

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 11, 2012
Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Report on Assessment for the 2011-2012 academic year was accepted by the Board of Trustees, at the regular meeting Tuesday, December 11, at Olney Central College.

IECC participates in the Higher Learning Commission's Assessment Academy through the Open Pathways Accreditation Demonstration Project. This participation provides IECC with a unique opportunity to transform HLC's Academy into an accrediting pathway for use on student learning.

Nixie Hnetkovsky, Faculty Director of Student Learning Assessment, has worked closely with faculty coordinators, including Scott Balding, Jason Hortin, Kelly Payne, Phil Thorsen, and Kim Stevens and with her Students First team leaders, including Chris Cantwell, Jeff Cutchin, Kathy Harris, Jervaise McDaniel, and Cora Weger. These individuals have provided outstanding leadership to the assessment initiative at IECC.

The assessment team has made significant accomplishments and has had a great deal of impact on assessment at the colleges. They have increased communication and developed a very comprehensive general education rubric. The teams have learned much, and realize they have both challenges and opportunities in front of them on assessment.

The annual report illustrates the preparation being made on assessment for IECC's Spring 2015 HLC visit.

IECC currently does not award credit for specific course equivalency based on external licensure or certification. However, the Board approved the development of a policy on awarding credit equivalency, and in a review of other college policies in preparation of the HLC visit in 2015, it was noted that many colleges do grant credit based on external licensure or certification.

The low bid of Lakeside Roofing Co., Collinsville, Illinois, was accepted for district-wide roof replacement projects, phase 10. The bid was \$1,096,970. The work includes, but is not limited to the following projects:

Frontier Community College: At Foundation Hall and Mason Building, remove the existing shingles down to the wood deck and provide new shingles at both buildings.

Olney Central College: At Wattleworth Hall, remove the existing roof system down to the existing deck and install a modified coal tar coating with a 30 year warranty.

Lincoln Trail College: At Williams Hall, remove the existing roof system down to the existing deck and install a modified coal tar coating with a 30 year warranty.

Wabash Valley College: At the International Building, remove the existing shingles down to the wood deck and provide new shingles at both buildings. At the Book Store, remove the existing roof system down to the existing deck and install a modified coal tar coating with a 30 year warranty. At the Advanced Technology Building and Advanced Technology 2 Bay Storage Building, remove the existing roof system down to the existing deck and install modified coal tar roofing system with a 30 year warranty.

An amended tax levy certificate was adopted for the certificate to be filed this month. Since the amended levy is less than the previously adopted levy, and is less than 105 percent of the aggregate amount of property taxes extended for the previous year, a Truth in Taxation Hearing will not be required.

An articulation agreement was approved between IECC and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC). The agreement facilitates transfer for IECC students who plan to continue their education at SMWC. Through this agreement, IECC and SMWC are forming a cooperative relationship to better serve students' transfer experience and to provide them with an advising and planning resource.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods courses are offered in the traditional on-campus format as well as offered in the innovative non-traditional Woods Online Program (WOL), a program-guided study that does not require time on campus. The campus format is female only and the distance format allows men and women to pursue the education they need and want without disrupting their lives.

The District, since 2009, has purchased electric power through an agreement with an electric supplier. The Board voted to extend its current contract, which ends November 2013, at rates lower than existing rates. The new contract extends the purchase agreement to November 2016.

An affiliation agreement was approved with Financial Healthcare Resources, Inc., Lawrenceville, for the OCC Medical Office Assistant Program.

A resolution was adopted setting meeting dates and locations for calendar year 2013 as follows:

Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, except the December meeting, which is held on the second Tuesday.

Susan Adams was employed as Nursing Instructor, effective January 1.

Jayson Hoffman was employed as Mining Instructor in the Workforce Education Department, effective, January 1.

Andrew Pittman was employed as Vocal Music Instructor, effective January 1.

Mark Davidson was employed as Manufacturing Project Coordinator at the District Office, effective January 1.

Dawn Ferguson was terminated as Office Assistant at Lincoln Trail College, effective December 11.

Sheri Diaz was terminated as TRiO Upward Bound Office Assistant, effective December 12.

The semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes was conducted as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, January 15, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.