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April 16, 2013

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 reorganized for the next two years, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, April 16, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

Following adoption of a resolution certifying the election returns of April 9, the oath of office was administered to trustees John D. Brooks, Hutsonville, and William C. Hudson, Mt. Carmel, and they were seated for six-year terms, expiring in 2019. Both are beginning their second six-year term.

The oath of office was also administered to Mike Guseynov, who was seated for a one year term as student member of the Board of Trustees. A student at Wabash Valley College, he succeeds Logan Carlson.

Trustee G. Andrew Fischer was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Marilyn Wolfe was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

Harry Hillis was re-appointed Board Secretary and District Ethics Officer.

Trustee Gary Carter was appointed Secretary Pro Tempore.

Roger Browning was re-appointed District Treasurer.

All of the officers were elected unanimously.

Action was taken to adopt all rules, regulations, policies and actions of prior Boards of Trustees.

A resolution was adopted listing the dates, times and locations of regular monthly meetings for remainder of calendar year 2013. The meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., except for the December meeting, which will be held on the second Tuesday. Meeting location will rotate between the four colleges, as follows:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Students like Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, according to the latest Student Satisfaction Survey, with 94% of those surveyed saying they were satisfied with the quality of instruction and felt the instruction was academically challenging. 95% believe they were treated with respect as an individual and 94% would definitely or probably recommend IECC to others.

The Office of Institutional Development conducts the survey each spring semester. 198 students responded to the survey: 62 from Frontier Community College, 51 from Lincoln Trail College, 44 from Olney Central College, and 41 from Wabash Valley College.

Of the students responding to the survey, 64 were first year students; 78 were second year students, 53 were returning students, 3 were dual credit, 69 were transfer, 95 were career/technical, and 31 were other. 138 were full-time students and 60 were part-time.

Survey questions included areas in Communication, Student Services, Instruction, Technology and recommending the college to others. Results included:

97% were satisfied with the communication between the four colleges as it applied to their needs.

94% were satisfied with Advisement Services.

93% were satisfied with Financial Aid Services.

95% were satisfied with Registration Services.

97% were satisfied with Learning Resource Center's availability and resources available.

97% were satisfied with classroom size.

94% were satisfied with courses available at the times they want or needed them.

Areas of concern: 41% rated communication between the colleges as "great", while 40% responded "OK." 12% felt that the computer or science labs were not adequate to meet the objectives of the course.

Activity Fee allocations for 2013-2014 were approved for LTC, OCC and WVC. The Board adopts the allocation of student activity fees at these three colleges each year. There are minimal changes in the allocations from the past year. The allocation notes what percentage of each dollar will be turned over to an appropriate self-balancing account in the auxiliary fund.

A revised Radiography Program Student Handbook was approved. The revised handbook includes a number of changes that were needed.

A change in the district's insurance carrier was approved for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, from The Hanover Group to Catlin Indemnity Company. The Hanover Group proposal was \$ 244,103, while the proposal from Catlin was \$226,774, a savings of \$17,329.

The District received only one Workman's Compensation carrier proposal and that was from BrickStreet, the current carrier. The BrickStreet rate of \$182,188 is \$14,424 less than the current premium.

Two proposals were received for Student Athletic policy coverage. The proposed renewal premium from Guarantee Trust Life/Mutual of Omaha is for \$134,424, a \$11,580 savings over expiring premiums.

The cost of all coverage will total \$588,373, which represents a 5% or \$33,627 savings, over the existing premium of \$622,000.

An updated Violence Prevention Plan was approved for all four IECC colleges and the District Office.

An affiliation agreement was approved with Milburn Health Mart Pharmacy, Sullivan, IL, for the LTC Pharmacy Technician Program.

The bid of Advanced Surveillance Inc., Louisville, KY, was approved for security surveillance systems at Frontier Community College. The firm's bid was \$48,864 for 37 IP cameras and two video recorders.

The bid of Kieffer Bros. Construction Co., Mt. Carmel, IL, was accepted for a gravel parking lot at the Workforce Development Center at Frontier Community College. The bid was \$34,300.

The bid of Morrow Brothers Ford, Greenfield, IL, was accepted for three new 12-passenger vans at a price of \$24,875 each. The vans are for FCC, OCC and WVC.

The bid of Lipps Construction, Mt. Vernon, IL, \$127,000, was accepted for Solarium replacement, entry doors and tile replacements for the Theater and Lobby at Olney Central College.

Tri-County Equipment, Poseyville, IN, was awarded the bid for a mower with a diesel engine for Wabash Valley College. The bid was \$12,950.

Steve Berkemeier was employed as Program Director, Emergency Preparedness and Industrial Quality Maintenance, Workforce Education, effective April 17.

Retirement ratification was approved for four employees.

Elaine Brown, Academic Assistance Coordinator at Wabash Valley College, will retire June 1.

Patricia Owens, History/Political Science Instructor, will retire June 1.

Don Leynaud will retire as Biological Sciences Instructor, effective June 1.

Dan Sparks will retire as Men's Head Basketball Coach at Wabash Valley College, effective May 16.

Resignation ratification was approved for Crystal McDaniels, Administrative Assistant, Wabash Valley College, effective June 8.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.