

ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL STAFF COUNCIL
2014-2015 Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Kathy Jones.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wayne Glass, Kathy Jones, Jeannie Killian, Colleen Kuczynski, Charlotte Sarao, Kim Taylor, Rod Sievers, Matt Sronkoski

Members Absent with Proxy: Shane Bennett (Rod Sievers proxy)

Members Absent: Todd Bryson, Angela Cummings-Hunter, Jill Gobert, Don Patton

Visitors and Guests: Tracy Bennett (Human Resources), Jon Geiger (Student Affairs Task Force), David Yepsen (Paul Simon Public Policy Institute)

3. GUEST SPEAKER

Kathy Jones introduced David Yepsen from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Yepsen started by thanking the Council for the opportunity to speak. He continued by sharing his insight on various topics related to the 2014 Illinois elections and how election results might affect SIUC; the constitutionality of the pension issue, budget cuts, and potential for increased revenue.

4. MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting on November 18, 2014 was made by Matt Sronkoski and seconded by Wayne Glass; minutes approved.

5. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Charlotte Sarao moved to approve and adopt the agenda, seconded by Matt Sronkoski; agenda adopted.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Chair

Kathy Jones reported that there will be a Constituency Heads meeting today at 3:00 p.m. Jones noted that Carol Westerman-Jones, the AP representative on the University Calendar Committee contacted the chair of her committee in regards to the issue brought up at the last Council meeting about the solar eclipse in 2017 and the possible impact lots of visitors to the area might have on parents moving their kids in for the first day of classes. A separate committee to address the opportunities and logistics associated with the solar eclipse has been formed and will be chaired by Scott Ishman. Jones noted that future AP Executive Committee meetings will be held in the Student Services Building starting in January. Jones also noted that due to the election of additional council members, it may be necessary to move the Council meetings to a bigger room and asked for input from the Council members. A brief discussion followed and members agreed that starting in January, the Council meetings will be held in room 150-160 in the Student Services Building.

6.2 Board of Trustees

Jones reported that the BOT met on December 11th at SIUC. The next meeting is not scheduled until March 19, 2015. Jones stated that at the December meeting, President Dunn spoke about moving forward with the search for a Chancellor. An external search firm will not be used. A broad-based Search Advisory Committee will be formed. Jones reported that the BOT approved the Open Access Policy for faculty scholarship related to research articles. Jones explained that this approval brings the university into compliance with state statute which requires open access for faculty research at public institutions. The BOT also approved the replacement of 400 LED light fixtures on campus walkways, improvements to Lentz Hall which will take place next summer, University Bookstore renovations which will take place in the spring and refunds of School of Medicine bonds that have already been reissued. Jones continued by noting that the BOT approved the following Honorary Degrees:

Former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, Honorary Doctor of Humane Arts; the late Dixie B. Fortis, Honorary Doctor of Commerce, and Captain William R. "Bill" Norwood, Honorary Doctor of Aviation Science. Two Distinguished Service Awards were approved; Michael J. "Mike" Lawrence and Dr. Marsha G. Ryan.

6.3 Human Resources

No report

6.4 Representatives to University Committees

Executive Planning & Budget Committee – Kathy Jones reported that the committee met and received information about Governor Elect Rauner's request for SIUC to provide a FY16 budget reflecting a 20% cut. Jones noted that if this worst-case scenario was to happen, it would result in a \$21 million loss for SIUC. According to Jones, President Dunn stated that it may not be a 20% cut, but proposals will have to be made for getting to whatever the percentage will be.

Student Affairs Task Force – Jon Geiger presented the Council with the Student Affairs Task Force Charge from the Chancellor report. ([Attachment A](#))

6.5 Standing Committees

6.5a Election Committee

Rod Sievers reported that a call for nominations has been sent out with a January 6, 2015 deadline. A draft is ready for the ballots and those will be sent out on Qualtrics on January 8, 2015 with a January 15, 2015 deadline.

6.5b Executive Committee

No report

6.5c Committee on Committees

Charlotte Sarao reported that the AP representative for the Computer Advisory Committee is no longer AP staff and needs replaced. She proposed that there be a request sent out for a second round of volunteers to serve on committees.

6.5d Constituency Relations

Kathy Jones reported for the committee. Jones reported that the AP staff Ugly Sweater Party was a success and thanked Jill Gobert for all of her preparation efforts. Council members stated that a lot of people heard about the party and want to attend next year. Charlotte Sarao suggested that the AP Council partner with the Civil Service Council for future events. Council members agreed.

6.6e Operating Paper

Kathy Jones reported that there are some unit name changes that need to be made to the Operating Paper.

6.5f Staff Benefits and Welfare

Matt Sronkoski reported that one of the goals of the committee was to review environmental compliance issues on campus. He sent an email to that office and invited them to come to an AP Council meeting to discuss environmental issues on campus.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

Motion was made by Charlotte Sarao to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jeannie Killian. Meeting was adjourned.