

CAMPUS TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 20, 2026

City Hall—Governor Edwards Conference Room

Call to Order: 5:03 p.m.

Present: Tim Bell, Lori Burns, Liz Delaney, Karen Kaufman, Lori Huntley, Nicholas Witaschek and Paul Pitts

Also Present: Desiree Gerber

Absent: Paula Kelso and Dr. Mark Poepsel

Citizens wishing to address the Group: None

Review November Minutes: Liz Delaney noted that the balance should be \$3,154.64 rather than \$3,159.64 under the Financial Report section of the minutes. Paul Pitts made a motion to approve the November minutes with the change indicated by Liz. Lori Huntley seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the November minutes.

Financial Report: Liz Delaney reported that the balance is still \$3,154.64 with anticipated expenses coming up for the Paddle Battle. Lori Huntley made a motion to approve the financial report, Paul Pitts seconded the motion and all were in favor of approving the financial report.

LCCC upcoming events; CCC volunteer opportunities: Welcome day will be on the main campus February 16. Tim reported that the Industrial Career Open House on November 13 from 3—6 p.m. went well with a steady stream of students, and expects this to take place annually.

Paddle Battle 2026: The wording for the landing/registration page is needed, and we believe Mark is working on this. Liz filled out the application for Eddie, and Tim will make sure that we have Blazer present. The first hour from 2-3 p.m. will involve instruction provided by OMG, but we need to confirm this through Mark's contact. Desiree reported that Canee' said we can use the championship court, but there is not a sound system. The portable speaker we used last year no longer works. Liz will check, but she likely can bring one from SIUE along with the trophy.

Continental Convo Fall 2025: Karen asked if anyone had anything to report regarding the topic they volunteered to pursue.

Below is an updated list of volunteers by each topic at this time.

- Diversity and inclusion—Mark Poepsel and Paul Pitts
- Transportation and safety—Emma Pieper
- Public relations and marketing of events and programs—Karen Kaufman
- Partnership opportunities—Tim Bell and Paula Kelso
- Special events and traditions—Liz Delaney and Nicholas Witaschek
- Volunteer opportunities—Lori Burns

There were no updates from any of the sub-committees. Tim requested that someone from SIUE volunteer to work on partnership opportunities.

Tabling at SIUE:

- Saturday, February 21, 2026—Preview SIUE—Paul Pitts and Lori Burns
- Saturday, March 28, 2026—Preview SIUE—Lori Burns tentative
- Admitted Students Day—Friday, April 10, 2026—time to be determined. Desiree may be able to work this depending upon the time.

Rotary Student of the Month: Liz Delaney reported that they do not have a Rotary Student of the Month for December, but she will be able to report on January's student in February.

New ideas for Community Traditions/Bring Campus in to the Edwardsville Community/ Bring Edwardsville Community to the Campus: There was no discussion.

Other: Dr. Elizabeth McKenney, SIUE Chancellor Minor appointee and Mary Perez, Student Government, have resigned. Karen announced that the March meeting will be moved to the fourth Tuesday of the month per the state of Illinois legislation that no longer allows public meetings to be held on election days.

Liz reported that Panhellenic Best Dance Crew will be in the MUC ballroom on February 22 at 6 p.m., and March Down, a step competition, is March 28 in the Vadalabene Center.

Karen reported that SIUE is working on enhancing events calendar that will have information on all events happening at SIUE in one place. Everyone is encouraged to submit events to be added to the page.

Karen announced her retirement has been pushed back to the end of April as her target date.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5 p.m. in the Governor Edwards Conference Room at City Hall.

Adjournment: Lori Huntley made a motion to adjourn, and Liz Delaney seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Signature: Karen Kaufman