

**CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL
2015-2016 Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2016**

The May 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, Diane Frew, Tina Gerecke, Cyndy Green, Lisa Grotts, Carolin Harvey, Ann Little, Randy Lowe, Jane Meuth, Tara Moore, Jason Phillips, Darla Phoenix, Anthony Travelstead, Karin Wece

Members Absent with proxy: Michele Tourville (proxy Richel Biby)

Members Absent: William Dozier

Others Present: Jay Brooks, Dawn Legier, Jennifer Watson, Marianne Shields, Barb Shiplett, Rhonda Ferguson

Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting on April 6, 2016 were presented. Corrections were noted. A motion was made by D. Frew to approve the minutes with corrections; seconded by E. Cheek. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Announcements:

C. Harvey announced that graduation is next week and encouraged all to attend.

Reports:

Council President: C. Harvey reported that Constituency Heads met and had open discussion about current issues on campus.

Board of Trustees Meeting: C. Harvey reported that the next BOT meeting May 5, 2016 at SIUC.

School of Medicine: Report attached ([Attachment A](#))

Annuitants Association: J. Brooks reported that on April 29, 2016 SUAA conducted its annual spring meeting at the Dunn Richmond Center. Representatives Bradley and Bryant were guest speakers and in turn answered questions from the Board and the audience. During the presentation, Representative Bryant stated the \$600 million from State appropriations for universities and community colleges was the direct result of the rank and file rising up and insisting that something be done for higher education. Representative Bradley said that the largest obstacle to forming a budget with Governor Rauner is that every item is tied to his turn around agenda and every item hurts middle class in some way.

Human Resources: Jennifer Watson reminded everyone that the Benefits Choice period is May 1 – 31; more information is available on the HR website; the rates included in the information are for 2016; the 2017 is under negotiation which means that rates may change; Watson said that everyone needs to read the literature that has been sent to all employees so that they are aware that the rates may change; if the rates change after July 1, those rates will be retroactive back to July 1.

Council Committees:

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

Budget: M. Cordes circulated copies of the Funds Available report from AIS.

Bylaws: No report

Civil Service Benefits: Has not met, no report.

Education Assistance: A. Travelstead reported that the Annual Flea Market is coming up this Saturday, May 7; currently there are 49 vendors; the Jackson County household cleanup collection day is the same day as the flea market; that should increase traffic and hopefully bring more people to the flea market; May 4 was the dine-in fundraiser at Quatro's; 20% of sales are donated to the CSC Education Assistance Program (EAP) when certificate is presented with purchase; J. Meuth stated that she would like to take this opportunity to thank the CSC EAP for sponsoring her son; he graduates from the nursing program on May 6.

Public Information: M. Cordes reported that the Open Forum with the Chancellor was on April 28; the Chancellor's responses to questions will be made available as soon as possible.

Range: No report

Staff Excellence: C. Green reported that the presentation ceremony was on April 26, 2016. Crystal Marlow was the recipient of the Staff Excellence Award for the Civil Service. Arrangements were made to invite Marlow to the next meeting for a short reception with light refreshments.

Election: K. Wece reviewed the election results ([Attachment B](#)) and made a recommendation to accept the results of the election; unanimously approved by voice vote; Wece made a recommendation to destroy the ballots; unanimously approved by voice vote. C. Harvey stated that she would like to get consent for the current election committee to research the option of electronic balloting; brief discussion followed; unanimous consent for the Electronic Election Committee to research electronic voting options.

Constituency Committees:

Advisory Committee, Director of Public Safety: No report

Affirmative Action Advisory: No report

Executive Planning and Budget Committee: April meeting was cancelled, rescheduled for May 17, 2016.

Computing Advisory: No report

Honorary Degrees: No report

Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory: No report

Naming University Facilities: Report attached ([Attachment C](#))

Parking and Traffic Appeals: No report.

Recreational Sports and Services Advisory: M. Cordes reported that the committee met and discussed the change in hours of operation and the change in membership fees; more information can be found at <http://reccenter.siu.edu/>. The next meeting is in August.

Student Center Advisory: No report

Traffic and Parking: Next meeting November 2016.

University Joint Benefits: No report

UWPA: No report

Special/Other:

Employee Advisory Committee to the Merit Board: A. Travelstead reported that the committee met on April 15, 2016 in Champaign, IL at the Civil Service Systems Office and added that he did not make it to the meeting because of car troubles; the Merit Board's next meeting is on May 11, 2016; there will be a video link to that meeting in the basement of Miles Hall.

Legislative Advisory: No report

Non-Academic Program Review Committee: A. Travelstead reported that the committee has been meeting every Thursday; the committee is reviewing past reports about proposed cuts and places where money can be saved; all other details are confidential.

Old Business:

New Business:

C. Harvey recognized outgoing Council members and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Non-Agenda Items:

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.