



Civil Service Employee Council

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Newsletter

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CSU Civil Service Employees Welcome Back To Working With Our Students For The 2026 – 2027 School Year

Our Strong Commitment

The objectives of the Civil Service Employees Council (CSEC) are to represent civil service employees to the university administration, study and make recommendations concerning campus employment conditions, and promote unity and the general welfare of civil service employees. CSEC serves as a reciprocal body of direction, information, and communication for all civil service employees.

We are here for you the Civil Servants. Illinois civil servants are public- sector employees who are employed based on merit and fitness as determined by competitive examinations. The State Universities Civil Service System (SUCSS) governs non-academic employment at Illinois public universities and affiliated agencies.



Message from the CSEC President

Ladies and Gentlemen, Civil Service Employees,

I am pleased to share with you our second CSEC Newsletter and our first issue of 2026. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to Chicago State University.

As we move further into the year, we remain focused on strengthening collaboration, enhancing employee engagement, and continuing to support the success of our students and campus community.

2026 marks a historic milestone for Chicago State University with the launch of our first CSU Football Team. This inaugural season represents growth, school pride, and a new chapter for the university community. As Civil Service Employees, we play an important role in supporting this momentum and contributing to a positive campus experience.

In celebration of this exciting addition to CSU, I am proud to announce our upcoming CSEC Tailgate Theme:
"Cougar Pride: One Team, One CSU!"

This theme highlights unity, teamwork, and our shared commitment to the university. We encourage all employees to participate in our September BBQ Tailgate Fundraiser as we come together to support CSU Football and strengthen our campus community.

Throughout this year, CSEC will continue to focus on representing your interests, improving workplace conditions, and fostering a culture of communication and support among Civil Service Employees. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.

CSEC President

Bobbie Garner-Stewart

Chicago State recently announced its first football recruiting class on National Signing Day, bringing in multiple student-athletes to build the inaugural roster. Recruiting is ongoing as the program builds the team from scratch.

- The program was approved by the university's Board of Trustees.
- It will compete in NCAA Division I – Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).
- The team will play independently in 2026 and join the Northeast Conference (NEC) in 2027.



EARly 2026 schedule (first season)
Some of the announced opponents include:

- **Roosevelt – Aug 29**
- **UT Martin – Sept 5**
- **Kentucky Christian – Sept 12**
- **Butler – Sept 19**
- **Norfolk State – Sept 26**
- **Tarleton State – Oct 3**
- **North Carolina A&T – Oct 17**
- **Lindenwood – Oct 24**
- **UFTL – Oct 31**
- **Virginia-Lynchburg – Nov 21**

Fall 2026 Highlights

First game in CSU history

The first football game ever for Chicago State is scheduled for:

- **August 29, 2026**
- **vs. Roosevelt University**
- **Expected location: Seatgeek Stadium in Bridgeview, Illinois**

This game will officially launch Cougar football.

Upcoming CSEC Events

September- BBQ Tailgate Fundraiser
November - Chili Fundraiser
December - Lunch on campus



State of Illinois Civil Service Commission

Upcoming Meetings:

Illinois Civil Service Commission meetings are from
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM CDT

607 East Adams Street, 8th Floor
Suite 801
Springfield, IL 62701

Dates:

ICSC Meeting Friday, September 18, 2026,
ICSC Meeting Friday, October 16, 2026,
ICSC Meeting Friday, November 20, 2026,
ICSC Meeting, Friday, December 18, 2026

Thank you!

FOR YOUR HARD WORK

THE CSU CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE COUNCIL

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