

Agenda Item #14.1
September 21, 2012

APPROVED

Minutes of the 398th
Meeting of the
Illinois Community College Board
Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
Redbird G
201 Broadway Street,
Normal, IL

June 1, 2012

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the June 1, 2012 meeting as recorded.

Item #1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Chair Alexi Giannoulas called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Ann Knoedler to call the roll. The following Board members were present: Guy Alongi, Randy Barnette, Michael Dorf, James Dumas, Victor Henderson, Suzanne Morris, Thomas Pulver, Jake Rendleman, Alexi Giannoulas, and Joshua Beneze, Student Board member. Ms. Knoedler declared the Board had a quorum present.

Item #2 – Announcements and Remarks by Board Chair

Chair Giannoulas welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. He stated since there are many issues to discuss and a number of guests presenters; he does not have any remarks.

Item #3 – Board Member Comments

Board member Suzanne Morris stated there is one issue that has been getting the attention of the media nationally, statewide, and locally, and it involves the for-profit colleges and universities marketing their online degrees. She went on to say that she had a discussion with Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Vice President for Adult Education and Institutional Support, regarding community college on-line courses. The issue involves many components including academic, financial, and promotional elements. Ms. Morris would like to see the Board and the State of Illinois take some leadership in being able to present a complete on-line degree and market it so that the community colleges can compete with what the for-profits offer to the students. She believes the infra structure has already been developed; it is only a matter of coordinating and “packaging” these elements.

She suggested that the Board form an Ad Hoc Committee to review the issue and become a coordinating agency for this cause. Board member Randy Barnette suggested that it might be more appropriate to have the already existing Adult Education, Research and Education Technology Committee review the issue.

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Ms. Morris explained that she thinks the existing committees are already busy with regular issues and there will not be enough time for Board members to dedicate to this issue. She added that a continuing problem for committees is that they do not have enough time to fully explore each issue.

Chair Giannoulis asked what some of the first steps would be to start reviewing this issue. Ms. Morris suggested that ICCB staff, Dr. Karen Anderson and Jeff Newell, Director for Distance Learning and Education Technology Support, lead the committee. They are already knowledgeable on most of the on-line course and degree issues. Ms. Morris would like research completed that would relay the information that is currently out there in general and how ICCB would be capable of coordinating. She would like to focus on, how will an on-line Associates Degree be provided and marketed. Ms. Morris suggested a separate committee be created to review all these issues at once or the already established Adult Education, Research and Education Technology Committee would review the issues while conducting the other business.

Chair Giannoulis stated he understands the concern of having one of the existing committees take on reviewing this issue; however, he also understands the concern of not creating an extra committee because the Board just decreased the number of committees so members were not spread too thin. Chair Giannoulis recommended that he and Ms. Morris connect at a later date and discuss the best way to handle the issue.

Chair Giannoulis asked who would serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Morris suggested that one Board member from each of the already existing committees be represented along with the appropriate ICCB staff.

Mr. Barnette took this opportunity to thank the ICCB staff for going through a grueling legislative session and all the hard work the presidents and trustees did for the community colleges. Chair Giannoulis also expressed his gratitude for everyone's hard work.

Item #4 – “Life Goes On” Organ Donor Program

Chair Giannoulis stated he is changing the order of items on the agenda. He then introduced Secretary of State, Jesse White, who had requested time during the Board meeting to present the “Life Goes On” Organ Donor Program. Secretary White thanked the Chair and the Board for allowing him the opportunity to speak. He also went on to thank his good friend, Geoff Obrzut for a job well done. They served in the House of Representatives together.

Secretary White stated that he runs one of the largest organ and tissue donor programs in the nation. Within Illinois, there are 5.6 million people that are signed up to become organ donors, and nearly 5,000 Illinoisans are waiting for a lifesaving donor.

Secretary White travels all over the State of Illinois encouraging individuals to sign up and become a part of this program. Recently, Secretary White traveled to Decatur, IL to Richland Community College and challenged President Gayle Saunders to obtain 100 Richland Community College students and faculty to sign up as organ donors. She succeeded with a total of 133 individuals who are now donors.

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He also travelled to Southwestern Illinois College and challenged President Georgia Costello to do the same. She succeeded with a total of 150 individuals who are now donors.

Secretary White currently requests that every community college president embark upon this program and assist the Secretary of State's office with their efforts. He suggested that each college start with obtaining 100 of their faculty, students, family, and friends signatures.

In conclusion, Secretary White provided the contact information for the "Life Goes On" Organ Donor Program which is as follows: 217.557.7215; 800.210.2106; or refer to the webpage www.lifegoeson.com. Mr. Obrzut stated this information was included in the last issue of the ICCB magazine; however, he will have this information placed in the next issue of the ICCB Magazine as well.

Item #5 – Illinois Community College Trustees Association

Chair Giannoulis explained that Mike Monaghan will now be giving his presentation due to his obligation to the ICCTA, which is also holding their annual convention at this same time.

Mike Monaghan thanked Chair Giannoulis for amending the schedule of the agenda to accommodate the continued planning of the ICCTA convention. He went on to extend an invitation to the Board members to participate in the events of the ICCTA convention. The next event scheduled is the ICCTA awards luncheon that begins at 11:45 a.m. During the awards luncheon, awards will be presented to various people throughout the community college system recognizing their accomplishments. Following the awards luncheon ceremony there are afternoon programs and meetings. The day will conclude with the evening awards banquet beginning at 5pm.

