Education Assistance Program was established in 1982 by the Civil Service Employees Council (CSEC) of Southern Illinois University Carbondale to provide financial assistance for SIU Carbondale civil service employee dependents who attend SIU Carbondale. The Education Assistance Program is financed by employee contributions, income from an endowment fund and proceeds from fund raising activities sponsored by the Civil Service Council (CSC). Questions about the Program can be directed to the Professional Constituencies Office at 618-453-5249 or the committee chair, Anthony Travelstead (tonyt@psos.siu.edu | 618-453-5348).

I contribute to the Civil Service Education Assistance Program because I like helping fellow civil service workers who do not usually make a lot of money. Sending a child to college is expensive. Even though my children were raised when I started at SIU, and I knew I would never be able to use the funds to assist my own children, I still thought it was a very worthy cause. I began contributing a small amount each paycheck within my first year of working at SIU, and I have been here 20 years now. I was told about this fund through a fellow member in my Connections group I belong to and most likely never would have heard about it if not for her. I do not think enough people realize the program is there and maybe more people would contribute if they knew about it.

--Joyce Metcalf, Senior Library Specialist, Library Affairs

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Payroll Deduction Authorization
Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund

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Last First MI Last four digits of SS# AIS#

Address ___________________________________________ _____________

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I am paid [ ] Monthly [ ] Semi-Monthly [ ] Bi-weekly

I hereby authorize Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as an agent of the State of Illinois, to deduct from my earnings and deposit with the SIU Foundation each pay period, beginning _________________, 20 _____ the amount checked: [ ] $2.50 per pay period [ ] $5.00 per pay period [ ] $_____ per pay period. My gift is designated for the Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund. I reserve the right to change or revoke this authorization by submitting a written revocation card to the Southern Illinois University Foundation.

The deduction(s) authorized on this card is/are: [ ] In addition to [ ] To discontinue & replace all current deductions [ ] To discontinue & remove all current deductions

Please return to: SIU Foundation, MC 6805
1235 Douglas Drive
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, IL 62901

Signature ________________________ Date ________________________

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