

APPROVED

Minutes of the 411<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting of the  
Illinois Community College Board

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
401 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL

January 23, 2015

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the January 23, 2015 meeting as recorded.

**Item #1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum**

Vice Chair Suzanne Morris called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and asked Ann Knoedler to call roll. The following Board members were present: Randy Barnette, Terry Bruce, Michael Dorf, Thomas Pulver, Guy Alongi, Teresa Garate, Jake Rendleman and Martin Nall. A quorum was declared. Board member Alexi Giannoulis was absent.

\* \* \* \* \*

**Attendance by means other than physical presence**

Terry Bruce made a motion, which was seconded by Teresa Garate, to allow Chairman Alexi Giannoulis to participate in today’s meeting via conference call.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Guy Alongi	Yea	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Randy Barnette	Yea	Jake Rendleman	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Michael Dorf	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Suzanne Morris	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: Yes.

\* \* \* \* \*

**Item #2 – Announcements and Remarks by Suzanne Morris, Board Vice Chair**

Ms. Morris asked Chairman Giannoulis if he had any remarks. Chairman Giannoulis stated that he and Dr. Anderson will be having a discussion regarding the new Governor’s administration and will be trying to set up a meeting. Chairman Giannoulis welcomed any comments the other Board members would like to give.

**Item #3 – Board Members Comments**

Jake Rendleman asked for Dr. Anderson and Ellen Andres, Chief Financial Officer, to provide information on the financial state of the community colleges.

Thomas Pulver asked where the new Governor's administration stood on President Obama's Proposal on free tuition at the community colleges. Dr. Anderson stated that staff would soon have that conversation once the new administration is in place.

Michael Dorf, on behalf of the Board, thanked Jonathan Jackson and Rudy Valdez for their service to the ICCB.

Randy Barnette welcomed the new Governor's administration to office.

**Item #4 – Executive Director Report**

Dr. Karen Anderson started by announcing some promotions and new hires to the ICCB staff.

Dr. Anderson also thanked Jonathan Jackson and Rudy Valdez for their service.

There was an additional meeting held at the White House in December 2014, which Dr. Anderson was invited to and attended, to continue to participate in President Obama's call to action through ICCB commitments to increase college opportunities for low-income students.

Dr. Anderson stated that the community college system and students should expect cuts to MAP funding. It is still unclear whether the cut will come from the number of students who receive the MAP funding or the number of MAP grants that are awarded. The cut-off date to apply for MAP funding will also be earlier than in the past.

**Item #5 - Committee Reports**

**Item #5.1 – External Affairs**

Jake Rendleman gave an update on issues discussed during the committee meeting on the afternoon of January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Legislation**

- **Continuing Professional Development for Educators:** Legislation approved last year excluded community colleges as approved providers of continuing professional development for educators. ICCB has worked with the State Board of Education (ISBE) on an intergovernmental agreement which will allow community colleges to continue to provide these programs during the spring. ISBE is introducing legislation this Spring to make changes to the teacher licensure processes; among the changes will be language to include community colleges and the ICCB as approved providers of continuing professional development courses.
- **Higher Education Caucus:** A successful reception was held in December to recruit legislators to join a newly forming Higher Education Caucus. Thanks to all of the board members who attended, community colleges were well represented. Representative Pritchard highlighted the ICCB Economic Impact Study as an example of the type of data all of higher education should be producing.

ICCB has agreed to host a follow-up meeting with higher education sectors to discuss the development of a shared advocacy agenda, hopeful that the higher education caucus will be activated and engaged during this upcoming legislative session

- **Governor Rauner Transition:** - ICCB met with new Policy Director Aaron Winters shortly before the inauguration and provided information on a number of topics of interest. No point person on higher education has been named yet.