Mr. Monaghan then introduced James Ayers, the President of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. Mr. Ayers stated that the ICCTA is a member of the national organization, Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). He then introduced the President/CEO of ACCT, Noah Brown.

Mr. Brown described ACCT as a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community colleges, technical colleges, and junior colleges in the United States. These community professionals, business officials, public policy leaders, and leading citizens offer their time and talent to serve on the governing boards of this century's most innovative higher education institutions-community, junior, and technical colleges-and make decisions that affect more than 1,200 colleges and over 11 million students annually. Mr. Brown commented that the ACCT focuses on 3 major areas; federal advocacy, in board education and services, and provides a number of specialized services to boards.

He went on to say that three years ago ACCT made a major commitment as an organization to center their efforts around student success and completion. Most of the efforts are now being focused on helping to make sure every student that comes to a college is as successful as they can be. Mr. Brown concluded with an invitation for the Illinois Community College Board to view the ACCT as their national resource in Washington, D.C. if there is any need for information.

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Board member Randy Barnette thanked the ACCT for all their hard work and being champions for the community colleges.

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Chair Giannoulis announced that students requested a minute of the Board's time to promote their new slogan and promotional items. Thirty community college students, who were attending the Student Leadership Institute at the same location, entered the Board meeting chanting "Illinois Community Colleges: A Million Reasons Why". They were carrying a large banner and passing out magnets and stickers with their slogan.

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Item #6 – Acknowledgements

Chair Giannoulis presented Peggy Heinrich, outgoing President, Adult Education and Family Literacy Advisory Council; James Ayers, outgoing President, Illinois Community College Trustees Association; Dr. Gayle Saunders, outgoing President of Presidents' Council; and Dr. Linda Hefferin, outgoing President, Illinois Community College Faculty Association, with certificates of recognition for their service to the Board.

Chair Giannoulis also presented retiring president Dr. Robert Mees a certificate of recognition for his service as President of John A. Logan College.

Dr. Robert Ritschel, Retiring President of Spoon River College; Dr. Vernon Crawley, Retiring President of Moraine Valley Community College; and Dr. Scott Parke, Retiring Senior Director for Research and Policy Studies for the Illinois Community College Board, were also honored; however, they were unable to attend the meeting.

Dr. Mees stated that it has been a privilege and honor to be a president of a community college in Illinois. Even though there are currently many challenges, ICCB, ICCTA, and the Council of President's have been working hard together to address these challenges. He went on to say the Illinois Community College System has a lot to be proud of. He believes the community colleges can help turn economic conditions around within the state. He stated that his 20 years as John A. Logan's Chief Academic Officer and president were the best years of his life and he will remember it forever.

James Ayers thanked everyone who serves on the Illinois Community College Board, in particular, Jake Rendleman and Randy Barnette, for all their hard work.

Mr. Dave Maguire, Spoon River College Trustee, introduced the new President of Spoon River College, Curt Oldfield. Mr. Oldfield earned his Associates in Applied Science from Spoon River College in 1995, served as the Dean of Instruction at Spoon River College, and was also an Agriculture Instructor at the college and for the Roseville School District.

Item #7 – President/CEO Report (27mins)

Geoffrey Obrzut took a minute to recognize former ICCB Board member, Jim Berkel, who was attending the meeting. He is the Chair of the Illinois Community College System Foundation.

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Mr. Obrzut briefly commented on a May 9th meeting in Chicago with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Those in attendance with him were Chair Giannoulis, ISAC Board Chair, Kim Hubbard, and ISAC Executive Director, Eric Zarnikow. Mr. Obrzut went on to say the purpose of the meeting was to address how community college students can be better served with Monetary Awards Program (MAP) grants. The ISAC Chair and Executive Director seemed very interested in the ICCB proposal to have a separate MAP fund for community college students that would be more conducive of when the students actually apply for admission. During the course of the meeting, both Chair Hubbard and Director Zarnikow had several additional questions, which ICCB was able to answer in a follow-up letter.

Mr. Obrzut concluded that overall, he and Chair Giannoulis both felt it was a very positive and productive meeting, and holding a follow-up meeting to discuss the program further is being encouraged. As always, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents and the Illinois Community College Trustees' Association will be updated on any developments. He thanked Chair Giannoulis and Board member Sue Morris for their involvement on this issue.

He reported that the Governor's Office requested ICCB's help in getting General Assembly members support for a specific bill. It involved about a dozen legislators who were leaning against the Governor's proposed cigarette tax increase. The increase was part of the \$2.7 billion Medicaid stabilization package. ICCB staff called specific presidents, trustees, and Board members who were constituents of the legislators on the Governor's "roll call" list. ICCB asked that they place a call to their legislator and let them know that without the cigarette tax increase; even deeper cuts to the ICCB would be likely. The cigarette tax did pass and thanks are awarded to the following for their help in that effort:

Dr. Alice Jacobs, President of Danville Area Community College, Dr. Dale Chapman, President of Lewis & Clark Community College; Dr. Georgia Costello, President of Southwestern Illinois College; Dr. John Irwin, President of Illinois Central College; Dr. David Sam, President of Elgin Community College; Kim Savage, ISAC member and member of the Board of Trustees at College of DuPage; and Richard Anderson, member of the Board of Trustees at College of Lake County.

ICCB Vice-Chair Suzanne Morris and ICCB member Tom Pulver were instrumental in making contact with their legislators. Mr. Obrzut also thanked Phil Burdick, Assistant Vice President for Communications and Government Relations at Harper College, for his participation as well.

