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Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges approved the district's 2007 Performance Report at the regular meeting, Tuesday, July 17 at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

The Performance Report is a document compiled and completed by all higher education institutions to determine progress, activities and support for the Illinois Board of Higher Education's "Illinois Commitment," and the six goals within the commitment, which are economic development, teaching and learning, affordability, access and diversity, higher expectations and quality, productivity and accountability.

The district and its colleges have responded to each of the six goals for the Performance Report, describing current activities, along with planned and future activities that will continue and expand IECC's efforts.

The district has met and will continue to meet the six goals that are outlined in the Illinois Commitment. IECC remains the only higher education resource for many district residents.

During the 2006 academic year, 41 percent of graduates from the 17 high schools in the district enrolled at one of the four IECC colleges. Dual credit courses available for high school juniors and seniors continued to expand. The four colleges offer both transfer and occupational courses for dual credit.

Illinois Eastern's tuition and fee structure over a three year period has averaged \$1,630 per year, while the state average for the same time period was \$2,074 per year. The low tuition and fees continue to ensure access for students who do not receive financial aid.

Also approved by the trustees was the IECC Accountability and Program Review Report for the 2006-2007 academic year.

The Accountability and Program Review report contains summaries of instructional program reviews and program improvements, reviews of occupational programs, evaluation of instructional, student and academic support services, public service, administrative functions, and overall academic productivity relative to program quality, need and cost.

Forty-three degree and certificate programs were reviewed for fiscal year 2007. Twenty-eight of these programs will be continued, three will be discontinued, eight have been placed on inactive status, and four were withdrawn previously.

The report also examines program costs and cost effectiveness. IECC's unit cost for technical and occupational programs is \$112.70 compared to the state average of \$252.03. The district's unit cost for

baccalaureate instruction is \$109.01 compared to the state average of \$200.72. The report thus concludes that Illinois Eastern's programs are cost effective.

The reports, which will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education, help the district focus on its mission and priorities.

The IECC Catalog for the 2007-2008 academic year was approved. The new catalog is for one academic year only, whereas in the past the catalog has covered two academic years.

The catalog includes information about all four IECC colleges – Frontier Community College, Fairfield; Lincoln Trail College, Robinson; Olney Central College, Olney; and Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

General information about the district is outlined, including the mission; history; admission and academic information; student rights, conduct and services; financial information and details about programs and course offerings.

The catalog also lists the college calendar and full-time district and college personnel.

A number of new program offerings have been added to the catalog, along with programs that have been revised, deleted, and withdrawn since the previous catalog was published.

The bid of United Graphics, Inc., Mattoon, Illinois, in the amount of \$10,859.39, was accepted for printing 5,000 of the new catalogs.

An articulation agreement was approved with Lakeview College in Danville, Illinois. Lakeview is a BSN Degree granting institution.

Under this agreement, IECC students who successfully complete IECC's two year Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing will be able to attend Lakeview College for an additional two years and thereby achieve a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

A resolution was adopted to expand the boundaries of the present Lawrence County enterprise zone which covers parts of Lawrence County, the cities of Lawrenceville, Bridgeport, and Sumner. In addition, the resolution abates taxes on new construction of industrial and commercial projects for six years.

The resolution, requested by the Lawrence County Industrial Development Council, deals with an expansion of the enterprise zone to include property to be used for construction of a McDonald's Restaurant and an expansion of the existing BP gasoline station.

This property will have a graduated abatement, with the first two years being abated at 100%; the second two years at 50% and the third two-year year period at 25%. All taxes will be paid beginning with the seventh year. In addition to expanding the boundaries and including an additional tax abatement, the resolution also extends the time for termination of the enterprise zone to December 31, 2020.

Affiliation agreements for the Phlebotomy Program at Olney Central College were approved with Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney, Illinois; Lawrence County Memorial Hospital, Lawrenceville, Illinois; and Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, Indiana.

Bids totaling \$38,405.05 were accepted from various vendors in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri for janitorial equipment, supplies and consumables.

Bids totaling \$55,094.80 were accepted for new desktop and notebook computers, monitors and projectors. The successful bidders for these products were Grace Computers, Round Rock, Texas; Tiger Direct, Naperville, Illinois; Dell Computers, Round Rock, Texas; and Audio CIM Visual, Evansville, Indiana.

Dell Marketing, Round Rock, Texas, was the successful bidder for Microsoft Campus Agreement desktop software (bundle of 483), 50 standard server licenses and four enterprise server licenses. The bid for these items totals \$24,269.60.

Kieffer Bros. Construction Company, Mt. Carmel, Illinois, was awarded the bid for the foundation, mechanical and electrical work for the new Greenhouse at Lincoln Trail College. The total bid, including alternates, was \$85,300.00.

Successful bidder for a computerized wheel alignment system for the OCC Automotive Services Technology Department was C & T Auto Parts, Inc., Olney, Illinois, with a bid of \$20,700.00.

The Coal Mining Technology Program is purchasing a Shuttle Car Training Panel and Scoop/Battery Hauler System Training Panel with funds from a Community Based Job Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Bid for a Joy Training Panel was awarded to Joy Mining Machinery, Franklin, Pennsylvania, with a bid of \$78,570.00. The bid for a Saminco Scoop Electrical Training Panel was awarded to Saminco, Inc., Norris City, Illinois, with a bid of \$28,000.00. Final acceptance of the bid is contingent upon approval from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Marcie Burton was employed as Job Preparedness Instructor for the LTC educational program at the Lawrence Correctional Center, pending Department of Corrections funding and approval.

Jennifer Barthelemy was employed as Coordinator of Financial Aid at LTC, effective August 1.

Rhonda Webster was employed as Custodian at LTC, effective August 1.

James Meritt was employed for the Fall Semester of 2007, for the Electrical Distribution faculty, with the right to extend the contract for the Spring 2008 Semester.

A change in employment status was approved for Jervaise McGlone, from Director of Special Projects and HLC Online Degree Approval, to Interim Associate Dean of Adult and Continuing Education at the District Office.

The resignation of Jean Duckworth was accepted as Program Advisor, Allied Health, at FCC, effective August 31.

The resignation of Lindsay (Willis) Ridgely was accepted as Upward Bound Student Advisor at the District Office, effective August 6.

The retirement of Janice Tucker was announced as Director of Recruitment and Advisement at Frontier Community College, effective September 1.

The retirement of Earl Ary Jennings was announced as Coal Mining Technology Instructor, effective July 31.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Tuesday, August 21, at 7 p.m.