

**Honorary Degree/Distinguished Service Awards Committee**

The Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award Committee met on Monday, November 12, 2012, to review, discuss, and vote on the nominations for an Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award. A total of five nominations were received: one nomination that didn't specify and was undeterminable as for which category it was being nominated; one for an honorary degree and three for distinguished service awards. The committee is sending forward their recommendations to the Chancellor. The committee's responsibilities are complete until fall of 2013.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Garnett*

**Recreational Sports and Services Advisory**

The University has hired a new Rec Center Director. His name is Troy Vaughn.

<http://www.reccenter.siu.edu/index.php/meetthestaff/meet-the-staff/201-meet-the-staff/17-troy-vaughn>

He was previously at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO, where he was the Director of Recreation Services.

<http://www.publichealth.indiana.edu/alumni/alumniawards/patty/vaughn.shtml>

The Rec Center is undertaking several projects in the near future. There has been a bond issue to pay for new HVAC systems as well as a new roof.

They will also be using a new system for Instructional Programs at the Rec Center in the spring. They will ask a flat fee (in addition to the membership fee for a slate of low cost courses, and a higher fee that would include the low cost courses as well as several higher cost courses.

*Submitted by  
Bill Bruns*

**University Joint Benefits - 11/27/12**

Bruce Appleby reported that because the governor has terminated the AFSCME contract, SB1313 (which requires retirees to contribute to their health insurance premiums) is just sitting. There are two lawsuits as a result of this bill. Nobody is sure how premiums will be determined.

The veto session of the 97<sup>th</sup> General Assembly began today (11/27). The thinking is that nothing will happen on pensions during the veto session; rather, pensions will likely be taken up during the period of Jan. 2-9, the so-called "lame-duck" session.

Bruce mentioned [www.suaa.org](http://www.suaa.org) as a good source of information on which bills SURS participants need to keep an eye on.

Jim Hunsaker was elected chair of UJBC, with David DiLalla elected Vice-Chair.

The previously-proposed meeting schedule was formally approved.

*Reported by Karin McClure*