Mr. Obrzut reported that the Federal Monitoring Team from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) conducted a monitoring review of the adult education division of the Illinois Community College Board during the week of May 21-25, 2012. The week included a review of materials, presentations by staff and the professional development system, discussions with program administrators, the adult education advisory council, and internal and external partners.

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The exit interview with ICCB staff on Friday, May 25, 2012 included a summary of OVAE's commendations, recommendations, and findings. A final report will be submitted by OVAE within the next 45 days.

During the exit interview, the monitors noted several strengths and accomplishments of Illinois Adult Education that they intend to use as national models. Mr. Obrzut thanked Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Vice President for Adult Education and Institutional Research, and Jennifer Foster, Senior Director for Adult Education and Family Literacy, for their hard work during the review.

Mr. Obrzut stated that the ICCB is in the process of finalizing the Adult Education Competitive Awards and expects to post the successful applicants no later than the week of June 11, 2012.

Thanks were given to Dr. Scott Parke for his leadership over the past 25 years of service to the ICCB. Dr. Parke accepted a new position as Vice Chancellor for Research for the Florida College System with a June 1, 2012 start date. During his time at ICCB, Dr. Parke was responsible for helping to establish Illinois as a national leader in community college data collection systems.

Mr. Obrzut also took the opportunity to thank the three presidents that are retiring this summer, Dr. Vernon Crawley, Dr. Bob Meese and Dr. Robert Ritschel, for their support and leadership within the community college system.

Chair Giannoulis took this opportunity to again emphasize the positive outcome of the meeting with the ISAC Chair and Executive Director. The ICCB staff will be reaching out to ISAC after a few days and will let the Board know the response. Board member Sue Morris stated there is legislation in the General Assembly, SJR69 and HJR81, that states the ISAC shall convene a task force to deliberate options for the adoption of new rules for the Monetary Award Program (MAP), with the goal of improving the outcomes for students who receive these awards. This task force will include a member of the Illinois Community College Board. Chair Giannoulis stated that anyone with comments on this issue should get in touch with Mr. Obrzut.

Item #8 – Capital Development Board Report (33 mins)

Chair Giannoulis introduced the Chair of the Capital Development Board, Peter O'Brien, and the Executive Director of the Capital Development Board, Jim Underwood. Mr. Underwood started off by saying he is a great advocate for the community colleges. He then gave a brief overview of the Capital Development Board (CDB). As the construction management agency for Illinois state government since 1972, the CDB oversees the construction of new state facilities, such as prisons, some college and university classroom buildings, mental health hospitals and state parks.

In addition, CDB is responsible for renovation and rehabilitation projects at the State's 8,441 state-owned buildings containing more than 96 million square-feet of floor space.

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Mr. Underwood went on to say the agency also works with the Illinois State Board of Education to administer grants for school construction and renovation to local elementary and secondary school districts through the School Construction Program.

In addition to its construction duties, CDB also is responsible for the removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead from state-owned facilities, the replacement of leaking underground storage tanks on state property and the remodeling of state buildings to accommodate persons with disabilities.

Established to better manage the state's capital improvement programs, the agency is guided by a seven-member, bi-partisan board that deliberates matters of policy, approves the selection of design professionals through the 1991 Qualifications-Based Selection System and sets direction for the agency. The Board members, who are appointed by the Governor, give direction to the agency and approve design selections for the architects and engineers.

Mr. Underwood stated that an issue the CDB would like to bring to the ICCB's attention is the competitive process community colleges use to choose an architect. The CDB advertises for designers/architects, evaluates their proposals, narrows them down to three, and the Board makes the final selections. The community colleges use the same process as CDB; however, the community colleges can ultimately pick the same designer/architect for every project. This issue has come up several times during the CDB Board meetings from outside architects and agencies. CDB is concerned that this is not a very open and competitive process.

Chair O'Brien added that the CDB would like to work with the ICCB staff to develop a Best Practices Critique that will allow the competitive market to be comfortable with the bidding process. Chair Giannoulis asked if conversations have taken place between the ICCB and CDB. Chair O'Brien replied that there has not.

Board member Barnette expressed his concern on the evident problem the ICCB will have in implementing the process CDB is requesting; the ICCB is an oversight Board which does not control the community colleges. Community colleges are units of local government, which gives them a great deal of independence. He pointed out that the process that they are using is legal and within the law for units of local government. He stated that he believes this request will have to be a collaborative process with the colleges as well. Mr. Barnette suggested that the Illinois Council of Community College President and ICCTA be involved in these discussions.

Board member Jake Rendleman, a representative of the ICCTA, also reemphasized Mr. Barnette's point that the community colleges are governed by a locally elected Board of Trustees. Mr. Rendleman went on to say that the parties involved in these discussions should be careful in what regulations they come up with and how that will affect local control of the community colleges. Chair O'Brien thanked the ICCB Board members for the comments and again stated that CDB is interested in meeting with the ICCB staff to discuss this issue further. He also extended an invitation for the ICCB Board members to attend a CDB Board meeting and present their comments to the Board on this issue.

Item #9 – Nomination of Vice Chair

Chair Giannoulas opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Illinois Community College Board.

Board member Guy Alongi nominated Suzanne Morris for the position of Vice Chair of the Illinois Community College Board, which was seconded by Jake Rendleman.

Guy Alongi made a motion, which was seconded by Jake Rendleman, to close nominations.

Guy Alongi made a motion to appoint Suzanne Morris for the position of Vice Chair of the Illinois Community College Board. The motion was seconded by Jake Rendleman. The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: Yes.

Chair Giannoulas and Mr. Barnette praised Ms. Morris for her hard work and congratulated her.

