

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 10, 2002
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 adopted a new Mission Statement at the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, December 10, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

The new Mission Statement, which reflects new challenges and opportunities faced by the IECC District, reads as follows:

“The mission of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District 529 is to provide excellence in teaching, learning, public service and economic development.

The district is committed to high quality, affordable delivery of services while seeking partnering opportunities to enhance resources. The mission is achieved through a variety of programs and services that include, but are not limited to:

- Education in the liberal arts and sciences that is general or preprofessional in nature and prepares the student for transfer to a four-year college or university.
- Technical education that provides students with the skills and abilities to enter employment.
- Utilization of resource-sharing partnerships to expand, retrain and strengthen the industrial base of southeastern Illinois.
- Development of partnerships with elementary through secondary schools allowing for the smooth progression of students through their college years.
- Adult and continuing education designed to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the residents in the District.
- Programs in remedial education, which assist District residents in attaining skills and abilities, needed to enter and complete college.
- Student advisement, counseling, and placement services for the purpose of assisting students in choosing a program of study and transferring to a four-year institution or entering employment.
- Improve and develop curricula and programs, as necessary, to meet both short- and long-term needs of the residents of the District.

- Community education and community service activities in order to serve as a cultural and intellectual resource center for the area.
- Professional enrichment and growth experiences for college staff which will improve and enhance instruction and service.
- Resources, facilities, staff, and equipment to support all program components of the college.”

A data and characteristics report was presented, comparing Illinois Eastern Community Colleges with other community college districts in Illinois.

The report shows that IECC continues to lead the state in number of students served, with a head count enrollment of 65 students per 1000 population and a fulltime equivalency enrollment of 30 students per 1000 population.

Illinois Eastern had the lowest per capita cost in the state, \$217.54, and also the lowest net instructional unit cost, \$143.75 in the 2000-2001 academic year.

The district tied with two other community college districts for having the lowest annual student tuition and fee charges, \$1,260.

Articulation Agreements were approved with Indiana State University, Terre Haute, in Psychology and Electronics Technology. The agreements provide that individuals graduating with Associate Degrees in Psychology or Electronics Technology at IECC will be eligible to complete requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree at Indiana State.

Amendments were approved to IECC contracts with the Illinois Department of Corrections, for providing educational programs at the Robinson Correctional Center and the Lawrence Correctional Center. The amendments provide for salary increases of 3% retroactive to July 1, 2002 for the correctional staff, reinstatement of the Commercial Custodial Program and the Construction Trades Program at the Lawrence Correctional Center, and updating of the computer labs at the Robinson Correctional Center.

The bid of Joe Hotze Ford, Salem, \$19,587, was approved for purchase of a 2002 Ford 15 passenger van for Olney Central College.

A contract in the amount of \$19,160 was approved for environmental services at Lincoln Trail College.

David Johnston was employed as Instructional Support Specialist, Title III.

Angela Batcheller was employed as Program Advisor, Educational Talent Search.

Bob Boyles was approved for additional duties as Interim Building Superintendent at Lincoln Trail College.

The resignation of Susan Rhine as Instructor of English as a Second Language, was accepted, effective January 1.

The resignation of Charles Bennett was accepted as Systems Technician at the District Office, effective January 7.

Board meeting dates were approved as follows for calendar year 2003:

Tuesday, January 21, 2003, Olney Central College

Tuesday, February 18, 2003, Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, March 18, 2003, Frontier Community College

Tuesday, April 15, 2003, Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, May 20, 2003, Olney Central College

Tuesday, June 17, 2003, Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, July 15, 2003, Frontier Community College

Tuesday, August 19, 2003, Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, September 16, 2003, Olney Central College

Tuesday, October 21, 2003, Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, November 18, 2003, Frontier Community College

Tuesday, December 9, 2003*, Lincoln Trail College

Regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held on the third Tuesday of each month, except that the December meeting is held on the second Tuesday.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College.