

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 8, 2009
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges approved the IECC Strategic Plan Status Report for 2009 at the regular meeting Tuesday, December 8, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

. The Strategic Plan was developed through a district-wide process which identified critical focus areas, established strategic goals and objectives and developed actions and activities to achieve these objectives, as well as established targets and indicators to measure success and to ensure the plan's ongoing review and renewal. Over the past year, the Strategic Planning Committee has monitored the goals and activities through reports and assessment submitted by staff responsible for each activity and the 2009 Status Report was developed to ensure that activities and actions are on track and continuing to achieve the established outcomes and success targets. Seventy strategic plan initiatives were identified to meet the Strategic Plan goals in FY09. Many have been implemented, are in progress, are on-going, or have been completed. Select activities have been put on-hold due to budget limitations and the budget crisis in the State of Illinois; and other activities have been moved to 2010.

A Joint Agreement for education cooperation was approved with Lewis and Clark Community College. Under the agreement the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

Dates, times and places were set for regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2010 calendar year as follows:

- Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College.
- Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 7 p.m., Olney Central College.
- Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College.
- Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College.
- Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College.
- Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 7 p.m., Olney Central College.
- Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College.
- Tuesday, August 17, 2010, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College.
- Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College.
- Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 7 p.m., Olney Central College.
- Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College.
- Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 7 p.m., Frontier Community 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 approved agreements for the Lincoln Trail College Foundation to lease two vehicles to LTC, a 2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan, and a 2007 Chrysler Town and Country Van. The college has the option of purchasing the vehicles for \$1.00 each with the final payment on the leases.

An agreement with Pepsi MidAmerica was extended for an additional five years, until April 28, 2023. The agreement grants Pepsi MidAmerica exclusive rights to provide beverage and snack food to Olney Central College. In exchange for the additional period, the firm has agreed to provide two indoor scoreboards, two sponsorship panels, and two score link modem kits.

The trustees approved a change in the tuition rate for students who reside in counties in which the IECC district includes only a portion of the county. These counties are Clark, Clay, Cumberland, Jasper, Hamilton, Wayne and White. Currently, these students are charged an out-of-district tuition rate. Following action by the trustees, effective Summer Term 2010, the rate for these counties will be 125% of the in-district rate in effect at that time. The tuition rate for the 2010 academic year was set at \$89 per semester hour. The in-district rate was previously set at \$71 per semester hour for the 2010 academic year.

For several months, a Health Insurance Committee has been studying various proposals for changes in the district's employee health insurance. Recommendations were presented to the Board of Trustees and effective February 1, 2010, IECC will offer three different plans to non-bargaining employees, each plan to be provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

In the interim period between now and February 1, the plans will be explained throughout the district, and individual employees will then be permitted to choose which plan they prefer.

An affiliation agreement for the Associate Degree Nursing Program was approved with Wayne County Health Department in Fairfield.

William Rogers was employed as Workforce Education Instructor, effective December 10.

Tommie E. "Libby" Opell was employed as Nursing Instructor, effective January 11, 2010.

The employment status of George Kocher was changed from Fiber Optic Trainer, to Interim Program Director of Telecommunications in Workforce Education.

The employment status of Theresa Marcotte was changed from Dean of Instruction at Wabash Valley College, to Nursing Instructor, effective January 6, 2010.

Mitch Hannahs was approved for a special assignment as Interim Administrator at Lincoln Trail College, from January 4 to June 30, 2010.

The resignation of Penny Quinn was accepted as Dean of Instruction at Lincoln Trail College, effective January 9.

The resignation of Susan Batchelor was accepted as Nursing Instructor, effective December 31.

The resignation of Megan Dillard was accepted as Assistant to the President of Wabash Valley College, effective December 19.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, January 19, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.