

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE  
3575 COLLEGE ROAD, HARRISBURG, IL 62946  
JANUARY 16, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room at SIC. On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Franke Barbre, Mr. Dave Dennison, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Mr. Richard Morgan, Mr. Blake Bradley, and Student Trustee Ms. Addison Bean.

Also present: Dr. Jonah Rice, Dr. Karen Weiss, Dr. Tyler Billman, Dr. Chris Barr, Lisa Hite, Kathy Volkening, and Connor Rice

Dr. York welcomed guests and allowed time for comment.

**ICCTA Report – Dr. Barbre**

Dr. Barbre had no official report this month.

**Student Trustee Report – Addison Bean**

Ms. Addison Bean reported on student activities and let everyone know that a clothes drive is being held to help students. All faculty and staff are encouraged to donate.

**Dr. Rice's Report**

Dr. Rice presented the following information to the Board:

- T. Hamm Signs hung a new drawing of the Harrisburg campus in the Board Room.
- The Distinguished Alumni wall will be getting updated in the future due to not being able to find the same framing we have used in the past.
- The SIC Foundation by-law revisions will have its first reading at the next SICF meeting.
- The sale of the Hise mansions will be completed after tonight. The buyer said he wants to restore the buildings to their “former glory.”
- A handout was presented regarding the solar study that AES solar can do at no charge. Dr. Rice explained that we don't get a tax rebate but the IRS pays us since we're non-profit. At some point we will need to discuss getting a project manager for the solar project, if that is the direction the Board chooses to go. He will continue to do research and present information to the Board as it becomes available.
- Pepsi accepted the new one-year contract we presented to them. We will monitor the situation closely.
- A few SIC employees took advantage of the Early Retirement Incentive.
- Dr. Rice and some of his cabinet met with Steve Williams from Williams and Associates insurance regarding our general liability. Dr. Rice believes we need to go through a bidding process. The Board gave permission for Dr. Rice to begin research regarding this and to bring back a recommendation when ready.

- Enrollment is up 1% in credit hours. We are up 3% in male enrollment.
- Dr. Rice shared the treasurer's report and emphasized the importance of financial planning. Planning on how to make the most from our investments from the proceeds of the Hise mansion sale is very important.
- Dr. Rice has been selected by the Governor to serve on the Illinois Museum Board.
- KFVS 12 did a story on SIC last week. They did a great job featuring the college.

### **SICEA – Paul Cummins**

Paul Cummins was absent from giving his report.

### **Consent Agenda**

Trustee Bradley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included December 5, 2023, regular and closed session minutes, destroying the tapes of the June 2022 closed session, treasurer's report, approval of bills for November, 2023 and December, 2023 which totaled \$2,567,231.03 (Nov) and \$1,412,406.93 (Dec) which included \$716,838.93 (Nov) and \$608,961.83 (Dec) in payroll. On roll call, all members voted, aye. Motion carried.

### **Non-Action Items**

No Non-Action Items

### **Action Items**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve Board Policy 2009.1 – Attendance by Electronic Means (Revised) – Second Reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Morgan, seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve Board Policy 2009.2 – Board Meeting Minutes (New) – Second Reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve Board Policy 2009.3 – Recording of Public Meetings (New) – Second Reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Trustee Barbre, seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve Board Policy 2011 – Public Meetings (Revised) – Second Reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Trustee Morgan, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve Board Policy 2012 – Closed Session (Revised) – Second Reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve Board Policy 2012.1 – Recording of Closed Session (Revised) – Second Reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve Board Policy 2023 – Electronic Communications (New) – Second Reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve Board Policy 9001.3 – Student Disability Documentation - Second Reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve the increase in parking fees. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- J. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve Resolution to Sell Real Estate. All member voted aye. Motion carried.
- K. A motion was made by Trustee Dennison, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve Tuition & Fees Increase for FY25. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- L. A motion was made by Trustee Barbre, seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve Budget Transfers. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- M. A motion was made by Trustee Dennison, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve to Change the April 16, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting to April 23, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- N. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the addendum to PN and ADN Handbooks. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

### **New Business, Topics, or Discussion**

No new business to discuss

### **Personnel**

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

- A. Approve the resignation of SICEA CDL Instructor
- B. Approve Adjunct Assignments for Spring 2024 Academic Term

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Morgan made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Ellis. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.