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May 15, 2012
Board of Trustees Meeting

Students like Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, according to the latest Student Satisfaction Survey, the results of which were presented to the IECC Board of Trustees at the regular meeting, Tuesday, May 15, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

Of the 326 survey participants, 98 percent indicated they were satisfied with the overall quality of instruction and 93 percent believe they were treated with respect as an individual.

The IECC Office of Institutional Development conducts the survey each Spring semester. The 2012 survey was conducted online from January 18-March 30. Of the students who completed the survey, 113 were from FCC, 119 from LTC, 34 from OCC, and 60 from WVC. There were 141 first year students, 112 second year students, 50 returning students, 166 career/technical, 10 dual credit and 43 classified as "other."

Survey questions included areas in Communications, Building and Grounds Maintenance, Advisement Services, Registration Services, Financial Aid Services, Learning Resource Centers, Technology Services, Instructional Classroom Services, and recommending the college to others.

Other results included: 94% were satisfied with Advisement Services, 85% were satisfied with Registration Services, 84% were satisfied with Learning Resource Center availability and resources available, 96% felt the building and grounds were maintained in a clean and attractive manner.

Also, 90% felt the instruction was academically challenging, 97% were satisfied with classroom size, and 91% were satisfied with courses available at the times they wanted or needed them.

In areas of concern, 34% were either not confident or unsure their courses would transfer to a four year degree, 25% rated communication between the colleges as "great," and 47% responded "OK," and 38% were not aware of student organizations available at their campus.

Communication and customer service are two important goals of the mission and values of IECC's four colleges and the District overall. Individual college responses were very close to the overall district responses. The results of the survey are shared with various district-wide committees as well as college committees to work on improving any area that needs attention.

The District Academic Calendar was approved for academic years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

The trustees approved the updated District Site and Master Construction Plan, in preparation for IECC's Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Recognition Visit, scheduled for Spring of 2013. This plan sets forth current buildings, locations, and other pertinent information about existing buildings. It identifies new facilities that have been approved for construction by the Board of Trustees, the ICCB, and the Capital Development Board. There is a narrative describing the use of the proposed new buildings.

A Program Articulation Agreement between IECC and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale was approved. It will allow IECC Associate in Applied Science graduates who meet SIUC entrance requirements to receive preferential admission status, based on space availability, into SIUC's Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Technical Resource Management in the College of Applied Science and Arts. This Agreement will allow IECC and SIUC to form a cooperative relationship to better serve IECC students by facilitating transfer, minimizing duplication of instruction and build on community college and university learning experiences.

The trustees approved changes to the Nursing Student Handbook that have been made by the nursing faculty. These changes include prohibition of social networking during classes, lab and clinical, adds a statement of clarification of missed due dates on assignments, replaces the prior standardized computer exams with HESI, revises cost sheets to reflect current tuition, fees, and textbook costs, adds additional lab items to be purchased by students, and updates information available at the Learning Resource Center.

Frontier Community College offers a program in Information Systems Support, which requires the passage of several national exams. The college charges a fee to the student for taking these exams and wishes to establish the fees to take these exams. The District is developing a new policy of charging the actual cost of the exam as opposed to changing, at the Board level, the fees as they are changed by the offering agency. Therefore, the fee will be shown as the "actual cost" and the student will be given the dollar amount expected, but the Board will not be required to act on these fees at each change in cost.

At the April meeting, the Board was informed that Indiana Insurance would not renew the District's insurance coverage for fiscal year 2013. Since the April meeting, the District has been aggressively pursuing an insurance package to replace Indiana Insurance.

After a thorough review of the District's insurance options, the Hanover Insurance Group has developed a commercial business package for the District's general liability, errors and omission, umbrella, automobile, and other insurances that meet the District's insurance needs at a reasonable cost. The Hanover has indicated that it will provide insurance coverage for FY2013 at a rate that will represent a 14% decrease from the District's existing premiums. This will allow a savings of \$38,297, except for coverage of Workman's Compensation. It is anticipated that the District will seek bids in January 2013 to obtain insurance coverage for FY2014.

The Hanover is a well-established insurance company that has been in existence for over 160 years. Their AM Best Rating is "A" Excellent. In addition, their "Avenues Education Advantage" is designed especially for schools and school systems.

The District has received pricing from BrickStreet Insurance for Workman's Compensation Insurance that is very comparable to the expiring premium.

The Board approved The Hanover Insurance Group proposal to provide insurance coverage to IECC from July 1, 2012 until June 30, 2013 for the District's general liability, errors and omission, umbrella, automobile, and other insurances. BrickStreet Insurance will provide Workman's Compensation to coverage to IECC for the same period of July 1, 2012 until June 30, 2013.

The Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) 23 is operated by two separate boards. The Chief Elected Officials (CEO's) are the County Board Chairman or designee from the 14 counties within LWIA 23. The local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) is comprised of more than 40 individuals from LWIA 23 who represent various professional categories to meet the requirement of the composition of the LWIB. The CEO's and LWIB work together to operate and provide the services within LWIA 23. The CEO's have chosen IECC as the grant recipient and fiscal agent for the money received to operate the programs within LWIA 23. The LWIB has chosen the C.E.F.S. Economic Corporation as the contractee to provide the services within LWIA 23, for Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker, Trade Adjustment Act, and Resource Room Personnel Services.

As the grant recipient and fiscal agent, IECC has to approve the contract between the LWIB and the CEO's. The contract runs from 07-01-2012 through 06-30-2015. CEFS has agreed to comply with all terms of the agreement and meet all federal guidelines for disbursement of funds. The Board of Trustees approved the contact between IECC, the CEO's, the LWIB, and CEFS.

Most insurance companies are now requiring that the IECC District conduct criminal background checks on each new District employee. Certified Background, the company which currently conducts checks on the District's Allied Health Students, has given the District a quote of \$40 to perform background checks on all new employees. The trustees approved a motion that all new employees undergo a criminal background check and that the District contract with Certified Background to conduct these criminal background checks on all new employees.

A Memorandum of Agreement was approved between the Board of Trustees and the Illinois Eastern Colleges Education Association, regarding Registration and Testing Day, Spring 2014.

Under the existing contract, faculty members are required to be present for two registration and testing days during the beginning of the Spring Semester 2014. Because of conflicts with the mid-term schedule, it is necessary that a registration and testing day be eliminated in the Spring Semester of 2014. Thus, for the 2013-2014 academic year, faculty will have 178 days of service instead of the 179 days of service.

Tammie Bohnhoff was employed as Math Instructor, effective August 9.

Jeshua Franklin was employed as Vocal/Instrumental Music Instructor, effective August 9.

Curtis Marshall was employed as Welding Instructor at OCC, effective August 9.

Monica Balding was employed as Office Assistant in the Business Office at WVC, effective June 1.

Rickey Lamb was employed as Workforce Education Instructor, effective May 16.

Change in employment status was approved for the following personnel:

LeAnn Hartleroad, from Program Director, Pre-College TRiO Programs, District Office, to Associate Dean of Grants and Institutional Development, District Office, effective July 1.

Tiffany Cowger, from Coordinator, Upward Bound West, District Office (OCC), to Assistant Director, Upward Bound West, District Office (OCC), effective July 1.

Sybil Janello, from Coordinator, Registration and Records, Workforce Education, to Director, Registration and Records, Workforce Education, effective July 1.

Kathy Swinson, from Program Director, Economic and Educational Development, District Office, to Director, Transition Center and Perkins, DO, effective July 1.

Laurie Taylor, Coordinator, Business Services, Workforce Education, to Director of Business and Financial Aid, Workforce Education, effective July 1.

Brandon Weger, from Coordinator, Upward Bound East, District Office (LTC), to Assistant Director, Upward Bound East, District Office (LTC), effective July 1.

Tara Farleigh, from Coordinator of Assessment and Accreditation, District Office, to Administrative Assistant to the President, FCC, effective May 16.

Jodi Schneider, from College Career Advisor, Educational Talent Search, District Office (OCC), to Counselor, Upward Bound West, District Office (OCC), effective June 1.

Melanie Wiseman, from Administrative Assistant to the President, FCC, to Administrative Assistant to the Dean, WVC, effective May 16.

Four resignations were accepted: Ashley Charleston as Director of the Transition Center at OCC, Jana Hadra as Upward Bound Counselor at the District Office/Lincoln Trail College, Lawrence Ewing as Information Systems Technician at FCC, and Kyle Ziegler as Custodian at OCC.

The following personnel will retire, effective July 1:

Charlotte Bruce, Director of the Learning Resource Center at OCC.

Pamela Schwartz as Associate Dean, Institutional Development at the District Office.

Diane Russell as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid in Workforce Education.

Debra Dawkins as Office Assistant at FCC.

Freda Musgrave as Administrative Assistant at FCC.

The \$52,556 bid of Virtual Computing Systems, Inc., Morris, IL, was accepted for Scale Computing CL3-R4 Storage Array Cluster. Payment will be from The Technology Plan, and the

purchase is for the Information Technology Department for Disk Storage for virtual servers and disaster recovery site.

Four affiliation agreements were approved between IECC and area health care related businesses and offices dealing with the Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing programs and the Medical Assistant program.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Tuesday, June 19, at 7 p.m.