

## **THE STATE UNIVERSITIES CIVIL SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

*The Legislative Committee of the State Universities Civil Service Advisory Committee met after the conclusion of the Election Committee on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. The meeting was held at Wolfram in Champaign, IL.*

**1. Call to Order by Shauna Bishop, Chair:** Meeting was called to order at 10:14am.

**2. Roll call was taken by Chair Shauna Bishop. Quorum was present.**

**Present:** Shauna Bishop, Chris Doe, John Evans, Andy Harpst, Christa Lawhun, Jill Odom (ex officio)

**Absent:** Michael Robinson, Mary Serio

**Guests:** Layla Campos, Elizabeth Cheek, Brad Green (in at 10:39 a.m.), Sheryl Jones-Harper (in at 10:36 a.m.), Tenea Harris, Andrea Hoskinson (in at 10:26 a.m.), Aaron Ketchum, Patty Meyer, Maggie Miller, Jacqueline Pointer, Gail Schiesser (in at 10:23 a.m.)

**3. Election of Secretary:** Jill Odom nominated John Evans, seconded by Christa Lawhun. John Evans declined nomination. John Evans nominated Chris Doe, seconded by Andy Harpst. Chris Doe accepted the nomination. With no other nominees, Chris Doe was elected as Secretary, Legislative Committee with roll call vote not necessary.

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Meeting minutes from January 23, 2025 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by John Evans, seconded by Christa Lawhun. Chris Doe took a roll call:

Shauna Bishop – Aye

Mary Serio - Absent

Jill Odom – Aye

Michael Robinson - Absent

Christa Lawhun - Aye

Andy Harpst – Aye

John Evans - Aye

Chris Doe - Aye

**5. Review of Correspondence:** There were no correspondence submitted.

**6. Public Comments:** There were no public comments submitted.

**7. Other Items as Presented**

- Shauna Bishop reported regarding the community colleges and possible 4-year degrees legislation. Gail Schiesser indicated current legislation will not be moving forward, and NPR reported it is likely going to come back up either in the current or future legislative sessions. Shauna then provided resources available for anyone to look at in regard to the status of legislation (ILGA.gov, Legiscan.com/IL) No federal legislation has been reported on by the Chair, but an eye will be kept on the current affairs for if something comes up that impacts the Universities (grant funding, etc.).
- John Evans asked if this committee has done any advocating for filling out witness slips for legislation that has gone to the committee. This has been a gray area as to if it can be done as members of the State University Civil Service Advisory Committee (SUCSAC).

Gail Schiesser commented that she didn't see why us as an elected member of this committee wouldn't be able to. However, she suggested that if anyone on the committee utilizes time to submit anything on behalf of SUCSAC that it is done outside of work time, but anyone is allowed to utilize work email addresses. If offering public testimony then that is an off-hours item.

- Chris Doe mentioned that NIU has a legislative liaison and they will be taking some time in May/June to chat so Chris can learn more about the legislative process.
- Gail Schiesser asked if bill SB1376 had been looked at (deals with historical cost of attendance disclosure). Passed through the Senate and is in the House.

**8. Adjournment:** Motion made by John Evans, seconded by Andy Harpst. Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Christine Doe**  
**Secretary, Legislative Committee**



**Shauna Bishop**  
**Chair, Legislative Committee**