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May 18, 2004
Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Annual Report Card for fiscal year 2004 was presented to the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting, Tuesday, May 18, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The report card describes the district's effectiveness in meeting its stated mission and purpose. Among key findings in the report card:

Illinois Eastern continues to lead the state in service to its residents, with a head count enrollment of 78 students per 1000 population and a full-time equivalency enrollment of 33 students per 1000 population.

Ninety-eight percent of students enrolled on the 10th day of the fall semester were still enrolled at midterm and 94 percent of students enrolled on the 10th day of classes completed their classes.

An average of 96 percent of transfer students and 90 percent of career and technical students surveyed were satisfied with the overall quality of instruction they received at IECC.

Ninety percent of students surveyed indicated they were satisfied with IECC student support services.

Student pass rate on the cosmetology license exam was 96 percent, on the radiography license exam 62 percent, on the practical nursing license exam 100 percent, and on the registered nursing exam 85 percent.

Ninety percent of employers returning surveys rated IECC graduates as having the necessary skills to perform in the workplace.

Eighty-five percent of students enrolled in adult basic and adult secondary education classes completed their courses. Seventy-six percent of students enrolled in remedial classes completed their courses.

More than \$5.6-million in financial aid was disbursed to IECC students in fiscal year 2003.

IECC's unit cost of \$143.87 was below the state average of \$191.09.

Information contained in the report card is used to identify and support modifications that will increase student success. The report card indicates that the district has met or exceeded established standards.

The IECC Military Leave Policy was amended to reflect recent legislative changes. The amended policy provides for continuation of insurance and leave benefits to personnel called to active duty and to provide salary continuation when personnel are called for short training sessions.

An agreement was approved providing for IECC to participate in negotiations between taxing bodies in Crawford County and Marathon Ashland Petroleum Refinery, regarding the refinery's property tax assessment.

Amendments to the agreements between IECC and the Illinois Department of Corrections were approved, relating to the Lincoln Trail College educational programs at the Lawrence and Robinson Correctional Centers.

An additional \$4,870 was added to the budget for the current fiscal year at Robinson Correctional Center.

The budget for the Lawrence Correctional Center for the current fiscal year was amended to show a decrease of \$105,400.31.

The IECC proposal for a contract with the Illinois Department of Corrections for the coming fiscal year was approved. Following negotiations between the college district and the Department of Corrections, contracts will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for continuation of the LTC educational programs at the Lawrence and Robinson Correctional Centers.

Elaine Brainard was employed as an Office Assistant at the District Offices in Olney.

The resignation of Jennifer Mathes, Dean of Instruction at Olney Central College, was accepted, effective July 9.

The resignation of Amy Johnson, Administrative Assistant at the District Offices, was accepted, effective July 6.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.