

Agenda Item #11.1

June 5, 2015

APPROVED

Minutes of the 412th
Meeting of the
Illinois Community College Board

Harper College
Board Room
Room W214 / 215
1200 West Algonquin Road
Palatine, IL

March 20, 2015

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the March 20, 2015 meeting as recorded.

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The following remarks and presentation were given before the meeting was called to order:

Item #2 – Announcements and Remarks by Lazaro Lopez, Acting Board Chair

Acting Chair Lopez thanked the college for their hospitality. He acknowledged Alexi Giannoulis for all his hard work as the former Chairman.

Dr. Lopez gave a brief overview of his background and thanked the Governor's office for the opportunity to serve as the ICCB Board Chair.

Item #3 – Welcoming Remarks by Dr. Ken Ender, Harper College President

Item #3.1 – Effective Practices at Harper College

Dr. Ender recognized Bill Kelley, Harper College Board of Trustees Chairman, who is in attendance. Dr. Ender gave a brief presentation on the Northwest Educational Council for Student Success (NECSS). The presentation can be viewed by clicking on the below link:

<http://www.iccb.org/agendas.2015.march.html>

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Item #1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Acting Chair Laz Lopez called the Board meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. and asked Ann Knoedler to call roll. The following Board members were present: Randy Barnette, Suzanne Morris, Michael Dorf, Thomas Pulver, and Teresa Garate. A quorum was declared. Board members Guy Alongi and Jake Rendleman were absent. Student Board member Martin Nall was absent.

Item #4 – Board Members Comments

The Board welcomed new Acting-Chair Lopez to the Board.

Item #5 – Executive Director Report

Dr. Karen Anderson started by welcoming Acting Chair Lopez to the Board and thanked Dr. Ender and Harper College for their hospitality.

The ICCB collaborated with IBHE to put on a workshop / summit for the student veterans to better serve and meet their needs.

The ICCB Latino Summit was held on March 9th. The Lt. Governor was a guest speaker.

On March 16th, there was a regional press event held at South Suburban College on the Economic Impact Study release.

Dr. Anderson introduced the new ICCB student Board member Stephanie Torres, from the College of DuPage, who will begin her term on July 1, 2015.

On February 14 thru the 23rd, Dr. Anderson, with a small delegation of community college presidents traveled to Cuba to study the education system of their colleges and universities. It proved to be a very insightful trip.

Dr. Anderson concluded her report by announcing there will be 11 forums on the Workforce Strategic Plan held throughout the State during the months of April and May.

Item #6 – Baccalaureate White Paper Proposal

The Illinois Council of Community College Presidents (ICCCP) recommended in January, 2015 that Illinois community colleges be allowed to grant bachelor's degrees in nursing and applied career areas. At the meeting of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) in March, 2015, the association's Board of Representatives adopted a motion inviting all appropriate stakeholders to examine the awarding of baccalaureate degrees in nursing, allied health, and applied technologies.

The Illinois Council of Community College Presidents' white paper, "The Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Applied Baccalaureate Degree: The Recommendation for Illinois Community Colleges," researched workforce trends that have resulted in an increased role for community colleges across the country in awarding baccalaureate degrees, especially those programs where technical workers are in high demand and low supply. The report illustrates the rapid growth in the number of states allowing community colleges to award baccalaureate degrees to meet these demands.

The ICCTA held a seminar, "Presentation on Applied Baccalaureate Degree Granting Authority for Community Colleges," with guest speakers who are national experts on applied baccalaureate degrees at their March, 2015 meeting. The audience included Illinois community college system trustees and presidents and Illinois Community College Board members.

The Board discussed. Tom Pulver stated there were not enough discussions conducted with regards to the universities. He went on to question what pressure this will cause the staff. Randy Barnette stated the community colleges have accessibility, whereas the universities do not. The community colleges will work together with the universities, but there needs to be more cooperation from the Universities. Suzanne Morris stated there also needs to be a relationship with the high schools as well.

Teresa Garate suggested ICCB use their data to better advocate with the IL Board of Higher Education (IBHE) in order to make the case for the community college system. Acting Chair Lopez stated this was a good first step and he appreciated the ICCTA and ICCCP conference held last weekend.

