

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**June 21, 2005**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Resource Allocation and Management Plan (RAMP) for fiscal year 2007 was approved by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting Tuesday, June 21, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

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

1. Olney Central College: Applied Technology Center, \$1,620,760.
2. Wabash Valley College: Technology/Student Support Expansion to Main Hall, \$6,051,348.
3. Lincoln Trail College: Center for Technology, \$7,964,546.
4. Frontier Community College: Student Center, \$3,115,427.

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

Results of the spring 2005 Student Satisfaction Survey were reviewed, with 197 transfer students and 195 technical students completing the survey.

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 \$48,662 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, 2005 was set for Tuesday, September 20, 2005, from 6 to 6:30 p.m., at Frontier Community College, Fairfield. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection at the District Business Office, 233 East Chestnut Street, Olney, on and after Friday, August 12, 2005.

A resolution was adopted authorizing inter-fund loans during the 2005-2006 fiscal year, with the loans to be repaid to the original fund within one year.

The IECC vacation leave policy was revised to comply with the provisions of recent legislation.

The trustees approved renewal of the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of

Illinois for providing health, dental and life insurance coverage to district employees for the coming year. The proposal contains an approximate seven percent decrease in health insurance premiums and an approximate eight percent increase in dental insurance premiums over the current rates.

Renewal with current insurance carriers for property, automobile and liability insurance was approved, with an approximate 7.6 percent decrease in premiums.

Lease or sub-lease agreements were renewed for locations which house IECC programs, including OCC Cosmetology, IECC Dislocated Workers, IECC Illinois Employment Training Center, Central Management Services for the Illinois Department of Employment Security, Lakeland College Dislocated Workers Center, CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation, Frontier Newton Center, Illinois Local Workforce Investment Board and Illinois Rehabilitation Services.

Clifton Gunderson, Certified Public Accountants, will continue to provide auditing services to the district, for an annual fee of \$24,150 plus out of pocket expense.

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 2005-2006 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.

Brenda Groves and Sharen Wolke were employed as Nursing Instructors.

Karen Marks was employed as temporary Nursing Instructor.

Willard Cotton was employed as Men's Basketball Coach at Lincoln Trail College.

Jan Adams was employed as Custodian at Wabash Valley College.

Mary Warren was employed as Records Clerk at Frontier Community College.

The retirement of Don Mersinger as Ag Tech Instructor was announced, effective

May 31, 2006.

The following personnel resignations were accepted: Randal Hargis, Computer Instructor; Everick Sullivan, Men's Basketball Coach at LTC; Rhoda Slichenmyer, International Student Liaison at the District Office.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Olney Central College Tuesday, July 19, at 7 p.m.