#### **Public Relations**

- **Economic Impact Study Regional Press Conferences:** January 26<sup>th</sup> regional press conference hosted by Illinois Central College in cooperation with Heartland Community College and Spoon River College to focus on the regional results of the Economic Impact Study. The event will feature comments from Dr. Anderson and college presidents as well as a community college graduate and a representative from a major area employer, OSF Healthcare. A similar event is planned for March 16<sup>th</sup> at South Suburban College in cooperation with Moraine Valley, Prairie State, and Joliet Junior colleges. A Southern Illinois regional press conference and presentation with City Colleges of Chicago to the Chicago City Council education committee are still in planning stages.
- **ICCB Press Coverage:** ICCB has received positive press coverage of the community college trip to Cuba and responded to numerous interviews and requests for information following the President's announcement of a free community college tuition plan.
- **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** - As part of activities to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the community college system, ICCB is producing a commemorative video. Filming of the video will begin this afternoon. The theme will focus on the idea that community colleges are not what they used to be.

#### **Item #5.1a – ICCB Spring Legislative Proposal**

Randy Barnette stated the external affairs committee authorized board staff to introduce legislation to seek autonomy from the IL Board of Higher Education in areas including academic program approval and operating and capital budget submissions.

Mr. Barnette explained that with this legislation, the ICCB would have the final determinant in community college course approval and community college budget determination. The legislation will also cut back in duplication which would save time and money.

This is the first step in the process. Discussions will continue with legislators.

Michael Dorf made a motion, which was seconded by Randy Barnette, to approve the following item:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby authorizes board staff to file legislation with the Illinois General Assembly to establish the Illinois Community College Board's autonomy from the Illinois Board of Higher Education including in the approval of community college programs and submission of operation and capital budget needs.

Agenda Item #17.1  
January 23, 2015

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Guy Alongi	Yea	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Randy Barnette	Yea	Jake Rendleman	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Michael Dorf	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Suzanne Morris	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: Yes.

**Item #5.2 - Fiscal, Personnel, Ethics and Conflict of Interest**

Terry Bruce stated the committee met this morning and for informational purposes discussed the 2015 financial statements, current contractual obligations of the Board, and the status of the state payments to the colleges.

There are currently no details to report on the 2016 Budget. With the new Governor's administration taking office, there have not been any discussions at this time.

There were handouts distributed to the Board for their review.

**Item #5.3 – Academic Affairs and Institutional Support**

Tom Pulver stated the Academic Affairs and Institutional Support committee did not meet; however, there are some updates the Board should be aware of:

- **Cooperative Agreement Update:** Community colleges find conflict in the state's statutes offering them the ability to supply instruction both through chargebacks and through cooperative agreements. At issue is how students are directed to other institutions and financial remuneration for the cost of instruction. There has been some discussion about all colleges joining the CAREER agreement that addresses this issue across multiple programs and 28 different institutions. The topic will be taken up in the joint Presidents, Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Services Officers meeting on January 29, 2015. If the majority of non-member colleges are inclined to join CAREER, the issue may resolve itself. A number of non-participating institutions have expressed interest in getting more information about CAREER and evaluating possible participation. A few colleges have expressed their reluctance to join the agreement.
- **Developmental Education Advisory Committee (DEAC):** The DEAC will meet on January 28, 2015 to discuss the expansion of co-requisite remedial models in Illinois. Co-requisite developmental education enrolls students in remedial and college-level courses in the same subject at the same time, which allows students to receive targeted support to help boost their understanding and learning of the college-level course material. Currently, there are several colleges that offer co-requisite remedial models across the state but it is by no means to scale. Additionally, among the many considerations for this committee beyond co-requisite remediation are simplifying the definition of college and career readiness for a wider audience, better connecting twelfth grade to postsecondary institutions and implementation of the PARCC assessment by the ISBE to name a few.
- **Lincoln's Challenge:** The management of Lincoln's Challenge Scholarships (which is a GED program) is being moved from the Student Services Division of the agency to the Adult Education Division.

Currently, Student Services staff are preparing plan for the transfer of the program and developing information on student development needs for students receiving scholarships. Also being discussed are ideas for increasing use of the scholarships and retention of students, as well as ideas for effective monitoring of the program.

