

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**July 21, 2015**

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees held their regular meeting, Tuesday, July 21 at Frontier Community College. It was noted by Chairman Andrew Fischer that CEO Terry Bruce was absent due to a quadruple by-pass procedure on July 6<sup>th</sup>. This was the first Board of Trustees meeting CEO Bruce has been unable to attend in 19 years and 4 months. A full recovery is underway and he expects to return to his duties at IECC in a few weeks.

The 2015 Program Review Report was approved by the Board of Trustees. The report contains a detailed review of specific career and technical education programs and an academic transfer discipline based on quality, cost, and need. This report also includes a review of cross-disciplinary instruction and student and academic support services.

During this year's review of programs and services, the District and the colleges reviewed 14 career and technical education degrees and certificates as well as humanities and fine arts, vocational skills, assessment of student learning, bookstores, community education and non-credit, financial aid and scholarships, food services, and marketing and public service.

As a result of the District's program review, programs and services are continually reviewed with a focus on quality, cost, and need. Program review provides an opportunity to up-date curricula to accommodate changes in the field and identify resource needs as well as assess support services that contribute to academic programs and the achievement of IECC's mission.

The report will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board.

The 2015-2016 IECC Catalog was approved. The catalog sets forth the courses, programs, degrees and certificates, and establishes the District policies that apply to the operation of the District and its students.

Throughout the year, the Board has approved changes to the catalog, which are added as they occur, to the electronic version of the District's catalog on the IECC website. This amended electronic version becomes the binding document for the District's relationship with students, faculty, and staff.

High school counselors continue to use the catalog when advising

students. The District will print 2,240 catalogs at a cost of \$6,488.29.

A program-level articulation agreement between Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and Eastern Illinois University was approved to facilitate transfer from IECC's Associate Degree in Nursing to EIU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

An amendment to the current Multi-Site Stericycle Agreement for disposal of sharps and medical waste generated in phlebotomy and nursing programs was approved. The amendment adds a pick up stop at Illinois Eastern's West Richland Center, located in Noble.

Trustees approved the updated Technology Plan for FY2016 through FY2020. The Plan was developed by the Technology Committee and establishes a blueprint that sets forth IECC's Information Technology vision, its strategic directions, and the action plans for supporting the academic experience of students and strengthening the educational mission of faculty and staff.

The Technology Plan is grouped into the categories of administrative systems, networking infrastructure, telecommunications, software, and other technology resources. The plan reviews the progress on FY2015 projects and sets the goals for FY2016-FY2020.

Rusty Ruth was employed as Drama/Theater Instructor, effective August 13, Sarah Bergbower was employed as Life Science Instructor, effective August 13, and Rebecca McElhose was employed as Nursing Instructor, effective August 13.

Kimberly Oliver was employed as Program Assistant, effective August 10.

A change in employment status was approved for Tiffany Cowger, from Director of TRiO Upward Bound West to Director of TRiO Upward Bound West and East.

A change in employment status was approved for Jennifer Jennings, Office Assistant, TRiO Upward Bound, to Administrative Assistant, TRiO Upward Bound.

The resignation of Marsha Humphrey as Director Learning Skills Center was accepted effective July 17.

The resignation of Sarah Perry as Transition/Data Technician was accepted effective June 24.

The retirement of Diana Spear, Associate Dean of Student Services was acknowledged, effective December 31, 2015.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at

Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Tuesday, August 18, at 7 p.m.