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January 21, 2014
Board of Trustees Meeting

Results of the Employee Satisfaction Survey for the fiscal year 2014 were presented to the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, at the regular meeting Tuesday, January 21, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

In the fall of each year, District employees are given the opportunity to answer a survey which reviews the operation of the District and its four colleges. The employees were given an opportunity to review health and dental benefits, information availability, personnel changes, website quality, equipment and technology needs, and a variety of other questions concerning the District.

The Board reviewed the highest areas of agreement or strong agreement and the highest areas of disagreement or strong disagreement with the administration of the District. Overall, the survey shows that employees are satisfied with the operation of the District.

The trustees approved IECC joining the Quality Matters Program for Higher Education. The Quality Matters Program is a nationally recognized peer review process designed to certify the quality of online courses and components.

On January 9, 2014, the Capital Development Board (CDB) notified the District that CDB was prepared to make a Recommendation to Award on the construction of the Collision Repair Tech Center at Olney Central College. CDB has placed the construction out for bid with total construction funds available to CDB of \$1,494,884.00, which includes a state appropriation for the project of \$1,122,800, with the remaining cost of the project to be committed by the District. The total cost of the construction project will be \$1,497,100.00. The trustees approved District funds in that amount of \$374,300.00 for the construction.

The WVC chemistry lab had several safety issues that required repairs and alterations. The Capital Development Board (CDB) indicated they were funding projects under their Capital Renewal Funds that the District had requested several years ago. The estimated cost for this Capital Renewal Project is \$250,000.00. The trustees approved the commitment of District funds for the completion of the Wabash Valley College Chemistry Lab project.

Two Memorandums of Agreement were approved with the Illinois Eastern Colleges Education Association, IEA-NEA, to allow two faculty members to teach on line to meet a portion of their teaching requirements and adopt a pro-rata share of sick days for a part of the Spring 2014 Semester because of health issues involving each instructor.

An Allied Health Agreement was approved with Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. The graduate nursing program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) has requested the agreement with IECC concerning student teaching in both the classroom and at clinical sites.

An Allied Health Agreement was also approved with Indiana State University at Terre Haute, Ind. ISU operates a graduate level nursing program. There have been many instances of cooperation between the IECC/OCC nursing program and the ISU nursing program.

Students within the ISU nursing program are required to observe nursing instruction in a clinical setting and in some instances gain experience student teaching under an experienced instructor. IECC operates clinicals in several hospitals where ISU students could observe and instruct under the supervision of IECC faculty and thereby meet this requirement.

Kathryn Harris was appointed President of Lincoln Trail College. She is a former Dean of Instruction at LTC and has been serving an Interim President since Mitch Hannahs resigned to become Head Baseball Coach at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Brittany Stone was employed as Bookstore Assistant at LTC, effective January 22.

Change in employment status was approved for Michael Sullivan, from Small Business Development Center Outreach Director, District Office, to Director of Outreach, SBDC and Manufacturing Project, effective January 22.

The retirement of Nellie Jackman, Custodian, WVC, was ratified effective January 1, 2014.

Three resignations were ratified, as follows:

Rodney Hanner, Director of Manufacturing Project, District Office, effective January 2.

Jamey Walston, Coordinator of Career Advisement, WVC, effective January 18.

Vicky Hyden, Office Assistant, Student Support Services/TRiO, effective January 25.

Three affiliation agreements were approved with area institutions for IECC health-related programs.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College.