

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 13, 2011
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, at the regular meeting Tuesday, December 13 at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, approved an application for three capital renewal projects with an estimated cost of \$397,900.

On August 12, 2011 the District received notification that in FY2012 Capital Renewal funds in the amount of \$397,900 were being released to IECC. The District was told that if the original projects in the FY2004 applications were no longer relevant, the District could submit a new application with updated projects.

After a review of all the possible uses of the Capital Renewal Grant, the College Presidents have decided that there are three needs that are most critical. The application identifies these three most critical needs as replacing an HVAC rooftop unit at LTC, replacing the solarium at OCC, and upgrading the chemistry lab at WVC.

The estimated project budget is as follows:

Replace LTC rooftop unit \$116,400, replace OCC Solarium \$62,300, upgrading WVC Chemistry Lab \$127,500. Also, Frontier College received a \$207,300 grant in October 2011 for a parking lot which will be completed along with these projects.

The project application and supporting documents will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board for its approval.

The Nursing Student Progression/Remediation policy was revised to require nursing students to achieve a passing score on the Health Education System, Inc. (HESI) computerized exit exam of 850 rather than the present 800. The new policy also reduces from three to two the number of times a student is required by take the HESI exit exam.

Wabash Valley College has worked with Mt. Carmel High School to develop an Advanced Manufacturing Technology Academy. The academy is part of a Department of Labor Grant received by the IECC District and will function along the lines of the District's existing Health Careers Program. High School students will be enrolled in the program as dual enrollment students and classes will be held on the WVC campus. The trustees approved a Student Handbook for the academy, which will start in the Spring of 2012.

The trustees approved the following fees for a new Paramedicine Program and the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program at Frontier Community College, as follows: Drug screening program fee \$33, uniform program fee \$38, liability insurance per semester fee \$10. The drug screening

fee and uniform program fee will be effective with the Spring Semester 2012. The liability insurance fee will be effective with the Summer Term 2012.

Shannon Sneed was employed as temporary full-time Program Advisor in the Workforce Education Department, effective December 14.

Change in employment status was approved for five employees, effective December 14, as follows:

Tiffany Cowger, from Upward Bound Advisor to Upward Bound Coordinator.

Diana Emmons, from temporary Assistant Program Director of Cosmetology to Assistant Program Director of Cosmetology.

LeAnn Hartleroad, from Program Director Upward Bound to Program Director Pre-College TRIO Programs.

Brandon Weger, from Upward Bound Advisor to Upward Bound Coordinator.

Laurie Perry, from Office Assistant, Small Business Development Center, to Administrative Assistant, SBDC.

The resignation of Ryan Jenkins as Broadcast Services Specialist was accepted, effective January 5.

The retirement of Yvonne Newlin, Music Instructor, was accepted, effective June 1.

The retirement of Donald Cruz, Workforce Education Instructor, was accepted, effective January 1.

The retirement of Barbara Holscher, Computer Lab Assistant, International Program, District Office/Wabash Valley College, was accepted, effective January 1.

Two affiliation agreements were approved. Agreements for OCC's Phlebotomy Program were approved with Lawrence County Hospital in Lawrenceville and Evansville Veterans Administration Clinic in Evansville, Indiana.

Dates, times and places were set for regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2012 calendar year as follows:

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College.

Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College.

Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7 p.m., Olney Central College.

Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College.

Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College.

Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College.

Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 7 p.m., Olney Central College.

Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College.

Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College.

Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College.

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 7 p.m., Olney Central College.

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

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, January 17, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.