- **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Update:** The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is close to completing their rules for administering SARA, which are scheduled for submission to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) in late January. As a part of this process, the ICCB met with IBHE earlier this week to request some clarification in the language about ICCB's role in the administration of community college participation. IBHE is in the process of making those changes. Further, IBHE has determined it will charge institutions \$800 for a first time application and then \$500 annually for each renewal. IBHE has determined that if ICCB manages the community colleges, they will not have to pay the fee. There is currently a disagreement between Illinois and SARA as to whether Illinois can bypass the fees for community colleges and this is still under negotiation.

## **Item #6 – Advisory Organizations**

### **Item #6.1 – Adult Education and Family Literacy Council**

Dan Deasy began by stating that he is the manager of Adult Education and Family Literacy at College of DuPage. The council held its first meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The focus of this meeting was on curriculum and instruction and accountability. The second meeting will take place on January 23.

### **Item #6.2 – Illinois Council of Community College Presidents (ICCCP)**

Dr. Charlotte Warren, President of Lincoln Land Community College, gave the report in place of Dr. Tom Choice. Dr. Warren stated that during the last ICCCP meeting, the presidents focused on the following areas:

- Statewide Coop Agreements
- Decreased enrollment
- Continued discussions on offering Baccalaureate degrees through Illinois community colleges
  - A proposal will be presented in Health Occupations.
  - A final white paper will be approved during their January meeting. It will be on the ICCB Board agenda in March.
  - These degrees will come with a slightly higher tuition rate; however, they will still be cheaper than at a four year institution.
  - There will be an increase in the Faculty requirements.

The next joint meeting will be held on January 29-30.

### **Item #6.3 – Student Advisory Council (SAC)**

Martin Nall stated the council met on January 16-17 in Springfield with 64 students in attendance. The Local Issues Committee decided to pick the textbook issue as a discussion. Textbook swaps have recently been formed. The roundtable discussions focused around veterans in community colleges. During the meeting, the council passed the final draft of the legislation which was then sent to Dr. Anderson and the ICCB legislative liaison.

At the next meeting, the council would like to have a community college president come and speak on the Baccalaureate Degree proposal.

**Item #6.4 – Illinois Community College Faculty Association (ICCF)**

Krista Winters briefly stated that the ICCFA held a planning meeting on 11/21 to discuss the next Annual Fall Conference which will be held on October 29-30, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Participation for the ICCFA is low, and the association is requesting volunteers.

**Item #6.5 – Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA)**

Jake Rendleman gave the update for the ICCTA; Mike Monaghan was out of town.

The ICCTA congratulated the new Rauner Administration on taking office.

The ICCTA recognizes the election of Tom Bennett to the Illinois House of Representatives with a reception in their offices next door. Representative Bennett is a trustee at Parkland College who recently resigned from that post. They also thanked Dr. Anderson and the ICCCP for assisting in his welcome to Springfield.

The trustees appreciate President Obama’s recent national initiative to put community colleges front and center. The ICCTA readily awaits more details on the proposed plan to provide free tuition for two years at a community college.

The trustees and presidents will make their annual federal lobbying visit to Washington D.C. from February 9 thru February 12. Discussion will take place with the national organizations and Senator Dick Durbin on the free tuition proposal.

The ICCTA is looking forward to hearing more on the baccalaureate degree program at community colleges from the ICCCP. The ICCTA has a Baccalaureate Degree Study Committee in place to examine the topic.

The next full meeting of the ICCTA will be on March 14 in Naperville.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Board took a break at 10:33 a.m. and returned at 10:43 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Item #7 – Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Presentation**

Jennifer Foster, Deputy Director of Adult Education and Workforce, provided a brief presentation of details of WIOA law.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) was signed into federal law on July 22, 2014. There are major implications that will affect both community colleges and adult education programs, one of which includes the development of a unified state plan due to both the Departments of Labor and Education in March of 2016. The unified plan will include four core partners: Title I – Department of Labor, (DCEO); Title II – Adult Education (ICCB); Title III - Wagner Peyser (IDES); and Title IV - Vocational Rehabilitation (IDHS).