Item #10 – Advisory Organizations (50 mins)

Item #10.1 – Student Advisory Committee

Student Board member Joshua Beneze reported that the Advocacy Day in Springfield was a success with over 350 students attending in order to lobby the legislators. Also, the Student Leadership Institute is currently taking place in the same location as today's Board meeting with 36 student participants. Mr. Beneze concluded that the alumni campaign is well underway with the promotional items that have been manufactured and the facebook page that has been developed.

Mr. Barnette suggested that the new President of Spoon River College, who is also a product of obtaining a degree and working within the community college system, be a part of the new ICCB alumni campaign.

Item #10.2 – Illinois Community College Faculty Association

Dr. Linda Hefferin thanked the Board for the certificate of recognition they presented to her earlier in the meeting. Dr. Hefferin announced that she would remain as the President of the Illinois Community College Faculty Association through October; at that time, the new president, David Seiler, will take over.

Dr. Hefferin went on to say that the Faculty Association especially enjoys attending the ICCTA conference with one of the highlights being the awards banquet that takes place Friday evening. Outstanding faculty are recognized by the ICCTA. This meeting is also used as a retreat for the faculty association members and they continue planning for their annual fall conference.

The Faculty Association is grateful for the dues that have continued to come in from the colleges since the last ICCB Board meeting. However, there is one college that still refuses to pay their dues.

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Dr. Hefferin explained that these dues are used to fund grants such as four recently awarded for research and workshop grants to faculty in the amount of \$2500 each. The dues also fund scholarships to students; and the annual fall conference for faculty.

Thanks were awarded to all the Board members, in particular Tom Pulver, who is also a member on the Illinois Community College Faculty Association Board. Mr. Pulver's constant updates on information and issues are much appreciated.

Board member Guy Alongi requested that Dr. Hefferin report the college who has not paid their dues to Chair Giannoulis. Chair Giannoulis requested the name of that college. Dr. Hefferin replied it was College of DuPage. Chair Giannoulis stated they would be contacted.

(NOTE: See after agenda item 10.5: Dr Elaine Johnson checked with ICCB staff and found that College of DuPage has paid their dues.)

Item #10.3 – Illinois Council of Community College Presidents

Dr. Gayle Saunders started off by thanking the Board for the certificate of recognition they presented to her earlier. She went on to say that serving the past year as the President of the Illinois Council Community College Presidents was a challenging but rewarding year. She stated that legislatively it was a tough year; particularly, performance based funding, producing legislation that requires a community college president to serve on the Illinois Community College Board, which passed last evening, articulation and transfer, pension reform, and the state budget.

Thanks were awarded to Geoff Obrzut, President/CEO of the ICCB, Ellen Andres, Chief Financial Officer for ICCB, Mike Monaghan, Executive Director for ICCTA, and Tom Ryder, Legislative Counsel for ICCTA, for their involvement in the pension reform discussions.

Dr. Saunders concluded by announcing the new President of the Illinois Council Community College Presidents will be Dr. Peg Lee, President of Oakton Community College. Chair Giannoulis and Mr. Obrzut both conveyed their gratitude to Dr. Saunders for her leadership and service over the past year.

Item #10.4 – Adult Education and Family Literacy Advisory Council (1hr)

Peggy Heinrich thanked the Board for the certificate of recognition they presented to her earlier. On behalf of the council, she took this opportunity to recognize the ICCB adult education staff for all their hard work and dedication over this past year. Ms. Heinrich reported the ICCB Adult Education & Family Literacy Advisory Council met on May 31, 2012, for its final meeting of the year. Members who had completed their term were recognized, and new members will be added to the council in Fiscal Year 2013.

She went on to say three sub-committees of the council submitted their final recommendations and/or reports for Fiscal Year 2012, which are outlined below:

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- The Curriculum & Instruction Committee provided a report of issues to be considered by the ICCB as it approaches the implementation of the new GED test. For example, additional computers will be needed to provide access for additional students.
- The Assessment Committee recommended that the ICCB profile the top 20 percent performing programs and share their orientation, placement, assessment, and other pertinent practices with mid-tier to low performing programs in order to identify common traits and beneficial practices. The committee additionally recommended that the ICCB develop three technology skills assessments (for students, instructors, and administration), based upon the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) National Educational Technology Standards (NETS).
- The Research, Data & Accountability Committee recommended that the ICCB develop various professional development modules focused on data, including such modules as Data Fundamentals, Using Data to Inform Testing, and more. The committee also recommended that the ICCB complete research in specific areas, such as determining which assessment tools are most effective in accordance with each course, level, and instructional category.

Ms. Heinrich concluded that the first meeting of Fiscal Year 2013 will be held on September 27, 2012.

Item #10.5 – Illinois Community College System Foundation

Ray Hancock started off by recognizing two of the foundation's Board members who were in attendance; Tom Pulver and Jim Berkel.

Dr. Hancock went on to say the Crisp Illinois Community College Center building project is complete and two suites have been rented on the new fourth floor. There is another 4,000 plus square feet available to be rented and built out to suit the occupant. Dr. Hancock explained that this project is significant to the entire Illinois Community College System because it allows the entire ICCB staff to function in one building in downtown Springfield, and it provides an opportunity for the Illinois Community College System Foundation (ICCSF) to achieve a revenue stream for support to the system without competing with the colleges.

