

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**May 18, 2010**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

In action last night, the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges approved the hiring of new interim Presidents for Lincoln Trail College and Olney Central College and reinstated 8 faculty members from the reduction in force list. The action was taken at the regular meeting, Tuesday, May 18, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

Mitch Hannahs, currently the Head Baseball Coach and Athletic Director at Lincoln Trail College, was chosen for the position of Interim President for Lincoln Trail College for a period of one year. He will replace retiring President Beverly Turkal, who has served as President since October 2006.

Rodney Ranes, currently the Dean at Olney Central College, was chosen as Interim President for Olney Central College for a period of one year. He will replace retiring President Jack Davis, who has served as President since June 2002.

Eight faculty members were reinstated, after being released in March because of reduction-in-force. Reinstated with continuation of tenure were Shasta Bennett, Amie Mayhall and Brian Wick. Reinstated with non-tenure status were Tyler Boyles, Michael Conn, Catherine Ross, Jill Stukenberg and Philip Thorsen.

The Board also approved 3 interim Deans. Wayne Morris as Interim Dean of Instruction at Wabash Valley College, effective July 19, Kathryn Harris, as Interim Dean of Instruction at Lincoln Trail College, effective June 14, and Kristi Urfer as Interim Dean of Instruction at Olney Central College, effective July 1.

In other action, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution declaring its intent to issue Funding Bonds, for the purpose of paying the health insurance bill for employees of the district.

CEO Terry L. Bruce said, "Given the uncertainty created by the State of Illinois' financial condition, and the proposed funding cuts for education, the District will not have sufficient funds on hand or available to pay this health insurance claim. Therefore, it is necessary that bonds in the amount of \$2,125,000.00 be issued and that the proceeds of such bonds be used to pay the insurance premium due."

The Board meeting for the issuance of the bonds and for a tax levy should occur at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 20, 2010.

Southeastern Illinois College (SIC) has received approval through a Memorandum of Understanding to work with the Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program – Mobile Unit #15 (MTU 15) with offices located in Carbondale and Harrisburg. MTU 15 offers firearms and use of force simulation training. The trustees approved an interdistrict reciprocal agreement, under which SIC will

offer firearms training and use of force simulation training for law enforcement officers within IECC's District.

The IECC Annual Program Review Report for fiscal year 2010 was approved. The report contains transfer and occupational program reviews based on quality, cost, and need. It also includes a review of administrative, academic and support services. The report will be filed with the Illinois Community College Board on August 1, 2010.

In summary, a total of 31 career and technical education programs (degrees and certificates) were reviewed, including continued reviews from the previous year. Of the 31 programs reviewed, nine programs will be discontinued and three programs were previously withdrawn. All other programs that were reviewed during 2010 will be continued with minor changes.

A Joint Agreement for education cooperation was renewed with Kaskaskia College. Under the agreement the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

Twenty affiliation agreements were approved for the following health care related programs:

Medical Office Assistant Program

Health Information Management Program

Medical Assistant Program

Pharmacy Technician Program

The trustees approved a resolution to restore paid holidays for all fulltime staff and administration. Earlier this year, the trustees approved unpaid holidays for these employees, because of a cash flow problem. Since the time unpaid holidays were implemented, the District has curbed spending and improved cash flow by terminating the contract with the Department of Corrections, reducing staff, changing the health insurance program, and leaving unfilled more than twenty staff and administrative positions.

In addition to a reduction in spending and an improvement in cash flow, the District has been fortunate to receive a significant portion of promised funding from the state. Unanticipated federal stimulus money was used to fulfill commitments to education. Lottery funds were made available. And there was recognition by the state that seven community colleges, including IECC, had significant financial needs that could only be addressed by the prompt payment of monies due the District.

A change was approved to the Basic Nurse Assistant College Catalog. The Health Care Worker Background Check Act has been changed to require a complete fingerprint background check effective Fall Semester 2010.

In May 2007 the District and Lincoln Trail College were approved as a testing site for the certification exam for the Medical Assistant Program. The Board approved an extension of this

certification to the students enrolled in the Health Information Management Program. Approval was given for purchase of Booklog software at a cost of \$17,925. In order to establish a more efficient inventory control system and to provide better services to students, the bookstores at LTC, OCC, and WVC will implement a point-of-sale system using Booklog software.

The Board also accepted the following personnel retirements:

George Kocher as Interim Program Director for Telecom at Lincoln Trail College, effective July 1.

Lonnie Devin as Instructor at Lincoln Trail College, effective June 1.

Kathleen Nelson as Nursing Instructor, effective May 29.

Elizabeth Grant as Bookstore Manager at Lincoln Trail College, effective December 1.

Trena Cline as Library Technician at Frontier Community College, effective July 1.

Janet Kent as Coordinator of Human Services at Frontier Community College, effective July 1.

The resignation of Chad Killinger was accepted as Head Womens Basketball Coach/Pool Manager at Lincoln Trail College, effective May 22.

Special assignments were approved for Kevin Bowers as Interim Athletic Director at Lincoln Trail College, and Kent Staley as temporary O & M Team Leader.

Cristina Siegel was employed as Bookstore Manager at Olney Central College, effective July 1.

Kevin Bowers was employed as Interim Head Men's Baseball Coach at Lincoln Trail College, effective July 1.

Debra Wiedwilt was employed as Program Assistant in Workforce Education at Marissa, effective May 20.

District-wide enrollment is up 4% from this same time one year ago.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Olney Central College, Tuesday, June 15, at 7 p.m.