

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**August 19, 2003**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Board of Trustees approved the Results Report for fiscal year 2003, at the regular meeting Tuesday, August 19, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

The Results Report describes how the district's institutional priorities support the six goals of higher education as introduced in "The Illinois Commitment." The goals are economic growth, teaching and learning, affordability, access and diversity, higher expectations and quality, productivity and accountability.

These goals have been included in IECC's strategic planning processes and documents, and in its overall mission and goals. The district and its four colleges have responded to each of the six goals for the Results Report, describing current activities, along with planned and future activities that will continue and expand IECC's efforts.

Over the past year, the district has initiated activities toward several of the goals.

A major emphasis has been to develop new programs, particularly short-term certificate programs that benefit business and industry education and training requirements, and benefit older, returning students who require training and retraining for a changing job market.

Relative to identifying new and emerging programs, the district conducted its First Annual Occupational Summit, which was a daylong retreat to review and analyze current and new program options. The outcome of the Summit was the expansion and sharing of several programs among the four colleges, the design of new programs, and the discontinuation of several programs that were determined to be no longer viable to students or the workplace.

The district has also implemented a Student Learning Outcomes Committee, with faculty and administrative representation.

The population served by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges for FY02 was 25,927 or 23.5 percent of the district's population, which is the highest-served percentage among community colleges in the state. Total credit hours generated in FY02 for Illinois Eastern was 140,264, averaging 35,000 credits generated per college. IECC was third highest among colleges offering dual enrollment courses, with 1,712 courses offered. Overall, district students represented 1,374 program completers. According to FY01 data, over 74 percent of occupational program graduates found employment, with a 94 percent employment retention rate. The FY02 statewide average for

cost of instruction per credit hour was \$198.13; while IECC's cost was \$143.85.

IECC's Accountability and Program Review Report for the 2002-2003 academic year was also approved. The 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.

The annual Illinois Community College Board Certification of Chargeback document was approved for fiscal year 2004. The out-of-district cost per semester hour is \$198.17. Chargeback reimbursement per semester credit hour is \$114.42. Cost per semester credit hour for out-of-state and international students is \$243.26.

An Affiliation and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Agreement was approved with Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Indiana.

An Affiliation and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Agreement Addendum was approved with Terre Haute Regional Hospital, Terre Haute, Indiana.

The trustees approved a project by the Lincoln Trail College Foundation to fund renovation of the Lincoln Room, located in the Zwermann Art Center on the LTC campus. Improvements include new carpeting, wall coverings and new art work, at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

Cost of the transcript fee was increased from \$1 to \$3. The fax transcript fee remains the same at \$2.

Joint Agreements for education cooperation were approved with John A. Logan College and Southwestern Illinois College. Under the agreements the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

A tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 was approved.

A lease agreement was approved with Ikon Office Solutions for a Ricoh copier for the Robinson Correctional Center, at a monthly cost of \$323.63.

Purchase of a Cisco firewall and Cisco intrusion detection software at an estimated cost of \$30,000, from SBC DataComm Inc., was approved.

A contract was approved with SCT for a Curriculum, Advisement and Program Planning (CAPP) module, to be used for implementation of a degree and certificate audit system, which is expected to increase student retention and program completion rates. The software will provide an automated analysis of student transcripts against all programs offered by IECC. The software

will be funded by a Perkins Enhancement Grant and Technology Plan funds.

The following personnel were employed: Ruby Houldson, Nursing Instructor; Hollie Kelly, Nursing Instructor; Carrie Mallard, Life Science Instructor; Mark Pettigrew, Machine Shop Technology Instructor; Shasta Schackmann, Business/Information Technology Instructor; Mike Kowalis, Youthful Offender Counselor.

The following special assignments were approved for the current academic year:

Kathy Ketterman, Department Head, Nursing, Olney Central College.

Ryan Roark, Computer Technician, Olney Central College.

Mary Jane Beckett, Director, LSC, Lincoln Trail College.

Lisa Benson, Faculty Advisor, SLO, District Office.

The following personnel resignations were accepted:

Marla Bayler, College Academic Advisor, District Office, effective August 29.

Aaron Dauby, Computer Technician, Olney Central College, effective August 6.

Rob Long, Academic Support Specialist, District Office, effective September 16.

Rebecca Sharp, Library Assistant at Wabash Valley College, was released because of a reduction-in-force.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, September 16, at 7 p.m., at Olney Central College. A public hearing on the community college district budget for the current fiscal year will be held from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at OCC, preceding the September regular meeting.