

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**November 16, 2004**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Institutional Effectiveness Plan for fiscal year 2005 was approved by the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, November 16, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

The plan, formerly called the Assessment Plan, focuses on the district's overall effectiveness. The assessment and evaluation contained in the document provides a systematic process for measuring the district against its stated mission objectives. It also uses assessment as a measure for decision-making and planning. The plan deals with 12 success characteristics of the district's mission objectives, as follows:

- successful preparation for transfer or employ,
- measurable student learning outcomes,
- effective and quality programs and partnerships which strengthen the industrial base of southeastern Illinois,
- effective partnerships and collaboration for life-long learning,
- quality academic programs and institutional services,
- quality adult and continuing education,
- accessible, functional, and appropriate remedial programs,
- student satisfaction with accessible quality services and activities,
- quality curricula and programs to meet both short- and long-term needs of the District,
- accessible and appropriate community education and community services activities,
- continuous and effective professional growth opportunities, and, effective, efficient resource management and allocation.

A resolution was adopted setting dates for regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2005 calendar year as follows:

- Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College
- Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College
- Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College
- Tuesday, April 19, 2005, 7 p.m., Olney Central College
- Tuesday, May 17, 2005, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, June 21, 2005, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, July 19, 2005, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, August 16, 2005, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, September 20, 2005, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, October 18, 2005, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, November 15, 2005, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, December 13, 2005, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the December meeting, which is held on the second Tuesday.

The trustees continued to discuss preparations for the upcoming accreditation visit of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, scheduled for April 18, 19 and 20, 2005. In preparation for the visit, a committee of district staff and employees has prepared a self-study consisting of five chapters, plus an introduction and a summary. The Higher Learning Commission will concentrate on five separate criteria and each of these criteria is covered by a chapter in the self-study. The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed chapter two, dealing with "Planning for the Future," at Tuesday's meeting. The remaining three chapters will be reviewed at regular meetings in December, January and February.

A Protection Health and Safety construction project was approved, for roof replacement on the Science Building at Wabash Valley College, at a total cost of \$325,200. A resolution requesting Illinois Community College Board approval of the project was adopted. If the project is approved by ICCB, the Board of Trustees will bid and complete the project, which will be paid with carryover funds from the district's PHS bond issue of December 2002.

A Web Site Privacy Policy was approved and will be posted on the IECC web site.

The bid of Tri-State Business Equipment, Harrisburg, Illinois, was accepted for two digital copiers for Wabash Valley College, at a total cost of \$13,106.

Carol Kocher was employed as Director of Radiography at Olney Central College.

Amy Neikirk was employed as Clinical Coordinator of Radiography at OCC.

Stephanie Holmes was employed as Math Instructor at OCC for the Spring Semester of 2005.

The retirement of Karen Devall, Library Technician at OCC, was accepted, effective January 1, 2005.

A review of the Student Advantage Network program was presented by Cora Weger, Director. The SAN program assists income-eligible and first-generation college students and individuals with disabilities to graduate from college. Services include assistance with securing financial aid; personal, academic and career counseling; academic instruction; assistance with transition to four-year programs; assistance with applying to graduate and professional programs. IECC's Student Advantage Network program was funded at \$270,190 for fiscal year 2003-04 by the U.S. Department of Education.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, December 14, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College, Olney.