

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 18, 2002
Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Resource Allocation and Management Plan (RAMP) for fiscal year 2004 was approved by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting Tuesday, June 18, at Olney Central College.

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

1. Olney Central College: Applied Technology Center, \$1,663,165.
2. Wabash Valley College: Main Hall Renovation, \$241,456.
3. Lincoln Trail College: Center for Technology, \$6,547,681.
4. Wabash Valley College: Technology/Student Support Expansion to Main Hall, \$6,504,139.
5. Frontier Community College: Technology Center, \$2,679,381.

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

IECC's five year Technology Plan was approved for fiscal years 2003-2007. The plan serves as a review of existing technologies. It also outlines current and future technological needs for improvement of the district's administrative and instructional technologies. The goal of the plan is to improve technology services for faculty, staff and students, within a projected budget.

Three changes were approved for the IECC Nursing Student Handbook, dealing with requirements of the facilities in which faculty and students conduct clinical training, petition for readmission to the program, and examination and quizzes.

An agreement between Lincoln Trail College and the LTC Foundation for lease of a 15-passenger van was approved. The lease is for \$16,900 plus 5% simple interest for a total of \$18,056.48, to be paid over four fiscal years.

The following personnel were employed: Scott Balding, Diesel Equipment Instructor; Theresa Marcotte, Nursing Instructor; Katherine Overstreet, Educational Technology Specialist at the District Office; Kent Staley, Custodian at Frontier Community College.

Contracts between Illinois Eastern Community Colleges – Lincoln Trail College – and the Illinois Department of Corrections, were renewed for the coming academic year for educational programs at the Robinson Correctional Center and the Lawrence Correctional

Center.

Personnel in the educational programs at Robinson and Lawrence Correctional Centers were reemployed for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, dependent upon funding from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Employment of Judy Riggs, Manager of Food Services at Wabash Valley College, was changed from nine months to ten months per year.

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

The retirement of Howard Stearns, Workforce Education Instructor, was announced, effective August 1.

The resignation of Nicole Zeller, Nursing Instructor, was accepted.

The bid of IRM/Acordia, Champaign, IL, was accepted for district property, automobile and liability insurance for the fiscal year 2002-2003. Annual premium is \$201,342.

The bid of First Agency, Kalamazoo, MI, was accepted for intercollegiate and intramural insurance coverage for fiscal year 2002-2003. Premiums are \$63,414 for intercollegiate coverage and \$2,700 for intramural coverage.

Janitorial supplies and equipment bids from various vendors were approved for a total of \$33,483.84.

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 \$104,282 in interest earned in the Working Cash Fund to the General Fund.

The public hearing on the community college district budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 was set for Tuesday, September 17, 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 an after Friday, August 9, 2002.

A resolution was adopted authorizing inter-fund loans during the 2002-2003 fiscal year, with the loans to be repaid to the original fund within one year.

A resolution was adopted expressing appreciation to Dr. Hans Andrews for his services as President of Olney Central College. Dr. Andrews is retiring on June 30.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.