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February 21, 2006
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 approved the district's 2007-2011 Technology Plan at the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 21, at Olney Central College.

The plan reviews technology projects for fiscal year 2006 and outlines current and future technology needs. Goal of the plan is to improve technology services for students, faculty, and staff within the projected budget over the next five years.

During the current fiscal year, IECC has installed new Hewlett Packard hardware and purchased Oracle license upgrade to support the Banner system. Replacement network switches have been purchased and the following district-wide software licenses were purchased: Microsoft Office 2003, Norton Antivirus, Deepfreeze, Backup Exec and File Maker Pro.

The following district-wide Learning Resource Center software subscriptions were also purchased: Lexis Nexis, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Facts on File, ProQuest and CQ Researcher.

Approximately 200 computers will be replaced this year, along with ten computer projection units, and technology equipment and software based on campus needs.

The district's family military leave policy was changed to allow family military leave if an IECC employee's spouse or parent is called into military service lasting more than 30 days.

A Diesel Technology Program fee of \$110 per semester was approved. The fee will be used to pay for uniforms for students in the program at WVC.

The Truck Driving Program fee at WVC was increased from \$35 to \$45 per hour to pay for diesel fuel used during the behind the wheel training.

A \$20 fee for each of the courses in the Radiography Technology Program was approved, to defray cost of film badges and x-ray markers.

The current parking fee of \$5 per semester will be replaced with a \$5 per semester facilities usage fee.

A new contract was approved with the outreach office of Lake Land College, providing for IECC to operate a Dislocated Worker Program at the Illinois Employment Training Center, on Main Street in Olney.

A statement of final construction compliance was approved for the roof replacement project on the Science Building at Wabash Valley College, which was completed during the past year. The protection, health and safety project cost \$280,928. The statement on the completed project will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board.

Bids were accepted for 239 desktop computers, along with flat screen monitors and adjustable flat screen monitors. The computers will be purchased from Dell Computers, Round Rock, Texas, for a total of \$164,261. Sixty-four flat screen monitors and 29 notebooks will be purchased from Charley, Robinson, Illinois, for a total of \$49,855. Thirty-two adjustable flat screen monitors will be purchased from Gateway, North Sioux City, South Dakota, for a total of \$8,501.

The bid of Environmental Assurance Company, Avon, Indiana, was accepted for asbestos abatement at the North Campus of Lincoln Trail College at a cost of \$73,995. The project will be paid with Protection, Health and Safety funds.

A grievance settlement agreement was approved between the Board of Trustees and the Illinois Eastern Colleges Education Association, IEA-NEA, regarding the date of implementation of salary increases for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 academic years.

Reemployment of full-time faculty for the 2006-2007 academic year was approved, including 76 for continuation of tenure, 11 for initial tenure and 20 for non-tenure status.

The faculty seniority list for 2005-2006 was approved.

Darby Miller was employed as Career Advisor at Lincoln Trail College.

Resignations of the following personnel were accepted:

Karen Fink as Food Service Technician Instructor at the Lawrence Correctional Center, effective March 3.

Mary Stewart as Allied Health Instructor at OCC, effective at the end of the spring semester.

Robyn Thessing as Life Science Instructor at OCC, effective at the end of the spring semester.

Andrea Pampe as Director of the Transition Center at OCC, effective April 3.

The retirement of two instructors at Wabash Valley College were announced, effective at the end of the spring semester. They are Robert Brosseau, Physics/Electronics Technology Instructor, and Dan Edwards, Radio/TV Broadcasting Instructor.

An update on district enrollment shows an increase of two percent over this same time one year ago.

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

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.