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April 15, 2014
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges adopted a revised Evaluation Policy, at the regular meeting Tuesday, April 15, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

Under the new policy, part-time faculty will be evaluated at least once every two academic years, rather than every nine semesters. The policy also clarifies that the year being discussed throughout the policy is an academic year.

The oath of office was administered to Carrie Stephens, a student at Frontier Community College, and she was seated as the new Student Member of the Board of Trustees for a one year term. She succeeds Mikhail Guseynov.

Activity fee allocations were approved for fiscal year 2015. There are no changes from last year's recommendations.

Students pay \$2 per credit hour to support student activities. The revenue generated is returned to the colleges. The Presidents of LTC, OCC, and WVC recommend student activity fee allocations. The activity fees for FCC go to support the textbook rental program.

The trustees approved a reduction in the Concealed Carry Course fee.

Following the State of Illinois' approval of Concealed Carry, many schools were opened to meet the required instruction and shooting range requirements. IECC has been conducting a State approved course which has met the State demands for instruction and range activity. The current course fee for both the eight and sixteen hour course is \$130 and that is being reduced to \$75.

With all additional fees and tuition, the eight hour course fee will be reduced from \$176 to \$121 and the sixteen hour course fee is currently \$222 and will be reduced to \$167. Both changes will be effective April 16, 2014.

Also approved was a change in the Diesel Technology Program Course Uniform fee.

Students enrolled in the Diesel Technology Program at WVC currently pay an annual rental fee of \$300 for the two semesters they are enrolled in the program. A service company provides, cleans, and returns the uniforms to the students on a regular basis.

The students prefer to purchase and clean their own uniforms at a cost of \$285 for the two semesters and the student will be responsible for keeping the uniform clean, but the student will also own the uniform at the end of the course.

Clay Atkins was employed as Maintenance Worker at Olney Central College, effective May 1.

A change in employment status was approved for Loren D. Wingert, Information Systems Technician, from LWIA/District Office, to District Office, effective July 1.

The resignation of Kyle Thomas-Hughes, Library Assistant at Olney Central College, was ratified, effective May 10.

The retirement of Larry Gangloff as Maintenance/Operation and Maintenance Team Leader at Olney Central College was ratified, effective May 31.

The retirement of Tammy Harmon as Administrative Assistant at Olney Central College was ratified, effective May 31.

The retirement of Ron Martin as Groundskeeper/Operations and Maintenance Team Leader at Wabash Valley College was ratified, effective June 28.

The retirement of Joyce Nix as Academic Advisor at Olney Central College, was ratified, effective June 28.

Nine affiliation agreements were approved in the health services field with area institutions and businesses.

An executive session was held from 7:40 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and purchase or lease of real property.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.