

ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL STAFF COUNCIL
2014-2015 Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2015

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:, Shane Bennett, Todd Bryson, Jaime Conley-Holt, Brad Dillard, Jon Geiger, Jill Gobert, Elyse Hiller, Kathy Jones, Jeannie Killian, Kim Littler, Cordy Love, Cristina Pisoni, Charlotte Sarao, Kim Taylor, Rod Sievers, Matt Sronkoski

Members Absent with Proxy: Don Patton (Kim Sanders proxy)

Members Absent: Wayne Glass, Colleen Kuczynski

Visitors and Guests: Tracy Bennett (Human Resources), Valerie Brooks-Wallin (AP representative for Annuitant's Association)

At this time Kathy Jones, AP Staff Council Chair, took a moment to officially welcome the new members of the Council; Jaime Conley-Holt, Brad Dillard, Jon Geiger, Elyse Hiller, Kim Little, Cordy Love, Cristina Pisoni.

3. MINUTES

The minutes from the Council meeting on February 18, 2015 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Todd Bryson and seconded by Shane Bennett. Tracy Bennett noted a revision on page 2, Section 5.3, third line under Human Resources. Rod Sievers made a motion for a friendly amendment to approve the minutes with revisions. Kathy Jones called for a vote for the approval of the February 18, 2015 minutes with revisions. All in favor. Minutes approved with revisions.

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Charlotte Sarao moved to approve and adopt the agenda, seconded by Shane Bennett; agenda adopted.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chair

Kathy Jones reported that the Constituency Head's meeting will be on March 26, 2015.

5.2 Board of Trustees

Kathy Jones reported that the next scheduled meeting is on March 19, 2015.

5.3 Human Resources

Tracy Bennett stated that all of the individual appointments for SURS counselors are already taken and encouraged those present to attend the general session on April 8, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Law School Auditorium in room 120.

5.4 Representatives to University Committees

Executive Planning & Budget Committee – Kathy Jones reported that this committee met on March 17, 2015. Jones stated that President Dunn reported that it now is time to "pivot" to the next phase in dealing with the budget cuts. Jones noted President Dunn's statement that it is reasonable to assume that there could be a 20% - 22% cut of state-appropriated funds. Jones explained the budget model being discussed as two rings outside a center core with academic instruction and core student services. The center core will be protected as much as possible. Jones noted that units and programs are placed in the model in relation to their importance to academic mission and core student services. Units and programs furthest away from the center are more self-supporting units and may be asked to submit a budget plan that reflects the loss of significant state funding. Jones added that even when state funding is cut from the units and programs furthest away from the center, the

total cut does not equal 20%. Jones stated that there will be further debate and discussion about where units and programs are placed in relation to academic mission and core student services.

Shane Bennett asked if the resurrection of the Student Affairs division is moving forward. Jones replied that she had asked President Dunn that same question. President Dunn's response was that the creation of a Student Affairs division would have to be cost-neutral and acknowledged that the Board of Trustees may not be willing to address the creation of a Student Affairs division under these difficult budget times.

There was more discussion about how units and programs are placed in the budget model; the trickle-down effect; and fiscal year 2015 cuts. Jones concluded by saying that these things will be discussed at the Executive Planning and Budget Committee meeting on March 30, 2015.

Chancellor's Search Advisory Committee – Kathy Jones reported that this committee is meeting on a regular basis and that there is a mix of internal and external candidates. Jones stated that the list has been narrowed down and that Skype interviews will begin next month.

Annuitants Association – Valerie Brooks-Wallin, full report attached. ([Attachment A](#))

Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee – Todd Bryson, full report attached. ([Attachment B](#))

5.5 Standing Committees

5.5a Election Committee

Rod Sievers reported that the call for nominations was extended until March 20, 2015. Election ballots will be sent on Marcy 27, 2015.

5.5b Executive Committee

Todd Bryson reported that the committee met on Monday, March 9th and set the agenda for this meeting.

5.5c Committee on Committees

No report

5.5d Constituency Relations

Shane Bennett reported that the committee is moving forward with plans for the May event.

5.6e Operating Paper

Kathy Jones reported that the committee has not met and noted that there are still changes to be made.

5.5f Staff Benefits and Welfare

Matt Sronkoski reported that the committee has not met but will be discussing the process of term vs continuing appointment and the process by which that changes.

6. Old Business

Brad Dillard updated the Council on the Smoke-Free Campus Act for the entire state of Illinois which will take effect July 1, 2015. (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=3575&ChapterID=18>) Dillard noted that the University of Illinois has been smoke-free since January 1, 2014 and referenced their website. (<http://www.campusrec.illinois.edu/Smoke-Free/>)

7. New Business

8. Announcements

AP Staff Happy Hour. Tuesday, March 24th, 4:30 p.m. at Pinch Penny Pub.

9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Jeanie Killian to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Todd Bryson. Meeting was adjourned.