

Illinois State University
Administrative / Professional Council

1:15-3:00 pm; Thursday, August 28, 2008
Spotlight Room

MINUTES

Council Members present - Stacy Ramsey, Anjie Almeda, Pam Cooper, Teri Farr, Julie Huber, Becky Mentzer, Melissa Moody, Erin Pearce, David Rardin, Michelle Schuline, Maureen Smith and Alex Skorpinski

Ex-Officio Members present – Rachel Calhoun, Ron Gifford and Len Grinstead

A/P staff in attendance - Nikki Brauer

Guest: Dr. Sheri Noren Everts, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Provost Everts spent time with Council members detailing her first impressions of ISU. She told the council that having been on campus for only two months, she finds ISU warm and welcoming to all faculty, staff, students and community members and feels that it would be great to be a student here. She came to ISU because of our national reputation but was quick to point out that she hasn't seen nor sensed an ego about the accomplishments of the university, continuing to say that faculty and staff have the attitude of 'that's our job'. She also mentioned that ISU made the shift early on to student learning, not just teaching; and other institutions around the country are just starting to make that shift. She also noted that ISU 'lives and breathes' the *Educating Illinois* document and accomplished this in a humble manner, considering it a part of everyday work – thus why people come and stay as employees and encourage others as students to attend ISU. Council members were able to share their insights on campus with her as well, noting a potential need (for consideration) for a doctoral program in Sociology.

Approval of minutes – August 14, 2008 minutes were approved with corrections - Motion made by Ron Gifford, second by Melissa Moody.

Vice-Chair's remarks – Stacy asked that all council members respond to the invitation for the A/P and Civil Service Council's dinner at the University Residence

Committee/Representative Reports

- **Elections** – Anjie Almeda will chair this committee, with Maureen Smith and Alex Skorpinski also serving. Teri Farr will not be eligible to serve as she will be up for re-election in the upcoming election year
- **Programming** – Erin Pearce & Julie Huber – none
- **Academic Senate** – Ron Gifford – see attached report
- **Foundation** – Larry Lyons – no report, next meeting in November 2008

- **Scholarship** –Debbie Lamb –none
- **CCC** – David Rardin –upcoming ideas for next meeting need to be submitted to Mboka/David. Topics discussed include sustainability/green projects & the Solar Car. Anjie Almeda also mentioned that Tim Gunn (of Project Runway from the Bravo TV network) will be the keynote speaker for CAST Science & Technology week and will be speaking on the ‘green movement’ in fashion (eco-friendly materials/fabrics, etc.)
- **HR Liaison** – Len Grinstead – PeopleSoft implementation (for the new HR Payroll and Budget software) is on target to begin in January 2009 with a 2 year projected timeframe for completion. The RFP is out for the integrator that will be selected this fall.
- **Constitution** – Stacy Ramsey – ongoing, no current update
- **Awards**- Rachel Calhoun – contacted Shirley McCauley in the BSC to update the plaque on the wall at the BSC for Distinguished Award recipients, estimate to replace and update plaque is approximately \$350-\$400. Motion made by Maureen Smith and second by Teri Farr to proceed with updating the plaque.

- **Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment by Pam Cooper and seconded by Michelle Schuline

- **Next meeting** – 9/11/08 in the BSC Spotlight Room