

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**November 19, 2013**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges acted on several policy changes, at the regular meeting Tuesday, November 19, at Olney Central College.

The policy on health examinations for employees was revised to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A special tuition waiver for unemployed residents of the IECC district who meet certain qualifications was approved for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 academic years.

A concealed firearms policy was approved. The policy defines a “concealed firearm” and a “hand gun,” designates prohibited areas where concealed firearms are not permitted, prohibits firearms within a District owned vehicle, designates approved parking lots where persons can park vehicles that carry firearms, provides a means for students to carry firearms or use firearms in District approved educational programs, provides a means for students to carry a concealed firearm while within a vehicle in a college parking area, allows storage and retrieval of a firearm from within a vehicle’s trunk, approves the posting of required signs on District property, and notes that concealed carry permits will be suspended by Orders of Protection or the use of alcohol or drugs.

A policy on development of District policy was presented for first reading, which includes the role of Board members in policy development. The policy will now be submitted to the CEO’s Cabinet and then brought back to the Board for second reading and possible adoption in December.

A policy on selection of the Chief Executive Officer, College Presidents and Deans of Instruction was approved, including language to define Board involvement in the process.

The holiday calendar for administrative, technical, professional non-faculty, clerical and maintenance personnel was approved for calendar year 2014. The schedule is the same as in previous years.

Needed revisions were approved to the IECC Basic Nurse Assistant Training Program (CNA) Handbook.

Several agreements and legal documents were approved regarding a settlement with Ameren Generating Company in Jasper County regarding Ameren’s property tax assessment for the years 2009-2013. Ameren has disputed with the Jasper County Board of Review and Property Tax Appeal Board concerning the assessment for those years.

Two Business Associate Agreements and one Affiliation Agreement were approved with area institutions in the health services field.

The trustees approved a Program Articulation Agreement with Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. The agreement will allow IECC Associate in Applied Science graduates in the Social Services Specialist degree at Wabash Valley College who meet SIUC admission requirements to be considered, based on space availability, for admission into SIUC's Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work in the College of Education and Human Services.

This Program will allow IECC and SIUC to form a cooperative relationship to better service IECC students by facilitating transfer, minimizing duplication of instruction and build on community college and university learning experiences.

Thomas Sarg was employed as Truck Driving Instructor at Wabash Valley College, effective January 1.

A Coordinator of Career Services was employed for each of the colleges, effective January 1. Employed were Allan Alldredge at OCC, Alyssa Parrott at FCC, Nicholas Shaner at LTC, and Lara Stehlik at WVC.

The employment status of Michelle McClasky was changed from full-time temporary Administrative Assistant to full-time permanent Administrative Assistant for Workforce Education, effective January 1.

Employment status of Linda Monge was changed from Math Instructor to Interim Dean of Instruction at FCC, effective December 13.

Dena Weber was hired as a temporary contractual employee as Director of Adult Education at FCC, effective January 1.

Kelly Payne was approved for special assignment as Literary Reviewer, Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Assurance Agreement for the 2013-14 academic year.

Professional leave was approved for Andrew Pittman, Vocal Music Instructor at OCC, from April 23 through May 9, 2014.

Two resignations were accepted. Sharon Hoffee resigned as Nursing Instructor at FCC effective January 1. Marissa McNeil resigned as Coordinator, Instructional Services at FCC, effective January 1.

The retirement of Robert Boyles as Dean of Instruction at FCC, was ratified.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present at the November meeting and all votes were unanimous.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, December 10, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.