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SEPTEMBER 26, 2023; 6:02 PM

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held a special joint meeting with the Rend Lake Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in the Ella Elizabeth Hise Museum at SIC.

On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Pat York, Dr. Frank Barbre, Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mr. Richard Morgan, Mr. Dave Dennison, Miss Addison Bean

Absent: Mr. Blake Bradley

Also present: Dr. Karen Weiss, Dr. Tyler Billman, Dr. Kyla Burford, Mrs. Lisa Hite, Dr. Chris Barr, Dr. Jonah Rice, and Mrs. Kathy Volkening, Mr. Terry Wilkerson, Mrs. Lori Ragland, Mr. Chad Copple, Mrs. Kim Wilkerson, Mr. Henry “Buster” Leeck, Mr. John Gulley, Mrs. Cathy DeJarnette

Updates of Alliance between Rend Lake College and Southeastern Illinois College:

President Rice and President Wilkerson welcomed the group to the annual joint meeting between Southeastern Illinois College (SIC) and Rend Lake College (RLC). Both Presidents thanked Trustees and Administrators for their trust and willingness to collaborate. Administrators then took time to update the Board of Trustees on progression of the colleges’ alliance agreement.

Administrators and staff from both colleges reported to the board on happenings and accomplishments since the previous joint meeting. Trustees heard about shared instructional agreements, the regional Title IX task force and upcoming training, and other collaborations involving business services, IT, marketing, human resources, and more. This has been a greatly beneficial partnership, and many good relationships and friendships have developed over the last decade. The presidents of both institutions expressed their hope that this alliance will continue for years to come.

Presidents’ Comments:

President Jonah Rice expressed his desire for the colleges to continue the alliance past his time at the institution.

President Terry Wilkerson discussed the interest of other sister institutions in joining efforts, and the level of trust that was required between SIC and RLC to get to this point.

Adjournment:

Trustee Ellis made a motion to adjourn. Debbie Hughes seconded that motion. All members present said aye and meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.