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June 17, 2003
Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Resource Allocation and Management Plan (RAMP) for fiscal year 2005 was approved by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting Tuesday, June 17, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

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

1. Olney Central College: Applied Technology Center, \$1,424,216.
2. Wabash Valley College: Technology/Student Support Expansion to Main Hall, \$5,397,088.
3. Frontier Community College: Student Center, \$2,833,294.
4. Lincoln Trail College: Center for Technology, \$7,026,049.

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

IECC's five year Technology Plan was revised due to increasing fiscal pressures. The plan was amended to reduce the network equipment from \$40,000 to \$20,000. Network backup and surge protection was reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000. Computer projection units were reduced from \$50,000 to zero. A district-wide contingency fund of \$80,000 was established to meet pressing needs because of these reductions.

Matt Fowler was appointed Dean of Instruction at Wabash Valley College, effective July 1.

Nixie Knetkovsky was employed as Life Science Instructor. Three Nursing Instructors were employed: Kathy Ketterman, Sheila Rangel and Phyllis Wells.

The employment status of Rick Arp was changed from Athletic Director/Coach to Coach at LTC.

Personnel for the educational programs at the Robinson and Lawrence Correctional Centers were reemployed for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, dependent upon funding from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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 resignation of Jason Dockter, English Instructor, was accepted.

The Board of Trustees gave notice of intent to renew the contracts of three College Presidents: Dr. Harry Benson, Wabash Valley College; Dr. Jack Davis, Olney Central College; Dr. Michael Dreith, Frontier Community College.

A resolution was adopted, expressing appreciation to Dr. John Arabatgis, who is retiring after more than 25 years in the field of education. He came to Lincoln Trail College in 1988 as Dean of the College. He was named Interim President of LTC in 1994 and President in 1995.

Jeffery Davenport, Computer Technician at Frontier Community College, and Nicole Weber, Program Advisor at Olney Central College, were released from their grant-funded positions because of a reduction-in-force.

A Board Policy was adopted to comply with newly enacted federal legislation. The Gramm Leach Bliley Act Policy complies with the federal statute on protection of critical information and data.

A Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) agreement was approved with Fairfield Memorial Hospital.

The trustees approved a plan by the Lincoln Trail College Foundation to make improvements to the Learning Resource Center at LTC. The carpet will be replaced at a cost of \$14,000 and the walls will be repainted at a cost of \$2,675. The Foundation is currently soliciting proposals to repaint the LRC ceiling tile.

The following student fees were approved: Massage Therapy program insurance liability fee \$15 per year; Massage Therapy courses \$20; Basic Online Communication course \$10 per credit hour; FCC three-hour course Textbook Rental fee \$10.

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 \$86,259 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, 2003 was set for Tuesday, September 16, 2003, from 6 to 6:30 p.m., at Olney Central College. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection at the District Business Office, 233 East Chestnut Street, Olney, on and after Friday, August 8, 2003.

A resolution was adopted authorizing inter-fund loans during the 2003-2004 fiscal year, with the loans to be repaid to the original fund within one year.

District-wide enrollment for the summer term is up 5 percent over the same time one year ago.

A plaque of recognition and appreciation was presented to Mr. Wayne Henegar, who is retiring after nearly 27 years on the staff at Wabash Valley College, including ten years as Dean of Instruction.

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