Dr. Hancock said that the ICCSF will be providing in excess of \$150,000 in student scholarships to the 48 community college this year. He stated that when financial markets were strong and stable, that amount was over \$250,000 annually. These scholarships include the following:

- State Farm Teacher Education Scholarship
- Illinois Health Improvement Scholarship
- Marilyn Casey Scholarship
- Roy and Joan Harris Endowment/Build with Faith

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- Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts
- Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative
- Three other endowments are inactive because the administrators have not authorized activity

In conclusion, Mr. Hancock stated that the ICCSF is currently working with college foundation directors to plan an annual conference with a program relevant to all community college foundations in Illinois. The ICCB initiatives on alumni involvement will be included in the program.

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Dr. Elaine Johnson, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Workforce Development, announced that the ICCB had received payment from the College of DuPage for their Illinois Community College Faculty Association dues.

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Item #11 – Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Update (1hr 13min)

Ellen Andres distributed handouts and reported on the colleges Fiscal Year 2012 Status of State Payments, which was requested by the Board during the work session meeting, held on March 23, 2012. Going into Fiscal Year 2013, the colleges are about a quarter of a year behind in receiving state funds. In addition, the Illinois Community College System's (ICCS) overall budget was cut 6.14 percent; for community colleges, that equates to about a \$20 million loss for Fiscal Year 2013.

Included in pension negotiations with the Administration and the General Assembly was the discussion of the ailing community college retirees' health insurance program. While the pension reform was not passed, the system received a \$36 million appropriation to pay into the community college retiree's health insurance program. There is currently a \$48 million deficit in that program. In regards to the 6.14 percent cut to the ICCS budget, the ICCB staff will be sending out a document to the system showing grant allocations by college.

During a recent recognition visit, the ICCB fiscal staff found that the college had a computer programming error that was overstating the number of credit hours generated. This issue caused an 8,000 credit hour difference. Chair Giannoulis asked if the ICCB staff discovered this error. Ms. Andres replied that ICCB staff did in fact determine the error during their recognition visit. Ms. Andres continued to say that a finding of this magnitude will change the data in the formula.

She suggested that the ICCB fiscal staff rerun the data and distribute a revised allocation by college table to the Board before it is sent out to the system, which will allow the Board to request any further information.

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Chair Giannoulis asked what the timing would be on receiving the revised allocation table. Ms. Andres replied that after the college in question finalizes their 8,000 credit hour reduction, which has to be signed off on by their auditors, the table will be distributed immediately. ICCB also has to wait for the Governor's signature or veto message before final allocations can be made.

Ms. Andres went on to report that the \$7 million Veterans Grant was cut completely from the budget. Seven colleges received a small appropriation for veteran grants. The elimination of this grant will add yet another cost to the already decreased community college's operating budget. Even though the state is not funding veterans grants, the colleges are mandated to cover the tuition of any veteran attending courses.

Mr. Obrzut mentioned that at the previous Presidents' Council meeting, Dr. Charlotte Warren, President of Lincoln Land Community College, suggested the system request access to more federal funds for the Veteran's Grant. He went on to suggest there be a task force or Ad Hoc Committee meeting to investigate this issue further.

The report was concluded with the announcement that the ICCB's operating budget was cut by six percent, which comes to \$130,000 dollars. To compensate, the ICCB will be reluctant in hiring for the recent retirement of Dr. Scott Parke and the vacancies of a few current positions.

Chair Giannoulis asked who would lead the task force in the request for additional federal funding for the Veteran's grants. Mr. Obrzut suggested appointing Dr. Warren. Dr. Elaine Johnson stated there is already an established committee working on the Veteran's Grant issue.

Board member Guy Alongi wanted to clarify that in 2003 the average tuition per credit hour for a community college was \$50 and to date the amount per credit hour has jumped to about \$100. Ms. Andres replied on average that estimate was correct. Mr. Alongi stated that the educational expense to the students has doubled within the last nine years. He went on to say that if the pension reform, which included a new requirement for the colleges to pick up the employer contribution, had been passed by the General Assembly, many colleges would not have been able to place the burden of that expense on property tax revenues due to the cap tax increases, so the students would have been accountable for that extra expense.

Board member Jake Rendleman commented that John A. Logan College is the third most efficient college in the state, with the tuition being 92 dollars per credit hour for the past year and for Fiscal Year 2013. If the pension reform had passed, John A. Logan College would have been forced to raise their tuition four dollars each year for the next six years.

Board member Randy Barnette questioned what kind of economic situation the Illinois Community College System would be in if these costs were shifted over to them. Ms. Andres responded the tuition increase John A. Logan would have had to endure is a very good example of portraying the economic crisis.

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Mr. Barnette stated if the community college system did assume these additional costs, he had seen a document estimating that within the first year a potential of six colleges would close in Illinois and within the second year another 12 colleges could be in danger of closing. Board member Suzanne Morris commented that the K-12 school system is facing the same catastrophic situation as the community college system if they too have to take on the costs of the pension reform.

Board member Victor Henderson voiced his concerns with the Board being accurate in the information being reported in regards to the financial crisis in education. Mr. Henderson went on to say that the Board needs to make sure they guide the system through this tough time.

Chair Giannoulis concluded the next steps from the Board will need to be decided; how the Board and the system will fight for more resources but also prepare for drastically challenging times.

Item #12 - Committee Reports

Item #12.1 - Adult Education, Research and Education Technology

Randy Barnette reported that the committee met on May 18, 2012 at the James R. Thompson Center and received updates on the following: Adult Education Competitive grants, the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) visit, and Accelerating Opportunity. The successful applications for the adult education competitive grants will be announced the week of June 11th.

