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February 19, 2019
Board of Trustees Meeting
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community College District No. 529 met Tuesday night, February 19th at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, Illinois. All members of the Board were present.

The Board approved revisions to the IECC District's Dual Credit Agreement. The agreement is between IECC and area high schools located in District #529. The Dual Credit Quality Act changes that became effective January 2019, necessitated minor updates to the agreement to establish the respective roles of the college and high school in the dual credit relationship.

The Board approved an increase in tuition and fees for Fiscal Year 2020 that will result in a 4% increase on the tuition and fee schedule. The in-district tuition rate will increase from \$88.00 per semester hour to \$92.00 per semester hour. IECC will continue to rank among the lowest tuition and required fees of any of the 39 community college districts in Illinois.

The Board approved the implementation of a new online/hybrid course fee of \$35.00 per course for those courses that have an online component. This fee would be used to support online learning through technology improvements, curriculum development, and training.

The Board announced their intention to consider the renewal of contracts that run from September 1, 2019 to August 30, 2021 for the four college Presidents. Those Presidents are Jay Edgren, Frontier Community College; Ryan Gower, Lincoln Trail College; Rodney Ranes, Olney Central College; and Matt Fowler, Wabash Valley College. The contracts will be presented for approval at the April 16th Board meeting.

An easement for Wabash Communications was approved that allows the installation of buried fiber cable near Lincoln Trail College.

The Board accepted the Calendar Year 2018 Annual Report of the IECC 403(b) Plan.

In personnel matters, the Board approved the seniority list for faculty for 2018-2019 and for reemployment of Faculty for the 2019-2020 academic year. The Faculty Seniority Lists for 2018-2019 were approved for both bargaining unit and non-bargaining unit faculty. Bargaining Unit and Non Bargaining Unit faculty were employed for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Employment was approved for Linda Ryan-Catt as TRIO Academic Counselor, located at Lincoln Trail College, effective February 25, 2019, for Linda Schalasky, as Custodian at Lincoln Trail College, effective March 11, 2019, and for Allyson Wagaman, as Office Assistant at Lincoln Trail College, effective January 23, 2019.

A change in status was approved for Jodi Schneider, from Coordinator Upward Bound, to Advisor/Recruiter at Olney Central College, effective February 20, 2019.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:00 p.m.