

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE  
3575 COLLEGE ROAD, HARRISBURG, IL 62946  
DECEMBER 1, 2020 – 6:00 PM

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 in the Heritage Room at SIC. On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Pat York, Mr. Blake Bradley, Mr. David Dennison, Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mr. Richard Morgan, Dr. Frank Barbre, and Mr. Collin Sexton.

Also present: Mrs. Sara DeNeal, Mrs. Lisa Hite, Dr. Chad Flannery, Dr. Tyler Billman, Dr. Jonah Rice, and Mrs. Lisa Dye.

Dr. York welcomed guests and allowed a time for comment.

**ICCTA Report – Dr. Barbre**

The ICCTA November meeting was planned as a face-to-face meeting in Chicago, but that was cancelled and changed to a Zoom meeting. Dr. Barbre attended the 2 day virtual conference which included a round table discussion about diversity, a Board of Representatives meeting, and a finance committee meeting. Members discussed funding and drops in enrollment (the average drop in enrollment was 13/7%). The next ICCTA meeting will include discussions about how to recover high school graduates that don't attend college. Legislative concerns about funding and the continued effort to support elected trustees instead of appointed trustees was also discussed.

**SICEA – Sara DeNeal**

Gareth York, Cory Garmane, and Sara DeNeal, Humanities: Stay tuned for the upcoming presentation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol!* Adapted for radio by Anthony E. Palermo, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol: The Radio Play* will be available for audiences via the Southeastern Illinois College YouTube channel. The virtual endeavor will be available on the channel Dec. 11 and 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with an estimated run time of an hour. The radio play is directed by SIC theatre instructor Gareth York, music directed by SIC music instructor Cory Garmane, and original works by the art department and coordinated by SIC art instructor Sara DeNeal. Cory Garmane, Music: The Southeastern Illinois College Concert Choir presents "Give Kindness: The Gift of Song During These Difficult Times". This concert can be found on the SIC YouTube Page. Run time of 14 minutes. Kelsie Rodman, Business: Kelsie was elected to the SIUC School of Accountancy Associate Board in September 2020 and is the Illinois PBL State Board Finance Manager. Maggie Calcaterra, Softball: The softball team just used \$10,000 in fundraising money to purchase 47 tons of infield conditioner and an infield groomer to level and maintain the softball field. Sara DeNeal, Art: SIC art students participated in the Speak Up for Recovery Awareness Art Contest held by Egyptian Health Department. SIC students won the top honors. The winners are: #1 Marisol Wallé, Freshman from Harrisburg (\$100 gift cards) #2 Jaedyn Beers, Sophomore from Galatia (\$75 gift cards) #3 Payton Lester, Sophomore from Ridgway (\$50 gift cards). All entries will be used in a 2022 Calendar. We are also discussing a future

collaboration exhibit in the George T Dennis Visual and Performing Arts Center Art Gallery with Egyptian Health Department.

### **Dr. Rice's Report**

The State of Illinois Capital Development Board has selected an architect (White & Borgognoni Architects, P.C. of Carbondale) for the Carmi extension project. Dr. Rice will be representing the southern part of Illinois as a member of IBHE's Strategic Planning Committee. To help increase enrollment, we are offering customized CNA training, working with schools on credit recovery, working on new ideas like offering potential students age 25 and older who have never been to college 6 free credit hours, and offering new scheduling choices. Dr. Rice met with the Board Finance Subcommittee about the budget. Dr. Rice reported that Dr. Weiss is working on reapplying for Title III and is on the Economic Advisory Committee; Dr. Flannery and Sky Fowler are working on COVID tracking data; Sky Fowler is also tracing fraudulent unemployment claims; Dr. Billman is working on the E-Sports Curriculum, and a grant that targets high school graduates that are not attending college; Karla Lewis is working on OWLET projects; Lis Hite is working on the E-Sports arena, south side drainage, and the treasurer's report. Dr. Rice also reported that due to COVID our travel expenses are down and that the tax levy interest rate is lower than last year.

### **Student Trustee Report – Collin Sexton**

The Speech Team virtually competed in the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Pioneer Trails Tournament hosted by Casper College in Wyoming, where they won top school overall and top community college. Their next virtual regional event is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. *A Christmas Carol The Radio Play* will be presented by the music and theatre department on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Student Government has been meeting.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve the Consent Agenda which included the October 27, 2020 minutes, destroying tapes of the September 2018 and October 2018 closed session, the Treasurer's Report and the approval of bills for October 2020 which totaled \$1,132,188.41 which included \$512,822.71 in payroll. On roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Action Items**

#### **A. Approve Board Policy Revision #5037 Retiree Program Benefits Policy.**

A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve Board Policy Revision #5037 Retiree Program Benefits Policy. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **B. Approve IPMG Health Insurance Renewal.**

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve IPMG Health

Insurance Renewal. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Approve ATI Fee Increase for Spring/Summer 2020-2021.

A motion was made by Trustee Dennison, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve ATI Fee increase for Spring/Summer 2020-2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Approve Certificate of Tax Levy for 2020.

Trustee Morgan asked if the estimate of the EAV went up. Lisa Hite answered that it went up by .5%. That is .64% as far as the tax bill is concerned which is largely due to the bond we paid off.

A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Morgan to approve Certificate of Tax Levy for 2020. All members voted aye, motion carried.

E. Approve Annual Audit.

Dr. Rice explained that the audit was clean and that the cash position was positive. There were 3 small findings regarding students with incorrect information and a finding of 9 students where the return of funds was not handled correctly.

A motion was made by Trustee Barbre, seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve Annual Audit. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Approve Budget Transfers.

A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve Budget Transfers. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

G. Approve Curriculum Report.

A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Morgan to approve Curriculum Report. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Non-Action Items**

A. COVID Survey Executive Summary.

Dr. Rice was pleased with this and thanked Chris Barr for his work. Trustee Hughes also commented on the good work.

B. ICCB Recognition Report

Dr. Rice said he was pleased with this outcome and said we have responded to the minor findings.

C. Annual Assessment Activity Report.

Cory Garmane is the faculty representative over assessment and Dr. Rice thanked him for his work.

D. Correspondence.

## **Personnel**

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve all items listed in Personnel. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A. Approve to Employ Adjunct Faculty.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Morgan made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Barbre. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.