Jennifer Foster, Senior Director for Adult Education and Family Literacy, provided an update on the recent federal monitoring visit from Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) within the US Department of Education. During the week of May 21- 25, 2012, the Federal Monitoring Team from OVAE conducted a monitoring review of ICCB's adult education and family literacy program. The monitoring visit consisted of a review of eight modules, including:

- Module 1: National Reporting System Implementation
- Module 2: State Leadership,
- Module 3: Funding Local Programs,
- Module 4: Evaluation of Local Programs
- Module 5: Financial Considerations,
- Module 6: Organization Status,
- Module 7: Collaboration/WIA Partners
- Module 8: English Literacy/Civics Education

Ms. Foster went on to say that the week included a review of materials, presentations by staff and the professional development system, discussions with program administrators, the adult education advisory council, and internal and external partners.

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Ms. Foster reported that the week concluded with an exit interview by the Federal Monitoring Team with the President/CEO Geoffrey Obrzut and staff on Friday, May 25, 2012. This exit included a summary of their commendation, recommendations, and findings. Overall, the federal monitoring team was extremely pleased with what Illinois has accomplished in adult education.

Mr. Barnette reported that a team of Illinois educators, which included state staff and local adult education and CTE staff, visited the state of Washington in early May to observe model programs for the Accelerating Opportunity program. Another team will conduct a similar visit this summer. Mr. Barnette went on to report that one of the key leaders in the Institutional Research & Policy Studies division, Dr. Scott Parke, has left the ICCB to take a position in Florida. He has been key in providing one of the best data systems in the country and well acknowledged by many. The committee recommends that the position of Senior Director for Research & Policy Studies be filled quickly.

Mr. Barnette went on to report that the Complete College America Report provided some national exposure for ICCB. Illinois is among the top states in making progress toward the completion goals: Illinois has 32 colleges ahead of their goals and only 16 behind. The report is included in the Board packet. In regards to Education Technology, Mr. Barnette reported the agency is in the process of updating the ICCB website. The website committee continues to meet and has been discussing possible improvements to the website in an effort to make it more user-friendly. The Board committee also recommended that the ICCB staff be responsible for keeping each of the divisions updated since the agency will not be able to hire certain positions at this point to do the website revisions and maintenance.

Mr. Barnette concluded that the Economic Impact Study is well underway. Dr. Karen Anderson commented that the first wave of individual college reports hopefully will be done as early as October 2012, with the second wave being completed in late December. Mr. Barnette requested from Chair Giannoulis that the Board take this opportunity to use this report as a tool in hopes of engaging the public, media, and legislators to showcase the importance of the ICCB and Illinois Community College System. Chair Giannoulis asked when the report was going to be ready. Mr. Barnette replied that the report should be complete in October; however, there should be enough information to provide an initial report, and distribute the additional information as it generates. Chair Giannoulis agreed and requested the next steps be discussed at a later date.

Item #12.2 - Academic Affairs and Workforce Development

Board member Tom Pulver reported that the committee met on May 21, 2012 with the quorum established at John A. Logan College with Guy Alongi, James Dumas, and Jake Rendleman in attendance. Michael Dorf and Mr. Pulver attended the meeting via conference call. Mr. Pulver went on to report that the Board will be approving recognition reports for three colleges, Black Hawk, Danville Area Community College, and Lake Land College, during this Board meeting.

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There are other recognition reports that will be presented at the next Board meeting being held in September; however, these colleges will need the Chair to approve a short extension in their recognition.

In addition, there are also several recognition certificates that need to be corrected due to an error with the five year date in accordance with the actual approval date. The committee recommended that the extensions be given to the Chair for approval. Mr. Pulver concluded the recognition update with the announcement that the Recognition Committee is still awaiting for the Higher Learning Commissions schedule.

Mr. Pulver reported that ICCB is waiting on the State Board of Education to finalize the Intergovernmental Agreement with Race to the Top.

There are 14 colleges who will be meeting at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale to review the Memorandum of Agreement between the Illinois Community College Board and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale concerning transfer audits.

Mr. Pulver announced that the P-20 Council's College & Career Readiness Committee will meet once a month to have discussion on the meaning of College and Career Readiness and the topics and issues it involves. ICCB attempted to engage in an Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on providing Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training. Unfortunately, this has been cancelled, and ICCB will not be continuing with this process.

Mr. Pulver went on to report that at the March 23, 2012 Work Session Meeting, there was a presentation on credentialing of the General Education Core Curriculum (GECC). This request was presented to several different organizations, including the faculty association, which it was well received. The committee recommends there be a credential category called the General Education Core Curriculum Credential.

Mr. Pulver mentioned there is an ongoing process with many different agencies working together on successful models on how to work with the Veterans in getting them the education they deserve. An important part of this process is the Mobile Vet Center, which completed its first year of their tour. The center visited two community colleges a week and spent two to three days at each site. The tour will continue and by the end of the next academic year, the center will have visited all the community colleges. The center's staff has requested the opportunity to present to the Board possibly at the September Board meeting. Chair Giannoulis asked if the Mobile Vet Center was aware of the \$7 million cut to the Veteran's Grant funds. Mr. Pulver replied he thought they were aware of the cut.

Mr. Pulver added that there will be a second annual College Changes Everything Conference on July 12, 2012 in Tinley Park, Illinois.

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Concluding the report, Mr. Pulver announced that Complete College America has invited representatives from the Governor's office, IBHE, ICCB and other attendees to Baltimore on June 12, 2012 to discuss developmental education. Dr. Elaine Johnson will be in attendance.

