

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
3575 COLLEGE ROAD, HARRISBURG, IL 62946
MARCH 19, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room at SIC. On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Pat York, Dr. Franke Barbre, Mr. Dave Dennison, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Mr. Richard Morgan, and Student Trustee Ms. Addison Bean.

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

Dr. York welcomed guests and allowed time for comment.

ICCTA Report – Dr. Barbre

Dr. Barbre deferred to Mr. Jim Ellis since he attended the last ICCTA meeting. Mr. Ellis reported that it was a good meeting where the major topic was Artificial Intelligence. This will continue being a big area of concern. There was a large turnout with 45 Trustees in attendance.

Student Trustee Report – Addison Bean

Ms. Addison Bean reported that students are very active right now. Several clubs are planning trips and are fund raising. The SIC Forensic Falcons won the State Championship along with the Mock Illinois Government team.

Dr. Rice's Report

Dr. Rice presented the following information to the Board:

- Dual Credit – He thanked the board for their involvement in our response we submitted to ICCB regarding dual credit. The Cabinet will be reviewing the information we received back from them and will report back to the board next month.
- SIC had some plumbing, electrical, and HVAC issues over the last week and Dr. Rice wanted to let the Board know what a great job that Eddie Fitzgerald has done in handling these situations.
- Dr. Rice and Dr. Weiss went to visit a potential donor and the trip went well. This meeting was a way to introduce Dr. Weiss to this donor so she is able to nurture this relationship moving forward.
- Paul Cummins was voted “Faculty of the Year.”
- Enrollment continues to look better
- Sam Swinford was voted “Coach of the Year.”

SICEA – Paul Cummins

Paul Cummins was absent from giving his report.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Ellis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included February 20, 2024, regular and closed session minutes, destroying the tapes of the August 2022 closed session, treasurer's report, approval of bills for February, 2024 which totaled \$2,430,101.54 which included \$749,075.47 in payroll. On roll call, all members voted, aye. Motion carried.

Reimbursement of Travel, Meals, and Lodging Expenses. Mr. Jim Ellis traveled to Kankakee, Illinois for the March 7-9, 2024 ICCTA meeting. Total estimated cost is \$750.00 Dr. Barbre and Mr. Ellis will be travelling to Springfield for the ICCTA meeting May 1-2, 2024. Total estimated cost is \$1500.00. 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.

Non-Action Items

Correspondence from Lorna Dallas-Brown was reviewed.

Action Items

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the naming of A-Building Leaning Center to the Jonah Rice Learning Center - All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Barbre, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve the budget transfers. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Morgan, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve the Wastewater contract. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business, Topics, or Discussion

No new business to discuss

Personnel

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

- A. Approve Evaluations/Recommendations for Re-employment
 1. Administrative Cabinet
 2. Other Administrative Personnel
 3. Staff and Tenured Personnel

- B. Approve Presidential Employment Agreement ([Click here to view contract](#))
- C. Approve Resignation of Title III Learning Enhancement Coordinator
- D. Approve Recommendation to hire CTE Dean
- E. Approve Adjunct Faculty Recommendations

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 6:12 p.m.