

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**January 17, 2012**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has approved a transfer agreement between IECC and the College of Agricultural, Consumer Environmental Sciences (ACES) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The agreement was approved at the regular meeting Tuesday January 17 at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The agreement will allow students who complete the prescribed courses at IECC to be admitted to the College of ACES, UIUC, at the junior level. It will facilitate transfer, minimize duplication of instruction, and build on community college and university learning experiences. Representatives of both institutions agree to meet on a regular basis to assess curricular changes and other conditions that may affect the nature of the agreement, which is effective with the 2011-2012 academic year and is subject to renewal every two years.

The IECC District currently leases the Advanced Manufacturing Building in Mt. Carmel from the Wabash Valley College Foundation (WVCF). The Foundation had purchased the building for \$269,585.59. The existing lease was for five years from July 25, 2009 to July 25, 2014, at \$5,091.86 per month. The District has been paying the monthly lease amount from the Department of Labor Grant which expires in February 2012.

The WVC Foundation has agreed to amend the existing lease and extend it for an additional ten years, from March 1, 2012 to March 1, 2022 at \$1,401.75 a month. All other terms and conditions of the existing lease shall be continued. The Board of Trustees approved the extension and the new monthly rate.

The trustees approved installation of drainage tile on property owned by the District at Lincoln Trail College. The District owns tillable land and the LTC Foundation wishes to install drainage tile in a small area that remains too wet for tillage. The total cost of the project is approximately \$2,000 and the LTC Foundation has agreed to pay the total cost of the project, which will be completed this Spring when the fields have dried out enough for such installation.

A memorandum of agreement was approved with the Illinois Eastern Colleges Education Association, IEA-NEA, to allow a faculty member to work from home for a part of the Spring 2012 Semester.

The trustees held their first executive session since February 16, 2010, to consider a personnel matter.

Kyle Ziegler was employed as Custodian at Olney Central College.

The employment status of Tara Farleigh was changed from Administrative Assistant to the President of Frontier Community College, to Coordinator of Assessment and Accreditation at the District Office, effective February 1.

Kevin Emerick was terminated as Men's Basketball Coach at Lincoln Trail College.

Mike Ray was employed as full-time temporary Men's Basketball Coach at Lincoln Trail College.

Two District Office employees will be released because of reductions-in-force, effective February 15: Mike Gill as Program Director, Business and Industry Services, and Tanya Pfeifer as Business and Industry Trainer.

Three personnel retirements were announced.

Gaziur Rahman will retire as Business Instructor, effective June 1.

Rebecca Coomer will retire as Program Assistant, Workforce Education at LTC, effective July 1.

Judy Wilkinson will retire as Office Assistant at Wabash Valley College, effective June 30.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present at the meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, February 21, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.