Randy Barnette stated that the recognition process had to be changed due to the fact it was behind. The academic side of the recognition is able to be done through desk audits at the ICCB office; however, the fiscal side of the recognition process requires on-site visits. This requires the ICCB fiscal staff to physically travel to each college; therefore, if there is any delay, it is a result of the nature of the fiscal recognition process. Geoff Obrzut mentioned that to make matters more difficult, the ICCB budget is now going to be cut \$130,000 thousand, which makes it more difficult to pay for travelling. Mr. Barnette requested that the Board take these details into consideration when it comes to the recognition process.

Item #12.3 - Fiscal, Personnel, Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Sue Morris reported the committee met this morning before the Board meeting. In addition to what Ellen Andres has already presented to the Board, there are three items on the consent agenda, #14.4, 14.5 and 14.6, that are annual items the Board acts in June to allow the President/CEO to enter into grant agreements and contracts with external agencies and to transfer up to two percent of the operating funds among these lines.

Ms. Morris went on to report that Board member Guy Alongi stated his concern with the cost of holding Board meetings outside of Springfield. Mr. Alongi requested that the costs of these meetings be reviewed. Ms. Morris stated that she believes there is a lot of value in visiting the community college campuses. She went on to say that the committee requested Ellen Andres to provide the committee members with the cost differences between holding the Board meetings solely in Springfield versus out of Springfield.

Chair Giannoulis requested this information be brought to the September Board meeting. Mr. Pulver stated that holding the Board meetings at a community college campus can cause some burden on the colleges; on the other hand, it is important for the Board to visit these campuses and see what goes on at each college and see the differences between the colleges.

Mr. Alongi clarified that his concerns stem from the travel restrictions the ICCB staff already endures, along with being behind in recognition, and using funds from the decreasing ICCB budget.

Item #12.4 - External Affairs

Jake Rendleman reported that the ICCB External Affairs Committee met on May 29 at 2:30 p.m. Attending the meeting were Committee Chair Jake Rendleman who called the meeting to order by phone and committee members Suzanne Morris, Randy Barnette, and Michael Dorf in the ICCB Chicago office.

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Committee member Victor Henderson was absent. Steve Morse staffed the committee by phone and hosted the call.

Mr. Rendleman went on to say that Steve Morse provided a summary of certain bills and resolutions that the ICCB is tracking. None of the bills or resolutions had passed both the Senate and the House at the time of the committee meeting.

Before the Board meeting, Mr. Morse distributed a list of bills and resolutions being tracked by the ICCB that passed the General Assembly before May 31:

- **HB4996**, as amended: Affects an employer who employs or re-employs a person receiving a retirement annuity from the State Universities Retirement System in an academic year beginning on or after August 1, 2013 must notify the System of that employment within 60 days after employing the annuitant. The legislation includes reporting specifications and certain prohibitions on compensation from corporate funds or funds from State grants.
- **SB2332**, as amended: the Fiscal Year 2013 capital bill.
- **SB2413**, as amended: the House-initiated budget bill for K-12 contains a line item for the ICCB in a transfer of funds for administering Career and Technical Education Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse Preparation.
- **SB2443**, as amended: the House-initiated budget bill for higher education.
- **SB3428**, as amended: legislation initiated by the Presidents' Council that requires one of the 11 voting members of the ICCB be a president of a community college or chief executive officer of City Colleges of Chicago or Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.
- **SB3635**, as amended: legislation initiated by the City Colleges of Chicago allows community colleges with respect to complying with the terms and conditions of a grant, gift, or bequest that calls for the procurement of a particular good or service, provides that the grant, gift, or bequest must comply with all applicable laws and must not interfere with or otherwise impair any collective bargaining agreements the community college may have with labor organizations.
- **SB3802**, as amended: the Fiscal Year 2013 supplemental Budget Implementation bill includes a provision to change the date of suspension of grant making authority to January 1, 2013 (had been July 1, 2012).

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- **Senate Joint Resolution 69:** resolves that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission convene a task force to deliberate options for new rules for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) with the goal of improving outcomes for students who receive the awards. Among the task force members are a representative of community colleges and a representative of the ICCB.

Also included in the summary are two bills of note that did not pass both chambers. Both bills passed the House and were amended in the Senate. The motions to concur with Senate amendments in both bills remain in the House Rules committee:

- **HB1864** as amended: the ICCB-initiated bill that would reduce the tuition level stipulation for those colleges receiving Equalization grants.
- **HB5428** as amended: creates the Illinois College Choice Reports Act, the so-called “report card” legislation initiated by the Lt. Governor’s Office on Illinois public and private not-for-profit colleges, universities, and community colleges.

No legislation on pension reform passed both chambers. The Governor has said that he would meet with the legislative leaders within a week to begin working on another compromise. That will mean a probable special session of the General Assembly sometime this summer to address pension reform. Legislation to stabilize Medicaid including an increase in the cigarette tax did pass both chambers.

Mr. Rendleman reported the next ICCB Magazine would be published in June. The magazine will focus on the Illinois Green Economy Network, Green activities at community colleges, and nanotechnology.

Mr. Rendleman concluded his report with a recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of electronic checks issued by the ICCB. The requester was advised that the ICCB does not issue electronic checks and that all payments are made through the Office of the Comptroller.

