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Board of Trustees Meeting
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

IECC students continue to be satisfied with services provided by the colleges, according to the latest student satisfaction survey, with survey questions inquiring about the student's level of satisfaction in specific areas including Student Services, Instruction, Learning Resource Centers, and Technology. Additionally, the survey asked how likely students would recommend the college to others. Even following an academic year disrupted by the pandemic; results show that:

Services

- 97% were satisfied with Advisement services.
- 94% were satisfied with Financial Aid services.
- 96% were satisfied with Entrata.
- 95% were satisfied with Help Desk services.

Other

- 91% were satisfied with the quality of instruction.
- 98% were satisfied with classroom size.
- 95% were satisfied with courses available at the times they want or needed them.

Lease agreements were renewed for off campus locations where IECC programs are offered.

In an on-going effort to ensure District policies are up to date to serve students and meet requirements of Federal and Illinois State Statutes, the Board approved revisions to a policy on Nondiscrimination. The Board also approved revisions to the Tuition Waiver policy.

The Board approved a one year renewal of the District's Property, Casualty, and Liability Insurance coverage.

Trustees approved the recommendation of the bid committee to accept a bid from Brightspark Travel, Inc. in total for \$35,250.00 for A TRIO Student Support Services Educational Trip.

Board approval was given for agreements that will enable the District to accept responsibility for the local share of funds necessary to accept funding from the Illinois Capital Development Board. The Capital Development Board announced that a release of funds had been authorized to the District. The District will be working with the Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) to get these projects completed. The total project will be \$918,392 and will be applied towards the paving of the Workforce Development Center parking lot at Frontier Community College and updating the gymnasium and fitness center parking lot at Olney Central College.

Affiliation clinical agreements were approved with R & T Physical Therapy, Wabash General Hospital, Fairfield Memorial Hospital, Clay County Hospital, Rehab for Life, Joyner Therapy Services, Renewal Rehab, Deaconess Gibson General Hospital, and Progressive Health of Indiana.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the permanent transfer of approximately \$150,000 in interest earned in the Working Cash Fund to the General Fund.

A resolution was adopted authorizing inter-fund loans during the 2022 fiscal year, with the loans to be repaid to the original fund within one year.

Trustees approved a Resolution that sets forth the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, dates for publication of the notice of a public hearing on the budget, established a date by which a tentative budget will be available for public inspection, established a public hearing on the budget for July 20 at Olney Central College, and states that the budget will be adopted by the Board on July 20, 2021, following the hearing. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection at the District Business Office, 233 East Chestnut Street, Olney, on or after June 16, 2021.

Trustees reviewed and approved the tentative budget which is based on information available at the time of publication. The District administration will continue to monitor activity, discuss plans, and refine the budget over the next month. Any changes made to the tentative budget will be reviewed with the Board at the July 20th public hearing prior to final adoption.

A resolution was adopted to authorize certain expenditures from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, such as custodial salaries and utility bills.

Trustees conducted a semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Under the Open Meetings Act, the board is required to examine closed session minutes at least twice a year.

Under Personnel actions the Board approved Special Assignments for fiscal year 2022 for all four colleges, including lead instructors, advisors, coordinators, managers, directors and some athletic personnel.

Dustin Wiggins was employed as Electrical Distribution Systems Instructor at FCC, effective August 10, 2021; Connor York was employed as English Instructor at LTC, effective August 10, 2021; and Andrea Loll was employed as Director of Enrollment Management at the District Office, effective June 18, 2021.

A change in status was approved for IECC employees. Sharmila Kakac from Program Director, Adult Education at FCC to Dean of Business & Industry at FCC, effective July 1, 2021; Tona Ambrose as Director of College Access at LTC to Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) at the District Office, effective July 1, 2021; Sheri Gray, from Advisor and Recruiter at OCC to Director of Instructional Services at OCC, effective June 16,

2021; and for Julie Courtney from Clerk Receptionist at LTC to Student Services Specialist at LTC, effective June 16, 2021.

A resignation ratification was approved for Kendra Barnard, as Student Services Specialist at FCC, effective May 25, 2021.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Olney Central College in Olney.