

**Illinois State University
Administrative / Professional Council**

1:15-3:00 pm; Thursday, February 9, 2012
Spotlight Room, Bone Student Center

MINUTES

Council Members present - Stacy Ramsey, Teri Farr, Anjie Almeda, Nikki Brauer, Binoy Edathiparambil, Ron Gifford, Ryan Gray, Debbie Lamb, and Alex Skorpinski

Ex-Officio Members present – Rachel Calhoun, Larry Lyons, Brian Huonker, and Derek Story

Approval of minutes –approval of January 26, 2012 minutes were approved, motion by Ron Gifford, second by Teri Farr

Guest – Mardell Wilson, SURS Update – Mardell Wilson is the AP representative to SURSMAC (SURS Member Advisory Committee). She reported back from the December 13, 2011 meeting the following (handout given to council members, info copied below):

- Legislation:
 - SURS is expecting the pending legislation to come to the forefront this spring
 - SURS believes the legislators are trying to make it seem like there is a pension crisis in order to get support for upcoming legislation. In fact SURS is healthy; it just needs the state to meet its funding commitment.
- Applications:
 - SURS Office is expecting approximately 35% more applications [for retirement] this spring than normal. They are looking at their processes to streamline where possible so they can handle the volume in the most efficient manner. They will be encouraging the use of webinars and the estimator to constituents.
- SURS Funding
 - SURS is trying to become fully funded; this year, the state has paid sooner than in past years.

Mardell reported that in 2011 approximately 16,000 individuals were eligible to retire from SURS. In 2012, approximately 28,000 individuals will be eligible. The retirement process is being reviewed and changed for efficiencies. Money Purchase annuity tables can now be viewed on the ISU HR website. Mardell indicated that she would communicate any updates to Stacy between meetings.

Chair's remarks –Stacy noted attendance at the last social at approximately 25, with several newcomers attending. Founders Day is next Thursday, including events: Bell Ringing and Convocation. Please RSVP for the Chili Cook-off / Baker's Challenge if you have not already done so. Staff will be receiving an email from VPs Layzell & Everts requesting feedback on the Educating Illinois, please respond with your feedback.

Committee/Representative Reports

- **Academic Senate** –Brian Huonker –minutes can be accessed at: <http://apcouncil.illinoisstate.edu/representatives/representation.shtml>
- **Communications** – Ryan Gray –next REPORT column submitted, and the new employee email has been sent
- **Elections** – Anjie Almeda – AP elections will be in March, members going off the board are: Teri, Rachel, Nikki, Pam, Ryan, Larry and Jennifer. Request was made to source documentation of terms served for current and past council members. Alex and Rachel will work together to facilitate.
 - **TIMELINE:**
 - Call for nominations: February 27
 - Nominations due: March 9
 - Statement of Interest due: March 21
 - Elections: March 26-30
- **Programming** –Nikki Brauer – Nikki will be in touch with Jill Call to find some potential dates for President Bowman to speak at an upcoming Brown Bag Session
- **Foundation** – Larry Lyons – no report; next Foundation Board meeting is February 24th
- **Scholarship** –Debbie Lamb –no report
- **CCC** –Stacy reported the CCC met yesterday regarding the draft of the letter to the BOT. Honors will be the recommended feature for the 2/12/12 meeting. BOT agenda items include the swearing in of new BOT member Rocky Donahue; naming the buildings in the new Cardinal Court complex after trees as Illinois State University is an arboretum campus; tuition rate changes for contiguous states, Hancock Stadium renovations [September 2013 is goal for completion]; and concerns regarding pension and healthcare.
- **HR Liaison** – Derek Story – Staffing changes in HR were noted:
 - Karen McLaughlin comes to ISU from the University of Illinois. She is the Director of Employment [with a focus on recruiting]
 - Kris Clevenger is on leave – Tammy Carlson is serving as Acting Assistant VP for Human Resources
 - Colette Homan is serving as the Labor & Employee Relations specialistDerek also reported that a meeting was held with CMS a few weeks ago, but no decisions have been made for providers for the upcoming fiscal year as of yet.
- **Awards**- Rachel Calhoun –award winners will be announced at Founders Day Convocation. Thanks to all at the university who took the time to submit award nominations.

Business/Discussion Items –

- February 23rd meeting – LEAP meetings will be at the Marriott for the entire day, several council members are involved. Motion made to cancel the meeting by Ron Gifford, second by Nikki Brauer.

Adjournment – motion by Ryan Gray, Second by Nikki Brauer

Next meetings – 1:15-3pm

- March 8th – Spotlight Room;

- feature: Larry Lyons re: Football Stadium Renovations
- March 22nd - Spotlight Room
- April 12th – Spotlight Room

Socials – 5pm see website/Facebook for specific locations

- Friday, February 24th
- Friday, March 30th