Please join us on Friday, October 14th for the **22nd Council of Councils** hosted by your SUCSAC Representatives

We’re looking forward to spending the day together with our colleagues from across Illinois.

This year’s virtual Council of Councils will begin at 9:00am and close at 4:30pm with guest speakers, a round table discussion, visits with SURS & SUAA, and rounding out the day with the Systems Office.

Please hold the date & time and connection information will be sent separately by Friday.

In the meantime, please share this information with your universities CS Councils/Senates and anyone you believe would benefit from the discussions and great information!
9:00 to 9:15  Welcome  
Jill Odom, Chair of State Universities Civil Service System Advisory Committee

9:15 to 9:45  Chat about Professional Development  
Joshua R. Allen, Vice President of Human Resources, Governors State University  
Cathy Doederlein, Director of Career Services, Northern Illinois University

9:45 to 10:15  Panel Discussion / Roundtable  
2023 Council of Councils Preview – John Hulseberg, Northern Illinois University

10:15 to 10:30  Break

10:30 to 11:00  Chat about SURS – Suzanne Mayer, Executive Director, SURS

11:00 to 11:30  Chat about SUAA – Linda Brookhart, Executive Director, SUAA

11:30 to 12:30  Lunch break

12:30 to 12:45  Welcome Back – Jill Odom, Chair of State Universities Civil Service System Advisory Committee

12:45 to 1:15  Chat about Proposed Changes to SUCSS Procedures, Statutes and Rules  
Cheri Canfield, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, University of Illinois

1:15 to 4:30  Remarks – Gail Schiesser, Executive Director, State Universities Civil Service System  
Orientation – Cindy Neitzel, Assistant Director, Legal and Compliance Services, SUCSS

A special Thank You to the staff of the State Universities Civil Service System Office for their assistance with this year’s Council of Councils and Especially throughout the year!
History and Purpose

It has been a difficult two and a half years for us all and so, on its 22nd gathering and for the first time in the event’s history, the State Universities Civil Service Advisory Committee is honored to host this year’s Council of Councils!

From its humble beginnings in 1996, this conference has blossomed into a large networking opportunity and professional conference with 14 separate Illinois institutions participating. The inaugural Council of Councils conference took place at Northern Illinois University in 1997; established as a means of connecting Employee Advisory Committee (EAC) members and Civil Service representatives from each public university in the state of Illinois. This meeting allowed leaders from each campus to share ideas, gain insight, and develop strategies to improve communication and relationships with their civil service constituents.

Council of Council gatherings have ranged in size from one day to two and in scope from a focus on the hosting university to invited state agencies and insightful speakers. All have been valued engagements and many of the bonds forged at the Council of Councils have lasted for entire careers and extend into retirement.

Thank you for joining us and continuing the conversation…