The law places a strong emphasis on career pathways, alignment, collaboration, transitions to postsecondary and workforce, innovation, employer partnerships, and accountability. The law is effective July 1, 2015.

**Item #8 – Illinois Community College Board Recognition of Illinois Community Colleges**

Thomas Pulver made a motion, which was seconded by Guy Alongi, to approve the following item:

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

McHenry County College

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

**Item #9 – New Units**

Brian Durham, Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, took the opportunity to point out a few important details of a couple of the degrees being approved:

1. College of DuPage – Anesthesia Technology AAS degree
  - Developed to address the changing educational requirements for individuals to become industry credentialed.
  - Once approved, this program will be the first degree program in the State.
  - Degree will prepare graduates for two different credentials through the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA).
  
2. Carl Sandburg College – Locomotive Mechanical AAS degree
  - Degree is among several related programs developed in partnership with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad, the National Academy of Railroad Science & Johnson County CC in Overland Park, KS
  - Degree provides an educational ladder opportunity for students in existing certificates, as well as students without formal-related postsecondary education.
  - College has received major equipment donations from the BNSF, one of the largest employers in the CC’s district, and the National Railway Equipment Company.

**Item #9.1 – College of DuPage, Joliet Junior College, Lincoln Land Community College, Rend Lake College, Richland Community College, and Carl Sandburg College**

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

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

**PERMANENT PROGRAM APPROVAL**

College of DuPage

- Anesthesia Technology A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)
- Digital Broadcast Journalism A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)
- Surgical Assistant Certificate (42 credit hours)

Joliet Junior College

- Operations Engineering A.A.S. degree (66 credit hours)
- Operations Engineering Certificate (41 credit hours)
- Operations Technician A.A.S. degree (63 credit hours)
- Operations Technician Certificate (36 credit hours)

Lincoln Land Community College

- Manufacturing Maintenance Technology Certificate (42 credit hours)
- Mechatronics Certificate (42 credit hours)

Rend Lake College

- Barbering A.A.S. degree (65 credit hours)
- Cosmetology A.A.S. degree (65 credit hours)

Richland Community College

- Diesel Medium/Heavy Truck Technician A.A.S. degree (62 credit hours)
- Senior Diesel Technician Certificate (44 credit hours)

Carl Sandburg College

- Locomotive Mechanical A.A.S. degree (62.5 credit hours)

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

**Item #9.2 – Illinois Eastern Community College, Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and Wabash Valley College**

Thomas Pulver made a motion, which was seconded by Randy Barnette, to approve the following items:

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

**PERMANENT PROGRAM APPROVAL**

Frontier Community College

- Entrepreneurship Certificate (32 credit hours)

Lincoln Trail College

- Entrepreneurship Certificate (32 credit hours)

Olney Central College

- Security and Loss Prevention Certificate (30 credit hours)

Wabash Valley College

- Entrepreneurship Certificate (32 credit hours)

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Terry Bruce abstained. Student advisory vote: Yes. There was no discussion.

\* \* \* \* \*

There was a brief discussion on the ICCB program approval process. There are concerns in the field that the timing of the process takes too long. The Board requested a presentation on the ICCB program approval process be given to the Board at the next meeting in March.

\* \* \* \* \*

**Item #10 – Consent Agenda**

Jake Rendleman made a motion, which was seconded by Randy Barnette, to approve the consent agenda's following items:



**Item #10.1 – Minutes of the November 21, 2014 Board Meeting**

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the November 21, 2014 meeting as recorded.

**Item #10.2 – Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Budget Request**

The Illinois Community College Board hereby:

1. Approves the fiscal year 2016 Capital Budget Request for the Illinois Community College System as presented in the attached Table 1 and Table 2;
2. Authorizes the submission of the request to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and the Illinois General Assembly; and
3. Authorizes its Executive Director, with the concurrence of the Chair, to make technical adjustments to the request if more refined data become available.

