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June 15, 2004

Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Resource Allocation and Management Plan (RAMP) for fiscal year 2006 was approved by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting Tuesday, June 15, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

The plan outlines requests for four capital projects, as follows:

1. Olney Central College: Applied Technology Center, \$1,500,705.
2. Wabash Valley College: Technology/Student Support Expansion to Main Hall, \$5,591,244.
3. Lincoln Trail College: Center for Technology, \$7,334,141.
4. Frontier Community College: Student Center, \$2,977,516.

The RAMP document will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board.

A Capital Renewal Grant application was approved in the amount of \$129,617, for the following projects:

Olney Central College: Add vinyl tread to external stairwells and ceramic tile and/or vinyl material to each landing, \$47,116.

Olney Central College: Replace lighting in OCC Gymnasium, \$54,000.

The application, which will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board for approval, also includes \$28,501 for contingencies, construction administration fee, architect/engineer compensation, on-site observation and reimbursables.

Results of the Spring 2004 Student Satisfaction Survey were reviewed. Fifty transfer students and 50 technical/occupational students at each college are asked to participate in the survey each semester. A total of 394 responses were received. Results are averaged and placed in the district's annual Report Card. Of students surveyed, 92.68 percent expressed no dissatisfaction with district services.

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

A resolution was adopted to authorize certain expenditures from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, such as custodial salaries.

The board adopted the prevailing rate of wages as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor for the counties of Crawford, Richland, Wabash and Wayne.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the permanent transfer of \$49,049 in interest earned in the Working Cash Fund to the General Fund.

A public hearing on the community college district budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 was set for Tuesday, September 21, 2004, from 6 to 6:30 p.m., at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection at the District Business Office, 233 East Chestnut Street, Olney, on and after Friday, August 13, 2004.

A resolution was adopted authorizing inter-fund loans during the 2004-2005 fiscal year, with the loans to be repaid to the original fund within one year.

The Board of Trustees gave notice of intent to renew the contracts of all four College Presidents: Dr. Harry Benson, Wabash Valley College; Dr. Jack Davis, Olney Central College; Dr. Michael Dreith, Frontier Community College; and Dr. Carl Heilman, Lincoln Trail College.

Personnel for the educational programs at the Robinson and Lawrence Correctional Centers were reemployed for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, dependent upon funding from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Linda Branch was appointed Interim Dean of Instruction at Olney Central College, effective July 6.

Special assignments for the coming academic year were approved for all four colleges, including lead instructors, advisors, coordinators, managers, directors and some athletic personnel.

The following personnel were employed: Greg Shelby, Automotive Technology/Collision Repair Instructor; Nicholas Wright, Chemistry Instructor; Dana Hart, Administrative Assistant at the District Office; Kelly Payne, English Instructor; Kimball Clark, Physical Sciences Instructor; Carmen Allen, Social Science Instructor.

The employment status of Nellie Dianne Adkins was changed from part-time Secretary/Clerk to Program Assistant in the Workforce Education Program, effective July 1.

The resignation of Mark Nelson, Men's Basketball Coach at Wabash Valley College, was accepted, effective June 30.

The resignation of Sherry Nelson, Academic Support Specialist, was accepted, effective July 22.

Two personnel retirements were announced, as follows:

Shirley Buche will retire as Program Assistant in Workforce Education, effective June 30.

Larry Johnson will retire as Groundskeeper at Olney Central College, effective August 31.

District-wide enrollment for the summer term is up 8 percent over the same time one year ago.

The July 20, 2004 meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, at 7 p.m., instead of at Lincoln Trail College as originally scheduled. The change is being made because of construction work at LTC. The September 2004 meeting will be held at Lincoln Trail College.