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Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 approved the district's five-year Technology Plan at the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, March 17, at Olney Central College.

The plan reviews technology projects for fiscal year 2009 and outlines current and future technological needs. The goal of the plan is to improve technological services for faculty, staff and students within the projected budget over the next five years.

The Technology Plan for FY2010 through FY2014 as developed by the Technology Committee established a blueprint that sets forth IECC's Information Technology vision, its strategic directions, and the action plans for supporting the academic experience of students and strengthening the educational mission of faculty and staff. The plan is grouped into the categories of administrative systems, networking infrastructure, telecommunications, software, and other technology resources.

The Information Technology Systems Fact Sheet sets forth progress on: the Banner administrative software system, the network and servers, the online systems, the telephone system, the IECC alert program, the Help Desk, and other applications. The Fact Sheet also sets forth a complete review of computer and printer totals district-wide.

The district's data network supports a multitude of applications including Banner, email, online services, Internet access, etc. Online applications include the internal and external web pages, portal system, online learning management system, eportfolio system and online credit card payment system.

The IECC web site contains over 5,000 web pages and provides valuable information about the district and the colleges.

The IECC district has 275 printers, 1,141 total desktop computers and 250 notebook computers, four open labs, 29 classroom labs, and 101 classrooms with computers and projectors.

The Plan proposes to expend approximately \$540,000 in each year for the fiscal years 2010 to 2014.

A new district policy on Identity Theft Prevention was adopted, along with a complete IECC Identity Theft Prevention Program, which will be in effect pursuant to the policy. The program is written in a manner that:

1. Outlines the Identity Theft Prevention Program requirements.
2. Detects the red flags that the program incorporates.
3. Responds appropriately to detected red flags to prevent and mitigate identity theft.

4. Ensures the program is updated periodically to reflect change in risks.
5. Establishes an identity theft prevention team to monitor and update the program.
6. Conducts annual training for staff with responsibilities in the areas of student accounts, student records, and financial aid.
7. Conducts staff training for any other employees for whom it is reasonably foreseeable may come into contact with student accounts or personally identifiable information.

A Dual Credit Student Handbook was approved for the 2009-2010 academic year. The Handbook defines dual credit, its benefits, ACT scores required, admissions procedures, expectations, grades, and transferability of credits earned. In addition, there are several forms provided so that students can see a sample course syllabus, a schedule, a transcript, and sample letters to students and parents.

The Board of Trustees currently has Dual Credit Agreements with the high school districts for Clay City, Louisville, Cisne, Flora, Newton, East Richland, West Richland, Lawrenceville, Red Hill, Robinson, Hutsonville, Palestine, Oblong, Grayville, Edwards County, Fairfield, and Mt. Carmel.

Affiliation agreements were approved for the LTC Nurse Assistant Program with Newton Rest Haven in Newton, and Crawford Memorial Hospital in Robinson.

The trustees went on record as supporting a tentative agreement that has been reached regarding the tax assessment of the Marathon Refinery in Crawford County.

The trustees gave special recognition to Terra Ochs, Student Trustee for the past year, expressing appreciation for her service during the past 12 months. Terra is a student at Olney Central College and her term ends with the March meeting. Terra will graduate from OCC with two degrees: Associate in Science and an A.A.S. in Administration of Justice. She plans to attend Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, where she will major in Criminology. She has taken courses at all four IECC colleges. She was presented with a plaque in recognition of her service to the Board of Trustees and the IECC district.

Anne Hahn was employed as LPN Instructor, effective August 13.

Christina Nation was employed as Accounts Receivable and Records Clerk at Frontier Community College.

Adam Bowles was employed as Coordinator of Financial Aid at Frontier Community College, effective April 1.

Veronica Cox was employed as Custodian/Groundskeeper at Frontier Community College, effective April 1.

The employment status of Kathy Swinson was changed from Director, WorkKeys Testing Center, to Program Director, Economic and Educational Development at the District Office.

The employment status of Jeffery Cutchin was changed from Computer Networking Instructor, to Coordinator of Instructional Services at Frontier Community College, effective May 26.

Two faculty retirements were announced, both to be effective June 1. Susan Polgar will retire as Psychology Instructor, and Diane Reed will retire as English Instructor.

IECC District-wide enrollment is up 5% from this time one year ago.

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

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