**Item #10.3 – Administrative Rules – January 2015 Regulatory Agenda**

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the following 2015 Regulatory Agenda listed below:

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

JANUARY 2015 REGULATORY AGENDA

- a) Part(s) (Heading and Code Citation): Administration of the Illinois Public Community College Act, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1501

1) Rulemaking:

- A. Description: The Board has reviewed and adopted amendments to the *Administrative Rules of the Illinois Community College Board* that ensure the rules are still relevant and up to date. The amendments to the rules can be grouped into five types: non-substantive wording changes, clarification of a process or term, a change to a current process, elimination of an outdated process, and addition of a new rule. The Administrative Rules had not been formally reviewed for more than five years.
- B. Statutory Authority: Public Community College Act [110 ILCS 805]
- C. Schedule meeting/hearing dates: These rule changes were presented as an information item to the public in November 2013 and approved by the Board in January 2014.
- D. Date agency anticipates First Notice: Spring 2015
- E. Effect on small businesses, small municipalities or not for profit corporations: The Board believes this rulemaking will not affect small business, small municipalities, and not for profit corporations.
- F. Agency contact person for information:

Matt Berry  
Rules Coordinator

Agenda Item #17.1  
January 23, 2015

Illinois Community College Board  
401 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL 6270

Telephone: 217/785-7411  
Fax: 217/524-4981

G. Related rulemaking and other pertinent information: None

b) Part(s) (Heading and Code Citation): Credit Hour Claims 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1501.507

1) Rulemaking:

A. Description: The Board has reviewed and adopted amendments to the ICCB Administrative Rules on Dual Credit in order to remain compliant with the Dual Credit Quality Act (Public Act 96-164). These changes help to codify current practices in dual credit and provide clarification of language and process.

B. Statutory Authority: Dual Credit Quality Act [110 ILCS 27]

C. Schedule meeting/hearing dates: These rule changes were presented as an information item to the public in June 2014 and approved by the Board in September 2014.

D. Date agency anticipates First Notice: Spring 2015

E. Effect on small businesses, small municipalities or not for profit corporations: The Board believes this rulemaking will not affect small business, small municipalities, and not for profit corporations.

F. Agency contact person for information:

Matt Berry  
Rules Coordinator  
Illinois Community College Board  
401 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL 6270

Telephone: 217/785-7411  
Fax: 217/524-4981

G. Related rulemaking and other pertinent information: None

c) Part(s) (Heading and Code Citation): Higher Education Distance Learning, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1033

1) Rulemaking:

A. Description: The Board proposes the adoption of new community college rules pursuant to Public Act 98-0792.

B. Statutory Authority: Higher Education Distance Learning Act [110 ILCS 145]

Agenda Item #17.1  
January 23, 2015

- C. Schedule meeting/hearing dates: None have been scheduled.
- D. Date agency anticipates First Notice: Undetermined
- E. Effect on small businesses, small municipalities or not for profit corporations: The Board believes this rulemaking will not affect small business, small municipalities, and not for profit corporations.
- F. Agency contact person for information:  
  
Matt Berry  
Rules Coordinator  
Illinois Community College Board  
401 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL 6270  
  
Telephone: 217/785-7411  
Fax: 217/524-4981
- G. Related rulemaking and other pertinent information: None

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: Yes. There was no discussion.

**Item #11 – Information Items**

There was no discussion.

**Item #11.1 - Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Statements**

**Item #12 – Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Item #13 – Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Item #14 – Executive Session**

The Board did not convene into Executive Session.

**Item #15 – Executive Session Recommendations**

There were no recommendations

**Item #16 – Adjournment**

Jake Rendleman made a motion, which was seconded by Randy Barnette, to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Agenda Item #17.1  
January 23, 2015

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

---

Suzanne Morris  
Board Vice Chair

---

Karen Hunter Anderson, Ph.D.  
Executive Director