

Illinois State University  
**Administrative / Professional Council**

1:15-3:00 pm; Thursday, August 25, 2011  
Spotlight Room, Bone Student Center

**MINUTES**

**Council Members present** - Stacy Ramsey, Teri Farr, Anjie Almeda, Rebecca Baker, Nikki Brauer, Pam Cooper, Binoy Edathiparambil, Ron Gifford, Ryan Gray, Debbie Lamb, Joshua Reid, Soemer Simmons, and Alex Skorpinski

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

**Approval of minutes** –approval of August 11, 2011 minutes were approved, motion by Debbie Lamb, second by Anjie Almeda

**Guest – Vice President for Student Affairs, Larry Dietz:** Dr. Dietz visited with Council members and noted his first impressions of campus and people – he attended multiple events during move-in and Passages along with President Bowman and noted that he sees that seeing and having access to upper administration makes an impact with students. He described some new initiatives within Student Affairs that he is making a priority: Increased interest in spirit on campus, increased sense of community, and student involvement and interest in Athletics. He will be teaching a class in EAF this fall and wants to work to increase research contracts and grants as well.

**Chair’s remarks** –Stacy reported her next meeting with President Bowman is coming up, please send questions, issues to her. The Council website has been updated; photos for some members are still needed. Dinner at the University Residence for A/P and Civil Service Council members will be on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Stacy asked for thoughts on guests for future meetings; Council members suggested Gary Friedman (Athletic Director), and Jay Groves. Stacy welcomed Derek Story back to the Council. Derek is serving as the HR representative to the Council.

**Committee/Representative Reports**

- **Academic Senate** –Brian Huonker –no report, Senate meets next Wednesday
- **Communications** – Ryan Gray & Alex Skorpinski – articles for ISU REPORT will be due for the following editions: 9/6, 9/27, 10/18, 11/8, 11/29.
- **Programming** –Nikki Brauer – social August 26th – 5pm Medici; Rebecca Baker has agreed to serve as the new co-chair.
  - Brown Bag ideas include:
    - Open Forum (including interaction with the Council and what agenda items to communicate to President Bowman
  - Ideas for Socials
  - Homecoming involvement (parade)

- Children's Holiday Party will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm and is being coordinated by University Events

**Foundation** – Larry Lyons – no report; Board meets in October

- **Scholarship** –Debbie Lamb –sending thank you notes to all donors to the A/P Council Scholarship
- **CCC** –Jennifer Frobish –next BOT meeting on October 21, Visor Center & Project Success will be featured at the Coffee Hour. Other ideas suggested included the Honors Program and the Stevenson Center
- **HR Liaison** – Derek Story – Merit increases are on schedule, programmers are still working on coordination of computer systems; and as President Bowman mentioned in his welcome back to campus message, they are hoping for an October 1<sup>st</sup> distribution retroactive to July 1.
- **Awards**- Rachel Calhoun –following up on update of plaque in Bone Student Center with award winners

#### **Business/Discussion Items –**

- **Approval of Academic Senate Rep** – Brian Huonker was nominated to serve again this academic year as the Council representative to the Academic Senate, motion by Anjie Almeda, second by Binoy Edathiparambil
- **Summer Meetings** – suggested format change for summer meetings, meeting one time in June and once in July and then again at the end of August. Summer sessions will be spent for assessment and planning, non-voting meetings and an opportunity to continue committee work.
- **Young Professionals** – Ricky Williams is a new counselor at the Career Center and asked Teri if a mentoring/outreach committee or young professionals group exists within the Council. Rebecca, Teri and Nikki agreed to serve in that capacity. Stacy will follow up with HR to get a listing of new A/P employees to send personal invites to AP events

**Adjournment** –motion by Soemer Simmons, second by Ryan Gray

#### **Next meetings –**

- September 8 – Spotlight Room (Guest: Julie Prianos re: new ISU homepage – please review and come with comments)
- September 22 – Spotlight Room

#### **Socials – 5pm at Medici**

- Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>