



**SENATE MEETING AGENDA**  
NOVEMBER 4, 2015  
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, ROOM C-120

***Call to Order: Luis Martinez***

**ROLL CALL:**

Bill Akers, Pat Brutchin, Elizabeth Becker, Heidi Brelsford, Michele Brynelsen, Jessica Carpenter, Mary Elfring, Diane Flahaven, Sue Ford, Patrick Gordon, Clark Hallpike, Liddy Hope, Luis Martinez, Mary O'Sullivan, Roger Ramey, Joyce Ross, Ruby Sanny, Eleanor Swanson, Kimberly Tarver, Scott Vaszily, Jennifer Jeschke, Tim Malone (substitute for Howard Russo), Christina Marrocco, Patricia O'Brien, Joel Peck, Danielle Straub

Absent: Tammy Ray (on sabbatical), Howard Russo (on leave)

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & GUESTS**

Sabina Zeynalova, ESL UAF1  
Lincoln Davis, ESL UAF1

SECRETARY'S REPORT: KIMBERLY TARVER

Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2015 Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT: ROGER RAMEY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: LUIS MARTINEZ

East St. Louis Local settled contract and received note of appreciation.

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PATRICK GORDON

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: SUE FORD

3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: HEIDI BRELSFORD

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

**Negotiations-** (Howard Russo)

**Grievance-** (Sue Ford)

**Elections Committee-** (Ellie Swanson, Marge Schildknecht, Tim Anderson) –No Report

**Membership Committee** (Mary Elfring)

**COPE** – position of chair remains open

- Requests for position statements were sent to Michael Noland (candidate for US Congress), Cristina Castro (candidate for State Senate) and Anna Moeller (state representative) via email. Cristina Castro sent an email response to request for information. (see addendum)
- Cristina Castro sent an invitation to a fundraiser on November 5, 6-7:30 pm at Mariscos El Amigo in Hanover Park.

- Plan to request position statements from Raja Krishnamoorthi (candidate for US Congress), and other candidates when declared at end of November.

**ECCFA Organizing Team Update** – working on summary of process and action steps; will consult with organizing team and executive committee to initiate next steps; exploring opportunities to recognize contributions of the membership and encourage ongoing participation.

## **ELECTIONS & COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

1. Libby Roeger, Dean of Developmental Education & College Transitions, has asked for the ECCFA to find an English faculty member to serve on the **STATE OF ILLINOIS P-20 Dual Credit Committee**. The senate requested Luis have a conversation with Ryan Kerr to clarify his role on the committee, and to clarify the purpose of the committee with Dean Roeger.
2. Blythe Burren (UA1) has volunteered to serve on Faculty Development Committee to replace Pat Brutchin (resigned prior to October 9)
3. Annamarie Schopen has requested chair and vice chair of SLAAC, Eric Long and Janet Whitsitt, and chair and vice chair of Curriculum, Leticia Starkov and Ellie Swanson to serve on a team for program review of transfer programs. Members were requested due to intersection of committee work and team goals.
4. Diane Simeth's tenure committee needs a member to replace Maureen Gramiak (director's choice), requested by Wendy Miller. Janet Whitsitt has volunteered to serve.
5. Karen Voo has volunteered to serve on the Insurance Committee as Unit Adjunct Member.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Bulletin Board Updates- Dawn Munson will coordinate the board.
- Coat Drive in process.
- Food Drive contributions will go toward Spartan Food Bank.
- Textbook cost update- Observer reporter has been consulted; letter to the editor will be sent; any data to support faculty response is appreciated.
- VP meetings with Rose DiGerlando: status

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Illinois Labor History Society: \$200 annual membership (Submitted by Bill Pelz) Consider membership and budget for annual membership fees.
- Campus Equity Week Awareness- develop ECCFA poster for year round promotion.
- Academic Technology/Program or Division Websites
- Women's Media Training: Defending the Public Sector in Illinois (AFL-CIO, AFSCME, Jobs with Justice, and Scholars Strategy Network) Dec. 4-5, 2015 in Chicago. Antonio Ramirez shared information. Notice was sent to faculty via email.

## **Division Issues**

### **Adjournment**

**NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2015**

### **2015-2016 Academic Year Senate Meetings**

**Wednesdays at 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, C-120**

November 4, November 18, December 2, December 9,

January 13, January 27, February 10, February 24, March 9, March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADDENDUM: Correspondence from Cristina Castro, received October 29, 2015 via personal email to [ktarver97@gmail.com](mailto:ktarver97@gmail.com)

Good Morning Ms. Tarver,

Thank you for your email and consideration of support. I'll be more than happy to respond to your questions.

1. Pensions. Pensions are a promise made and one that needs to be kept. The state Supreme Court has spoken and it is up to EVERYONE to come together to find a solution to fund the current system. Everyone should be at the table and all proposals should be evaluated in order to properly fund the system as it was intended. As a member of the system, we need to find away to put the system back into solvency so that those who have done their part by contributing their portion aren't left with nothing in the end.

2. Unions - I am a pro-union candidate and am against right to work. I come from a union family; I myself was a member of SSECCA during my seven years at Elgin Community College. I also served for several years, as an area rep. At ECC, I fought against the privatization of custodial services, which would have put many of my friends and one of the largest groups in SSECCA out of work for more inexpensive and inexperienced labor. I engaged many influential individuals in the Elgin community including members of labor to speak out against these proposed cuts and many did by sending Dr. Sam letters/emails or coming to board meetings to protest the measure. SSECCA and ECCFA will always hold a special place in my heart and I will always help whenever called upon. In addition to my time at ECC, I've also been a champion of the men and women of labor on the Kane County Board. I've fought against anti-union proposals including the recent Rauner Turnaround agenda, which was defeated and turned into a document that just talked about Kane County as a whole versus the terrible proposals by our governor. The men and women of organized labor are not the villains in this fight, they represent the middle class and fight for those who are voiceless. We as a state need to focus on the real issues, not the personal vendetta of one particular individual, to move our state forward.

3. Education Funding, including higher Education - I'm a big proponent of education especially higher education. I will fight to ensure education is properly funded. I'm a product of ECC and if it weren't for ECC, I wouldn't have been able to go to college without mounds of college debt. Community Colleges are our gems in this state and I look forward to being their champion and fight for adequate funding.

Again, thank you very much for the opportunity to respond to your questions. If you would like me to come in and speak to your group, I'll be more than happy to.

Thanks

Cristina