

## Council of Councils Hosting Institutions

- 1997 Northern Illinois University
- 1999 Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
- 2000 Governor State University
- 2001 Western Illinois University
- 2002 University of Illinois, Chicago
- 2003 Northeastern Illinois University
- 2004 Northern Illinois University
- 2005 Eastern Illinois University
- 2006 Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- 2007 Chicago State University
- 2009 Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
- 2010 Governor State University
- 2011 University of Illinois, Chicago
- 2012 Northeastern Illinois University
- 2013 Chicago State University
- 2014 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- 2015 Illinois State University
- 2017 Northern Illinois University
- 2018 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2019 University of Illinois, Chicago
- 2020 Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (Virtual)
- 2022 State Universities Advisory Committee (Virtual)
- 2023 Northern Illinois University

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of Councils

# All Together Extraordinary



October 25, 2024

**University of Illinois Chicago**

## History and Purpose of the Council of Councils

Several civil service senate/council members from Northern Illinois University (NIU) and Chicago State University (CSU) were asked to attend the Civil Service Day program and luncheon at Governors State University (GSU) in December 1996 at the invitation of Civil Service Senate President LouElla Rozier.

After the event, council/senate members from the three universities participated in an open and lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of working at each university. The discussion included concerns such as the current state of affairs in Illinois, benefits offered to current and retired employees, and many other important issues. The participants found the discussion rewarding and beneficial. They thought it would be great to network and share knowledge annually. They originated the idea of inviting all senate/ council members from the 12 universities to meet annually.

In October 1997, the NIU Operating Staff Council under the leadership of Andy Small moved forward to host what became the 1st Annual Council of Councils. Since then, the Council of Councils has met yearly, except for 2008, 2016 and 2021.

The agenda varies by institution, but the information provided is always timely, current, and addresses issues of concern for all state employees. Each meeting includes guest speakers, including state legislators, who address concerns and answer questions. Top – level university administration often provide great insight as well, and will generally be available to welcome all the guests.

The last year that UIC hosted the Council of Councils was October 2019. In 2024, UIC will host the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of Councils. The conference theme is “All Together Extraordinary.” Guest speakers and breakout sessions are focused on networking, improving employee performance, and ways to promote an inclusive environment. Representatives from the State Universities Retirement System (SURS), State Universities Civil Service System (SUCSS), and State Universities Annuitant Association (SUAA) will provide updates.

## Schedule of Events

8:00am – 8:25am	Registration and Breakfast
8:25am – 8:30am	UIC SAC Welcome
8:30am – 9:15am	Jackie Billhymer, <b>Keynote</b> Organizational Development Consultant Human Resource, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
9:25am – 9:45am	Kristen C. Houch, <b>SURS Updates</b> Director of Legislative and Stakeholder Relations, State Universities Retirement System
9:50am – 10:30am	Gail Schiesser, <b>SUCSS Updates</b> Executive Director, State Universities Civil Service System
10:35am – 11:00am	Bryan Soady, <b>SUAA Updates</b> Executive Director, CEO, State Universities Annuitants Association
11:10am – 11:20am	UIC Chancellor Marie Lynn Miranda, <b>Welcome</b>
11:25am – 12:00pm	Nicholas A. Simpson, <b>Legal Updates</b> Attorney at Law, Jackson Lewis P.C.
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch, UIC Jazz Ensemble
1:00pm – 1:50pm	Laurie Schellenberger, <b>Habits for Becoming Your Most Effective Self</b> Director, Organizational Development, UIC Human Resources
2:00pm- 2:45pm	Lynne Thompson, <b>Exercise is Medicine</b> Director, UIC Campus Recreation
	<b>or</b>
2:00pm- 2:45pm	UIC Greenhouse Tour Matthew Frazel, Greenhouse Manager, Dept of Biological Sciences
2:50pm – 3:30pm	Council of Councils Round Table
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Closing Remarks, Raffle Prize Drawings, and Passing the Torch