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

The Illinois Community College Board hereby authorizes staff to actively participate with all appropriate stakeholders in examination of the options for Illinois community colleges to be statutorily allowed to award baccalaureate degrees in applied technology and nursing.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Randy Barnette	Yea	Suzanne Morris	Yea
Michael Dorf	Yea	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved.

Item #7 – Illinois Community College Board Program Approval Process Presentation

The Illinois Public Community College Act grants ICCB the power to “approve or disapprove new units of instruction, research or public service as defined in Section 3-25.1” of the Act. As such, colleges are required to seek ICCB approval to offer all programs for credit, including: Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degrees, CTE Certificates (30+ credit hours), Basic CTE Certificates (.5-29 credit hours), the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Engineering Science, the Associate of General Studies and the Associate of Arts in Teaching. Colleges are also required to seek approval for all courses in baccalaureate/ transfer, career and technical education, remedial / developmental education, vocational skills, and adult Education and English as a Second Language.

Program approval is a core function of the agency and agency staff. An extensive review process is in place to ensure that programs meet the standards, requirements and levels of curricular rigor required of the Illinois Community College System. Colleges are required to submit requests for new courses/programs and revisions to existing courses/programs to ICCB staff prior to being offered at their institution.

Brian Durham, Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, gave a presentation to the Board. To date, there have been about 5000 program approved by the ICCB. Randy Barnette restated that the process is redundant due to the IBHE’s involvement; having to reapprove the community college’s programs at their Board meetings each month.

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Board member Terry Bruce was reappointed to the Board by the Governor’s Office. Mr. Bruce will now join the meeting in progress.

The Board now took a break at 10:20 am and returned at 10:40 am.

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Board member Terry Bruce requested the Board to reconsider the vote on item #6 since Mr. Bruce was not able to place his vote, on behalf of the Council of Community College President’s, on the record.

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

The Illinois Community College Board hereby reconsiders the vote taken for item #6 - Baccalaureate White Paper Proposal.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Randy Barnette	Yea	Suzanne Morris	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Michael Dorf	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea		

The motion was approved.

Let the record show that Board member Terry Bruce would like a recorded vote of ‘Yea’ on the previous vote taken for Item #6 - Baccalaureate White Paper Proposal.

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Item #8 – State and System FY16 Budget Overview

Governor Rauner delivered his first budget address at noon on February 18, 2015. The Governor is proposing a fiscal year 2016 (FY16) budget of \$65 billion. The Administration is recommending appropriations of \$28.4 billion from general revenue funds (GRF). This is a 9.7 percent decrease from FY15 enacted GRF appropriations.

The budget proposal includes reductions across a variety of programs and services in an effort to balance the budget. On January 1, 2015 the State’s income tax was reduced from 5 percent to 3.75 percent for individuals. Corporate income tax rates fell from 7 percent to 5.25 percent. Governor Rauner is forecasting these reductions to decrease overall State GRF by nearly \$2 billion.

A presentation was given to the Board by Ellen Andres, Chief of Staff, which included specific details of the higher education and community college system budgets.

Item #9 - Committee Reports

Item #9.1 – Academic Affairs and Institutional Support

Thomas Pulver reported that the committee did not meet. However, below are a few important points the Board should be aware of:

Presidents’ Council endorsement of the PARCC 4 and 5 as a measure of college readiness

- On January 30, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents (ICCCP) following a recommendation of the Chief Academic Officers, the Chief Student Services Officers and the Illinois Math Association of Community Colleges (IMACC) approved a policy to accept a performance level of 4 or 5 in math or English language arts on PARCC as a measure of college readiness and bypassing remediation. Additionally, institutions can develop policies for math that allow a 3 on PARCC in combination with having passed a higher-level high school math class.

The PARCC is the new assessment that is being used in the K-12 system that is tied to the new Illinois Learning Standards incorporating the Common Core.

Alongside this recommendation the ICCCP urged state leaders to conduct thorough longitudinal studies and data collection to ensure that the PARCC is accurately measuring college readiness.

