



## Staff Senate Minutes

May 10, 2017 – 1:15 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Street Underground Loft, MLK Union

Quorum Present

**Senators Present:** Amanda Harvey, Andrea Beals, Angie Campbell, Joann Daugherty, Jody Stone, Peggy Brown, Renee Kerz, Rhonda Nichols, Richard Wyninger, Shawn Peoples, Suzann Bennett, Tina Jenkins, and Tony Craven.

**Guest:** Paul McCann, Bill Burnside, EAC and Tim Zimmer.

**Senators Absent:** Andy Eggers, B. James Griffin, Chris Childress, Jonathan Hunt, and Melissa Coleman.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Daugherty at 1:15 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the April minutes was made by Senator Campbell. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Jenkins. The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is \$236.50.

### Visitors:

Bill Burnside, EAC Representative, talked about the past EAC/HR meeting. There is a new 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance system. Even though you might not have changes, it is recommended that you visit the site and ensure all your information is correct. There might be an open enrollment in October depending on what happens with the insurance premium discussions/negotiations. Since so many people are leaving the State of Illinois, there are discussions about allowing out of state individuals to hold Civil Service jobs in the state. Will keep us informed of this discussion. There will be a new category of Civil Service employee; grant funded. This position will not have seniority/bumping rights. They will understand they are hired on "soft" money. This position can be hired for up to 36 months at a time. Furlough language was discussed and our views on leaving the language or eliminating it. Only applies to non-negotiated civil service as the Unions would have to negotiate for their employees. Email Bill your thoughts on this. Currently there are 3762 employees in 232 positions. Looking at doing some class consolidation.

Waiting on results of HB 3185. This is an update to language. There are four new merit board members.

Senator Kerz met with various representatives in Springfield including Reggie Phillips. He told the group he was pushing for a state budget. If the Governor vetoes a budget, he will vote to override the veto. There are discussions that we will receive 10 – 15% less than our 2015 budget.

## **Committee Reports:**

Paul McCann reported that we are hopeful for a budget. There is a bill pending. It was asked what we can do to be proactive on our end?

There has not been any word about increases in pensions. Insurance is staying the same for now. Might open another enrollment in October but changes would not take place until next year. There are discussions about have a "metals" plan; bronze, gold, platinum. This proposal is currently before the courts.

Financially we are good through June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be tight in July and August. There is belief we will receive something such as a stop gap or lifeline before the July and August.

The state schools are no longer paying for the ACT test for high school students. We have had over 500 students apply that did not have ACT scores. This is having a huge impact, state wide.

Senator Brown reported on CUPB. Four groundskeepers were recalled until June 30<sup>th</sup>. The campus is starting to look good. They have over 12,000 plants to place as weather permits.

The budget director search is moving forward.

There is mildew on the library that will be cleaned. There are dead trees around the campus pond area that will be removed.

Senator Jenkins stated she had seen a commercial about EIU on CW, she wondered if it could be shown on the EIU system.

**Constituent Reports:** None

## **Unfinished Business:**

Election results – Senators Coleman and Bennett were re-elected to their positions.

## **New Business:**

Election of Staff Senate Executive Team was discussed. It was determined that when updates were made to the constitutions, the election of the Executive Board was not approved so the rules as stated prevail. The Election Committee determines how the election will be handled. Motion made by Senator Jenkins to allow Election Committee to establish procedures for this years' Executive Team election, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Campbell. Approved, motion carried. Election committee will send procedures out by email before next meeting.

Website needs to be updated – the committee listing is wrong. Senator Bennett will send an update list to Senator Brown to post on the website.

## **Questions for President Glassman**

Send to President Daugherty

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Senator Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Nichols, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Brown

**Next Meeting, Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Underground Loft, MLK Union, 1:15 p.m.**