Item #13 – New Units of Instruction

Tom Pulver made a motion, which was seconded by Jake Rendleman, to approve the following items:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the following new units of instruction for the community colleges listed below:

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Black Hawk College

- Associate in Fine Arts (A.F.A.) in Art degree (62 credit hours)

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College of DuPage

- Game Design and Development Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree (64 credit hours)

Illinois Valley Community College

- Advanced Renewable Wind Energy Technician Certificate (53.5 credit hours)

Kaskaskia College

- Associate in Fine Arts (A.F.A.) in Art degree (65 credit hours)

Morton College

- Health Information Technology A.A.S. degree (63 credit hours)

Oakton Community College

- Business Security Management Certificate (30 credit hours)

Sauk Valley Community College

- Fire Science A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)

South Suburban College

- Navistar Diesel Technology A.A.S. degree (65 credit hours)

Southeastern Illinois College

- Outdoor Recreation A.A.S. degree (63 credit hours)
- Outdoor Recreation Certificate (30 credit hours)

Southwestern Illinois College

- Electrical Design & Management A.A.S. (69 credit hours)
- Virtual Assistant Certificate (32 credit hours)

John Wood Community College

- Surgical Technology A.A.S. degree (66 credit hours)

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: Yes.

Item #14 – Illinois Community College Board Recognition of Community Colleges

Guy Alongi made a motion, which was seconded by James Dumas, to approve the following items:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby grants a status of “recognition continued” to the following districts:

Black Hawk College
Danville Area Community College
Lake Land College

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: Yes.

Item #15 – Consent Agenda

Jake Rendleman made a motion, which was seconded by Victor Henderson, to approve the following items:

Item #15.1 – Minutes of the March 23, 2012 Work Session Meeting

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Work Session minutes of the March 23, 2012, meeting as recorded.

Item #15.2 – Minutes of the March 23, 2012 Board Meeting

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board meeting minutes of the March 23, 2012, Board meeting as recorded.

Item #15.3 – Calendar Year 2013 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Calendar Year 2013 Board Meeting Dates and Locations listed below:

Calendar Year 2013 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

January 25

9:00 a.m. – Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield

March 15

9:00 a.m. – Oakton Community College, Des Plaines

June*

9:00 a.m. – Exact Location TBA

July

Subject to Call

September 20

9:00 a.m. – Black Hawk College, Moline

November 15

9:00 a.m. – Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield

December

Subject to Call

*June Board meeting is held in conjunction with the ICCTA and Presidents' Council meetings.

Item #15.4 – Authorizations to enter into Interagency Contracts and/or Agreements

The Illinois Community College Board hereby authorizes its President/CEO, in concurrence with the ICCB Chair, to enter into interagency contracts/agreements, as needed for Fiscal Year 2013.

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Item #15.5 – Authorizations to Transfer Funds among Line Items

The Illinois Community College Board hereby authorizes its President/CEO to transfer funds among Fiscal Year 2013 appropriated operating line items, as needed

Item #15.6 – Authorization to enter into Contracts

The Illinois Community College Board approves the following Fiscal Year 2013 contractual agreements:

Funding Source	Contractor	Estimated Amount	Contract Period	Description
All funds /allocated	IL Community College System Foundation	\$495,771	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	Rental of Office Space
GRF	Southwestern Illinois College	\$485,000	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	East St. Louis Community College Center
GRF	Southern IL Collegiate Common Market (SICCM)	\$1,104,100	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	East St. Louis Community College Center
GRF	Sorling, Northrup, Hanna, Cullen & Cochran Ltd.	\$190/hr	7/1/2012 - 6/30/13	Legal
GRF	Alternative Schools Network	\$2,930,000	7/1/2012 - 6/30/13	Sole source provider: Re-Enrollment Appropriation
CTE	Terry Clark	\$37,500	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	CTE regional support (daily rate)
CTE	Ferreri Educational Services	\$46,875	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	CTE regional support (daily rate)
CTE	Susan Petrilli	\$30,000	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	CTE regional support (daily rate)
CTE	Daniel Segebarth	\$31,875	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	CTE regional support (daily rate)
GED	American Council on Education	\$255,000	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	GED testing in Illinois - includes fees and materials
GED	Turn-Key Solutions International, Inc.	\$92,500	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	GED scoring: data submission to feds
GED	Sangamon Co Regional Office of Education	\$737,000	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	Administration for Cook Co GED Career & Academic Readiness System
Multiple	WIU-Center for Application of Information Technologies	\$76,500	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	Hosting and curriculum expansion
Gates	Kathy Pampe	\$50.00/hr	7/1/12 - 6/30/13	Project Manager for Accelerating Opportunity –low bid contractor
Gates	SIU-Southern IL Professional Development Center	\$50,000	7/1/12 – 6/30/13	Accelerating Opportunity – professional development statewide

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: Yes.

Item #16 – Information Items

Item #16.1 – Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Statements

Item #16.2 – Recognition Status/Update

Item #16.3 – Illinois Community College System’s Complete College America Results

Item #17 – Executive Session

There was no business requiring the need to enter into Executive Session at this time.

Item #18 – Other Business

Chair Giannoulis commented on Randy Barnette’s earlier request that the Board takes this opportunity to use the Economic Impact Study report as a tool in hopes of engaging the public, media, and legislators to showcase the importance of the ICCB and Illinois Community College System. Chair Giannoulis stated that they need to start moving forward in the planning of the next steps for this task. Mr. Barnette requested that Chair Giannoulis consult his calendar and set up a meeting to discuss this further. Mr. Barnette stated he will gather all the pertinent information and consult with Ann Knoedler to schedule the meeting.

Item #19 – Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Item #20 – Adjournment

Tom Pulver made a motion, which was seconded by Randy Barnette, to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: Yes.

Alexi Giannoulis
Board Chair

Geoffrey Obrzut
President and Chief Executive Officer