

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
3575 COLLEGE ROAD, HARRISBURG, IL 62946
JANUARY 18, 2022 – 6:00 PM

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2021 in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room at SIC. On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Pat York, Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mr. David Dennison, and Dr. Frank Barbre. Also present: Dr. Karen Weiss, Mr. Chris Barr, 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

There have been no recent ICCTA meetings to report on. The next meeting is the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington DC in February, and I will attend.

Dr. Rice's Report

We will be installing touchless water systems with restricted use COVID funds. Lisa Hite stewards all the restricted use COVID funds and oversees the projects from these funds. I am concerned as is ICCCP about the legislative Bill regarding per credit minimum salaries for adjunct instructors. Prevailing wages are different in all areas, so this would be an unrealistic Bill which also has issues regarding the SURS 6% cap, and in some cases would even under cut CBA's. Another legislative Bill #2778 is a good idea, but the execution and effects are very problematic. The Governor has said that he will veto this Bill, but democrats and republicans alike like the Bill and could override the Governor. ICCCP will discuss this Bill later this week. I have reached out to local legislatures to discuss these Bills, but the only call back I got was from Patrick Windhorst. Dr. Weiss and I have met with the Carmi Kiwanis and Carmi Chamber regarding our new Carmi expansion and we have more meetings with business owners planned. Thanks to Lance Barbe, we have a meeting set up with Toyota. Dr. Weiss, Mrs. Hite, and I will soon begin rotating office hours in Carmi. Due to COVID, enrollment county wide is down 1 million college students. We continue working on safety initiatives. Attorney Jackson has said that we will be getting an installment from the Hise Estate soon. We have EAV data for planning that compares us to our cohorts, some are 79% higher than we are. The mental health counselor that we will soon hire can be paid with COVID relief grant funds. We currently have 16 Falcon Society Members and would like to have 4 more. We currently have 7 Dream Makers and want 3 to 5 more. Cabinet has been working on the Carmi expansion project and the workforce there, grants, planning, IT, and a lot of campus work.

SICEA – Paul Cummins

Dr. Weiss reported for Paul Cummins that a Ad Hoc Committee for Student Support Hours has been formed and the committee members are: Karen Weiss, Robby Lindhorst, Paul Cummins, Tyler Billman, Chad Flannery, Chris Barr, Ben Ross and Kim Martin.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the Consent Agenda which included the minutes from the December 2021 meeting, destroying tapes of the March 2020 closed session, the Treasurer's Report and the approval of bills for November 2021 which totaled \$2,290,572.55 which included \$548,896.17 in payroll, and the Treasurer's Report and the approval of bills for December 2021 which totaled \$1,226,353.16 which included \$510,811.46 in payroll. On roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Reimbursement of Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expenses. Dr. Barbre will travel to Washington, DC for the Community College National Legislative Summit on February 6th – 9th. Total estimated expenses will be \$2,600. A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the reimbursement of travel, meal, and lodging expenses. On roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action Items

A. A motion was made by Trustee Barbre, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve New Board Policy #6026 Local Admin Rights and Privileges Policy – Second Reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve to Serve Alcohol at Hise Museum Celebrate Regional Artists Reception on February 10th. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

C. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve Budget Transfers. All members voted aye. Motion carried

D. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve Mary Jo Oldham Center for Child Study Fee Increase Proposal. All members voted aye. Motion carried

E. A motion was made by Trustee Barbre, seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve Tuition Freeze and Fee Increase Recommendation for FY23. All members voted aye. Motion carried

F. A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve Course Fee Increases. All members voted aye. Motion carried

Non-Action Items

A. ACE Report

Dr. Billman said the Accelerated College Experience started last semester with 18 students. The coursework is taught by Dr. John Corum, who teaches service learning and test prep and Rachel Parish, who teaches business and professional communication. ACE provides access to SIC faculty by inviting faculty into their class as guest speakers.

B. CTE Afternoon Academy Report

Dr. Billman said Career & Technical Education is for junior and senior high school students who meet at SIC for instruction on 5 different areas of their choice and that this is a huge recruitment tool. Students meet 12:30 – 2:30, Monday – Friday. Harrisburg, Eldorado, Galatia, Carrier Mills, and Gallatin County have been targeted for this initiative. In addition to course work, special days for guest career exploration are included.

C. IBT Grant Report

Dr. Billman said this \$96,000 grant began last year to help tutor students with documented learning disabilities from Eldorado High School. This year the grant is \$115,000 and is helping tutor students with both learning and physical disabilities from Eldorado High School.

D. New Website Update.

Dr. Chad Flannery said that he and the committee are very excited with the new website design and that 95% of the initial design work has been completed. We are working on the content management system of the website now and once that is complete, IT will be trained on how to use it. Student access and a marketing tool are the 2 main goals for the new website.

E. Correspondence.

Correspondence has been received from HLC, the Keasler family, and IECC.

Personnel

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

A. Approved to Hire Title III Administrative Assistant.

B. Approved to Hire Title III Student Success Coach.

C. Approved New Job Description for Mental Health Coordinator (Shared Administrative Position Between SIC and RLC).

D. Approved Resignation of Secretary to Nursing and Allied Health Division.

E. Approved Adjunct Assignments for Spring 2022 Academic Terms.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Ellis made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Barbre. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.