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August 16, 2011
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges approved a tentative budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, August 16 at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

A public hearing on the budget will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, at Olney Central College, with the final fiscal year budget to be approved following the hearing.

The tentative budget represents the current and best judgment of the district administration relative to anticipated revenues for fiscal year 2012. It was based on information available at the time of publication August 5.

The tentative budget is available for public inspection at the district administration office in Olney.

An Enrollment Management Plan (EMP) was approved by the trustees. The District has maintained enrollment and has seen enrollment growth over a sustained period of time, even though the population of the 12 counties served by the District has been in decline for some years and the size of most of the high school districts served by IECC have seen a reduction in the number of annual graduates.

However, over the past year, the District has seen a decline in enrollment. Through enrollment management, the District will be in a better position to identify optimal enrollment for the District and better manage marketing, student recruitment, student satisfaction, student retention and persistence, completion rates, tuition pricing, financial aid, academic and career counseling, and curriculum improvement. The plan will enable IECC colleges to capture enrollments that heretofore, for one reason or another, have been missed.

The Enrollment Management Plan should result in the development of new recruitment strategies, the creation of marketing strategies, and the implementation of new institutional performance requirements.

New Articulation Agreements for each of IECC's four colleges were approved with Franklin University. Since February 15, 2000, Illinois Eastern, through its colleges, has had an alliance with Franklin University. Over a decade ago, IECC joined with Franklin to create the possibility of receiving an on-line bachelor's degree through use of IECC's facilities and Franklin University's on-line courses.

IECC students complete 60 hours for an Associate's Degree and then complete 24 credit hours of IECC Bridge Courses, followed by approximately 40 credit hours of on-line Bachelor Degree Completion Program courses delivered by Franklin University. Since the beginning of the program, Franklin University has compensated IECC for its participation in the program. However, changes in Federal Title

IV financial aid regulations govern incentive compensation and no longer allows alliances as presently created.

Franklin University remains committed to its community college partners and will continue to offer a completion scholarship program. The new articulation agreements will cover articulation of credit earned at IECC colleges and provides for an easy transition into the Franklin Program and Bachelor's Degree completion. Franklin University will continue to offer IECC faculty and staff tuition discounts for Bachelor and Master's Degrees pursued through Franklin University and will offer scholarship opportunities to IECC graduates.

Five affiliation agreements were approved with area businesses or hospitals, one for Administrative Information Technology and four for the Phlebotomy program.

A new state law was recently passed requiring college and universities to have sexual offenders register with the college's Director for Campus Security and Public Safety. The trustees approved a revision to IECC policy on campus safety and security to create such a position.

A change in the textbook rental fee for Frontier Community College was approved. Since FCC was opened in 1976 students have been able to attend without the purchase of books through a book rental system. In 2003 a rental fee of \$10 was established for all classes of three or more credit hours. The college will now charge a fee of 33% of the net price of the new book fee. Also, the current tuition-based activity fee will continue. The change will be effective with the Spring Semester of 2012.

A change in employment status was approved for Mary Atkins, from Coordinator, Registration and Records, to Director of Business at FCC, effective October 22.

A change in employment status was approved for Jan Wiles, from Advisor, to Assistant Dean, Student Services, FCC, effective September 6.

A change in employment status was approved for Andi Pampe, from Student Advantage Network Academic Counselor, District Office/OCC, to Jobs Advisor, OCC, effective September 6.

The retirement of LaVonna Miller was accepted as Director of Business at FCC, effective October 22.

The retirement of Denise Hilliard was accepted as Administrative Assistant at FCC, effective October 1.

Three resignations were accepted: Sara Bergbower as Office Assistant at OCC, effective August 15; Stephanie Durham as Administrative Assistant to the President at WVC, effective August 6; and Tina Weber as Jobs Advisor at OCC, effective September 6.

Reimbursable headcount enrollment as of the last day for the Summer Term was 6,621, compared with 5,768 one year ago. Reimbursable hours were 17,076, compared with 17,868 one year ago.

A total of 1,684 degrees and certificates were awarded in fiscal year 2011 in the IECC District, with 413 by Frontier Community College, 269 by Lincoln Trail College, 531 by Olney Central College, 345 by Wabash Valley College, and 126 by Workforce Education.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, September 20, at 7 p.m., at Olney Central College.