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May 21, 2002
Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Annual Report Card for fiscal year 2002 was presented to the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting Tuesday, May 21, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

The plan 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 70.56 and a fulltime equivalency enrollment of 32.14 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.

Grade point average for IECC transfer students was 3.4, the same as students who started at senior colleges.

An average of 87 percent of transfer and technical students surveyed were satisfied with the quality of instruction.

Eighty-five percent of students surveyed indicated they were satisfied with IECC student support services.

Student pass rates on the cosmetology license exam was 94 percent, on the radiography exam 100 percent, on the practical nursing exam 100 percent, and on the registered nursing exam 85 percent.

More than \$4.7-million in financial aid was disbursed to IECC students in fiscal year 2001.

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 trustees also approved the district's Long Range Plan for fiscal years 2003 and 2004. The plan emphasizes improvement in instruction and student support services; also revitalizing facilities, and obtaining state-of-the-art equipment and teaching tools. The document will be used as an ongoing two-year guide with an annual review to allow for revisions and addition of another year.

Nursing lab fees will be increased by \$5, from \$45 to \$50, and on-line Internet courses will be increased by \$2, from \$40 to \$42, effective with the Summer Term of 2002.

The low bid of Richardson's Heating, A/C & Electric, Olney, \$20,512, was approved for heating ventilating and air conditioning modifications at the District Office in Olney.

The following personnel were employed:

Roger Chapman, Social Science Instructor.

John Kendall, Office Careers Instructor.

Kristi Renshaw, Academic Support Specialist, District Office.

Jamie Henry, Interim Director of Business, Lincoln Trail College.

The following faculty members were reinstated from reduction-in-force, effective May 10: Jason Potts, Michael McKern, Clint Weisgerber and Randall Hargis.

The resignation of Kelvin Cessna, Assistant Program Director, Small Business Development Center, was accepted, effective May 17.

Two faculty members announced their retirement: Judy Brewster, Social Services Instructor, effective July 31, and Bonnie Burns, Mathematics Instructor, effective May 31.

Joint Agreements for education cooperation were approved with John A. Logan College, Southwestern Illinois College and Kaskaskia College. Under the agreements the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College.