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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, April 20, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

The plan reviews technology projects for fiscal year 2010 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 FY2011 through FY2015 as developed by the Technology Committee establishes 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.

Banner is the integrated suite of applications used to support the business functions of the district. There are a total of 243,733 students in the system with historical data back to 1974. The Banner system data is stored in a central Oracle database running on an HP 9000 server located at the District Office.

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 298 printers, 1,259 total desktop computers and 292 notebook computers, four open labs, 30 classroom labs, and 105 classrooms with computers and projectors.

The Plan proposes to expend approximately \$420,000 in each of the fiscal years of 2011-2014, and \$540,000 for fiscal year 2015, for a total anticipated expenditure of \$2,220,000.

The oath of office was administered to Laurel Pennington, who was seated for a one year term as student member of the Board of Trustees. A student at Frontier Community College, she succeeds Carter Wilkinson.

The trustees accepted the annual Report on Assessment 2008-2009, as prepared by the Faculty Assessment Team. In October 2006, the IECC district was accepted into the Higher Learning Commission's Academy for the Assessment of Student Learning. The Assessment Academy offered HLC member institutions a four-year sequence of events and interactions that were focused on student learning, targeted at accelerating and advancing efforts to assess and improve student learning, and designed to build institution-wide commitment to assessment of student learning.

The Assessment Academy experience is intended to develop an institutional culture and increase institutional commitment to assessing and improving student learning. IECC's participation in the Academy was designed to generate evidence for accreditation evaluations and serve in place of mandated progress and monitoring reports on the assessment of student learning.

The 2008-2009 report includes the following: A Summary of the History of Assessment of Student Learning at IECC, Year in Review of Assessment Events, Committee Meetings 2008-2009, Assessment of Student Learning at all Levels, Feedback on Students First Project, and Future of Assessment of Student Learning at IECC.

The following is a listing of courses, programs, and areas being assessed within IECC: 23 "Students First" Areas (Non-instructional), 10 Transfer Disciplines (Instructional), 124 Career & Technical Education Programs (Instructional).

Revised Campus Emergency Plans for each of the four IECC colleges were approved, pursuant to the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. The plans are designed to provide an organized plan to facilitate the safety of students, faculty and staff. Each plan outlines the specific college's procedures for managing major emergencies and incidents that may threaten the health, safety and welfare of the campus community, or disrupt programs and activities.

Allocation of activity fees for LTC, OCC and WVC were approved for the 2010-2011 academic year. There are no changes from this past year's fee allocations.

The bid schedule for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was approved. The bid schedule allows the District to plan, consolidate, and effectively manage the purchase of large dollar items. Rather than purchasing these items intermittently throughout the year, better pricing is received if the District groups items together and purchases them at designated times.

Revisions were approved for the Radiography Program College Catalog and the Allied Health Program College Catalog.

Three fee increases were approved. The fee for the required background check and fingerprinting for students in the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) program will increase from \$10 to \$28 effective Fall Semester 2010. The Radiography Program Enrichment fee will increase to \$60 per semester. Currently, students pay \$60 the first semester and \$45 for each semester thereafter. After the completion of the six

courses in the Radiography Program, students are required to take a Registry Review Seminar to prepare for the Registry Review Exam. The seminar fee varies depending upon the number of students attending, but the past fee has been between \$140 and \$175. The new fee will be \$30 for six courses for a total cost of \$180 per student.

A memorandum of agreement was approved between the Board of Trustees and the Illinois Eastern Colleges Education Association to make a Medical Reimbursement Program (MRP) available to the IECEA members. As part of the health insurance program approved by the Board for non-bargaining unit IECC employees, the Board made available a Medical Reimbursement Program (MRP). Under this program, a District employee can agree to be covered by his or her spouse's health insurance program and waive medical coverage through IECC. Then the District will reimburse that employee for any out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred in that coverage up to a maximum of \$3,500 per year. After the program was implemented for District employees, the IECEA inquired about the possibility of being included in the MRP. After a discussion of the exact language to be utilized, the IECEA membership voted to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, allowing faculty bargaining unit members to participate if they so desire.

Four area high schools were approved for participation in a Health Careers Partnership Agreement. IECC has successfully conducted a Health Careers Program, which is designed primarily for high school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing a career in the health care field. Classes meet for two hours a day, five days a week, in a hospital setting. The curriculum includes a study of health careers, basic anatomy and physiology, training and CNA certification, along with clinical experiences with patients. The program integrates academic, workplace skills and career development competencies and allows students to observe health care professionals in a workplace setting. Flora High School, North Clay High School and Clay City High School will participate along with the Clay County Hospital in Flora. Mt. Carmel High School will participate along with Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel.

A Business Associate Agreement was approved with Hamilton Memorial Hospital in McLeansboro. This agreement is for all IECC Allied Health Programs.

Affiliation Agreements for the Certified Nurse Assistant Program were approved with Flora Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Flora, Crawford Memorial Hospital in Robinson, and Newton Rest Haven in Newton.

Affiliation Agreements for the Medical Office Assistant Program were approved with Bloomberg Chiropractic in Newton, Fairfield Memorial Hospital in Fairfield, and the Medical Offices of Dr. Timothy Garrett in West Salem and Olney.

Affiliation Agreements for the Medical Office Assistant Program and Administrative Information Technology Program were approved with Lawrence County Health Department in Lawrenceville, and Southern Illinois Primary Care in Fairfield.

An Affiliation Agreement for the Administrative Information Technology Program was approved with the O'Donnell Agency in Flora.

The bid of Illini Builders, Olney, in the amount of \$224,000, was accepted for plumbing and electrical upgrades. The work includes replacement and installation of new exit and emergency lighting throughout buildings on all four campuses; new electrical service and equipment circuits at the Wabash Valley College Advanced Technology Building; remodeling of the Olney Central College Theater restrooms for accessibility, to include new piping, fixtures and trim, masonry partitions, hollow metal doors and frames, VCT flooring, painting, and miscellaneous work. The work will be paid for with Phase 9 Protection, Health and Safety carryover funds.

John Watson was employed as Custodian at LTC, effective April 26.

The retirement of Eddie Wright as Bookstore Manager at OCC was approved, effective July 1.

Change in employment status was approved for the following personnel:

Carrie Dagg, Director of Adult Education, FCC, to Program Director, Emergency Preparedness and Industrial Quality Management, FCC, effective April 26.

Paul Tait, Network Technician, to Systems Administrator, District Office, effective April 21.

Jay Zwilling, Network/Web Technician, to Systems Administrator, District Office, effective April 21.

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

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.