

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 19, 2005
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 reorganized for the coming two years, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, April 19, at Olney Central College.

Following a canvass of the election returns of April 5, trustees Walter L. Koertge and Brenda K. Culver were seated for new six year terms, expiring in 2011, and the oath of office was administered to Koertge and Culver.

The oath of office was also administered to Laura Tiusaba Guzman, who was seated for a one year term as student member of the Board of Trustees. A freshman at Wabash Valley College, she succeeds Andrea Pennington.

James W. Lane was reelected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, G. Andrew Fischer was reelected Vice-Chairman, and Marilyn Wolfe was reelected Secretary Pro Tempore.

Harry Hillis, Olney, was reappointed Board Secretary and District Ethics Officer.

All of the officers were elected unanimously.

A resolution was adopted listing the dates, times and locations of regular monthly meetings for calendar year 2006. 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, January 17, 2006, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, February 21, 2006, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, March 21, 2006, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, May 16, 2006, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, June 20, 2006, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, July 18, 2006, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, August 15, 2006, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, September 19, 2006, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, November 21, 2006, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

A tuition increase of \$5 per semester hour was approved, from \$48 to \$53, effective with the Fall Semester 2005.

The increase is necessary because of the uncertainty of state funding and tuition increases by other community colleges. Tuition must meet a threshold amount for access to equalization funding. This year's IECC tuition rate barely meets the required threshold. State funding is presently at the 1998 level, even though there has been a substantial increase in credit hours generated by the system and the cost of operation of all community colleges.

It was noted that even with the increase IECC's tuition rate will remain among the lowest in the state.

A Program Articulation Agreement for Bachelor of Business Administration was approved between IECC and McKendree College. Under the agreement, students who complete a degree with one of the IECC colleges may transfer with ease into the McKendree College AiM Program.

An agreement with the Division of Rehabilitation Services was approved. Purpose is to ensure that students with disabilities receive services needed to complete their course of study and obtain employment. The agreement clarifies the responsibilities of DRS for funding disability related services and the responsibilities of IECC for funding accommodations for students with disabilities.

Allocation of activity fees for LTC, OCC and WVC were approved for the 2005-2006 academic year. The fees are the same as in the past, with minor changes at Lincoln Trail College.

A fee of \$50 was approved for nursing students enrolled in one of the six Nursing Review Courses.

District enrollment is up two percent from one year ago.

Contracts with the Department of Corrections were approved for the 2005-2006 academic year for Lincoln Trail College educational programs at the Robinson Correctional Center and the Lawrence Correctional Center.

Nedra Pershing was employed as Massage Therapy Instructor, effective August 11.

Justin Wiles was employed as Academic Support Specialist at the District Office, effective April 21.

The resignation of Brett Gardner was accepted as Upward Bound Student Advisor at the District Office, effective May 31.

The resignation of Amy Bowler was accepted as Food Service Technology Instructor in LTC's educational program at the Robinson Correctional Center, effective April 15.

The bid of Grace Computers, Salt Lake City, Utah, was accepted for computers for the Nursing Program, Academic and Student Support Services and the OCC Automotive Program. The firm's bid totals \$19,652.38, for six desktop computers, nine notebook computers and seven 17-inch flat monitors.

The bid of CompView, Beaverton, Oregon, \$4,350.00, was accepted for three Mitsubishi projectors for the Nursing Program and the OCC Automotive Program. The bid of CDW Gov, Vernon Hills, Illinois, \$1,396.00, was accepted for four projector bulbs.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.