

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 16, 2010
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has delayed action on proposed reductions-in-force and other personnel matters until Wednesday March 3, at 7 p.m., at Olney Central College.

A motion was approved at the regular meeting Tuesday, February 16, to delay a final decision on the proposed reductions in force in order to give the faculty bargaining unit one week to make suggestions on ways to offset the state's failure to timely pay money due the District.

The trustees asked the faculty to submit its to the Chief Executive Officer by Tuesday, February 23 at 4:30 p.m. The trustees will then have a week to study the faculty's suggestions before the reconvened Board of Trustees meeting on March 3.

In other actions taken by the Board of Trustees at Tuesday's regular meeting:

The IECC Vacation Leave Policy was amended to clarify the matter of grant-funded employees who carry over vacation days. Employees who are paid from grant funds are granted the same number of vacation days as employees paid by the education fund but these days must be used during the period of the grant.

The trustees approved a Student Support Fee of \$10 per credit hour, effective with the Summer Term 2010, to raise revenue to partially replace the state's failure to pay amounts due the District. Revenue from the fee can be used to fund the issuance of Alternate Revenue Bonds or for any other District need. With this fee, in addition to the \$9 increased tuition approved earlier this year, tuition and mandatory fees will be \$86 per credit hour, which compares favorably with other area community colleges. The new fee is mandatory and will apply to all students.

Also approved was a change in course listings from Internet Tuition to Online Tuition, as follows:

In-District, from \$62 to \$71 per credit hour.

Special Out-of-District, will remain at \$89 per credit hour.

Indiana Students in Designated Counties, from \$95 to \$110 per credit hour.

Out-of-District, from \$85 to \$110 per credit hour.

Out-of-State, from \$95 to \$110 per credit hour.

Non U.S. Resident, from \$108 to \$110 per credit hour.

Tuition for the District's Nursing, Radiography, and Practical Nursing courses was changed to a variable tuition rate. The nursing program is the most expensive program operated by the District. For fiscal year 2009, the cost per credit hour for non-nursing courses was \$124.69 per credit hour, while the cost for nursing was \$261.60 per credit hour.

The In-District tuition for beginning and first year nursing students will increase to 150 percent of regular In-District tuition, effective Summer Term 2010. For nursing students currently in the first year of the program, the tuition In-District increase will be 125 percent of regular In-District tuition for the 2010 Summer Term, 2010 Fall Semester and 2011 Spring Semester. Thereafter, all In-District nursing students will be charged 150 per cent of regular In-District tuition.

A change in the 2010 summer term Academic Calendar was approved, to allow the colleges to eliminate Friday classes. By making this change, the District will save \$4,500 each Friday for eight weeks. The change moves the summer starting date up one day and allows summer classes to end a day earlier. The Board had taken action earlier in the year to eliminate 8 paid holidays for full-time administrative, professional/non-faculty and classified employees. These 8 paid Fridays will offset those unpaid holidays and save the district \$36,000 in utility costs.

The trustees approved acceptance of a final settlement of the Charles Edward Young estate. The college district has received more than \$637,980.00 from the estate. The Board accepted this final settlement, noting that all money due to Wabash Valley College has been paid.

The low bid of Shay Roofing, Millstadt, Illinois, was accepted for the roof replacement project at the District Office in Olney. The bid was \$110,923.00 and will be paid with Phase 9 Protection Health Safety carryover bond funds.

A statement of final construction compliance was approved for Protection, Health and Safety, Capital Renewal, and state and locally-funded projects which were completed during the past year. The statement, to be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board, is for six projects in which the District expended \$538,556.00 in construction costs.

The six completed projects were Plumbing & Electrical Survey, \$39,596; Storm Water Remediation, \$64,408; ADA Hardware Replacement, \$47,290; Toilet & Locker Room Upgrade, \$122,619; Fire Suppression Upgrades, \$14,033; Electrical & Lighting Upgrades, \$250,610.

Affiliation Agreements were approved for the Medical Assistant Program and Administrative Information Technology Program with the following six agencies: Marion Eye Center, Fairfield; The Bulletin, Oblong; Burgin Manor, Olney; A+ Scripts (a transcription service company), Miami, Florida; Crawford County Health Department, Robinson; Jasper County Health Department, Newton.

A Business Associate Agreement was approved with Wabash General Hospital, Mt. Carmel, for all IECC Allied Health Programs.

Following the reconvened regular meeting on Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College, next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.