

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 15, 2011
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has acted to reinstate paid holidays for full-time employees for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The action was taken at the regular meeting Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

Because of the shortfall in money being received from the state, the Board last year implemented furlough days for all administrative, technical, professional/non-faculty, clerical and maintenance staff. The regularly scheduled holidays will be paid holidays beginning FY2012.

The action to reinstate paid holidays was taken because it is anticipated that the income tax increase recently approved by the Illinois General Assembly and signed by the Governor will result in payment of money due the district.

Statements of final construction compliance were approved for Protection, Health and Safety, Capital Renewal, and state and locally-funded projects which were completed during the past year. The statements, to be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board, are for two projects in which the District expended \$397,522 in construction costs. The PHS projects completed were emergency lighting, electric and ADA updates at a cost of \$267,253, and roof replacement at the District Office and Wabash Valley College at a cost of \$130,269.

The Board approved a new 24 month contract with Ameren Energy Marketing (AEM), a non-regulated subsidiary of Ameren-CIPS. A two-year contract with AEM was approved in October 2009, which saved the District more than \$104,000, or 25%. The new contract will result in similar savings, beginning with the November 2011 meter read dates.

Electric power is delivered to the four IECC colleges from three different electrical distribution entities. Ameren-CIPS delivers electric power to Lincoln Trail College and Olney Central College. Electric power to Frontier Community College is supplied by the City of Fairfield. Wabash Valley College is supplied by Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company

Frontier Community College was authorized to bid a classroom expansion project, to be funded by \$250,000 in locally-raised funds. The project involves remodeling the existing workforce education building to change what is currently 7,088 square feet of lab space into classroom space and restrooms. Although the estimated cost may exceed available funds, the project can be modified to stay within the amount available, or additional local funds can be raised.

Affiliation agreements were approved with AM Transport Services in Olney, Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon, Good Samaritan Physician Services in Vincennes, Indiana, the medical office of Jogendra S. Chhabra, MD in Norris City, and Fairfield Memorial Hospital in Fairfield.

Action was taken to increase International student tuition for independent scholarship students from \$175 to \$200 per semester hour. The transportation fee for International students will be increased from \$175 to \$200 per semester. Both increases will be effective Summer Term 2011.

Tanya Pfeifer was employed as Business and Industry Trainer/Technician.

The employment status of Kevin Pierce was changed from Project Manager Healthcare Grant, to Project Manager Workforce and IRHA Grants, District Office, effective March 1.

The trustees gave notice of intent to renew the contracts of Terry L. Bruce, Chief Executive Officer/Chief Operating Officer, and the four College Presidents: Timothy Taylor, Frontier Community College; Mitch Hannahs, Lincoln Trail College; Rodney Ranes, Olney Central College; and Matt Fowler, Wabash Valley College.

The Faculty Seniority List for 2010-2011 was approved.

Full-Time faculty members were reemployed for the 2011-2012 academic year, including 68 for continuation of tenure, six for initial tenure, and 10 for non-tenure.

Non-Bargaining Unit faculty were reemployed for the 2011-2012 academic year, including seven for continuation of tenure, one for initial tenure, and three for non-tenure.

The retirement of Debra Wolfe, International Student Liaison, LTC/DO, was accepted, effective July 1, 2011.

The resignation of Ashley Bussard, Upward Bound Counselor, OCC/DO, was accepted, effective January 28, 2011.

Tayna Smith and five students in her Student Advantage Network Leadership Development class presented a review of a project they are designing for the community. The project involves working with the "Thinking for a Change" program, where they will be tutoring and mentoring at-risk high school students. As a separate project, the students involved in the Career Exploration class talked about their career choices and the steps they took to get where they are.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.