The Developmental Education Committee

- Recently the Developmental Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) was convened to support implementation of the ICCB's White House commitment focused on doubling the number of co-requisite remediation models in Illinois.
- Currently, the ICCB staff at the behest of the committee is working with the IMACC to address geometry pre-requisite requirements that pose a barrier to entry into credit bearing math courses.
- Additionally, the ICCB is developing an academy model focused on co-requisite delivery in cooperation with the committee.
- The committee plans to meet again in May.

Co-requisite models enroll students in credit bearing courses alongside developmental courses and are focused on helping students earn college credits more quickly than traditional remedial approaches allow.

Associate of Science Proposed Revisions

- The Associate of Science degree mirrors the requirements of the Associate of Arts.
- The Chief Academic Officers organization has been working to recommend revisions to this degree model and to make recommendations to the Board about the makeup of this degree.
- The basic goal is to put a science major on a level playing field with four-year native students after a community college student transfers.
- As it stands, community college students have to take more credit hours than four-year freshmen and sophomore students in order to meet general education requirements and to stay on track in their chosen science field.

Cooperative Agreement Update

- Eleven districts are not participating in the CAREER agreement, an agreement that spans many CTE programs.
- Of the 11, half were interested in reviewing the agreement for participation. Half were not interested.

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- At the February 2015 joint President, Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Services Officers meeting, Jeff Newell was asked by the Presidents to work with colleges interested in reviewing the agreement to see if they will join. The ICCB staff will continue to follow up.

Program Approval

- The program approval process involves many steps, including institutional and ICCB components.
- At the ICCB, the process involves extensive staff review and information exchange with colleges.
- Brian Durham presented on the program approval process.

Other discussions and recommendations

Longitudinal Data System Update

- In August 2015 the ILDS Governing Board selected Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies (NIUCGS) to serve as the Centralized Demographic Dataset (CDD) Administrator for ILDS. NIUCGS will support data matching and file preparation.
- In March 2015 Elliot Regenstein was named the new chair of the ILDS Governing Board. Elliot Regenstein is Senior Vice President, Advocacy and Policy, at the Ounce of Prevention Fund, and has chaired or co-chaired the Illinois Early Learning Council's Data, Research, and Evaluation Committee since its creation in 2009.
- The next ILDS Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015.

Item #9.2 – Adult Education and Workforce Development

The committee met on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 7:45 am at Harper College and discussed the following topics:

Workforce Strategic Plan

- This is a comprehensive idea with business partners. A document was distributed to the Board with more details.

Illinois High School Equivalency

- The committee discussed the below recommendations and are now passing those recommendations on to the Board for approval.

Item #9.2a – Illinois High School Equivalency Test Recommendations

As requested by the Illinois Community College Board, ICCB staff formed a taskforce to explore the available options in the field of high school equivalency assessment. The Illinois High School Equivalency Taskforce was comprised of representatives from Regional Offices of Education, adult education providers, high school equivalency (currently GED®) testing centers, and other interested parties. ICCB staff participated by presenting information and facilitating discussion and inquiry.

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The mission of the taskforce involved four pieces:

- Review current testing method – GED® Test
- Explore alternative assessments – TASC® and HiSET®
- Examine alternative methods of credentialing students.
- Determine recommended course of action for Illinois.

Taskforce members attended four meetings and received presentations including extensive opportunities for inquiry from each of the three test vendors as well as from the Nevada State High School Equivalency Administrator regarding the process and experience of Nevada in adopting all three assessments. The Taskforce provided not only recommendations but suggested guidance for future activities.

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

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the recommendations by the Illinois High School Equivalency Taskforce and authorizes the Illinois Community College Board staff to enact the following recommendations as submitted.

1. Adopt all three high school equivalency assessments currently available:
 - a. General Educational Development (GED® Test) – American Council on Education;
 - b. Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC®) – CTB McGraw Hill Education; and
 - c. High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) - Educational Testing Services (ETS).
2. Continue the existing taskforce or develop a committee within one year for the purpose of further discussion and exploration of the possible development of alternative methods of credentialing for Illinois High School Equivalency.
3. Develop and facilitate professional development on effective instructional practices and content as it relates to the standards and the three approved exams, taking into consideration the information and materials available from the exam vendors.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Randy Barnette	Yea	Suzanne Morris	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Michael Dorf	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea		

The motion was approved.

Item #9.3 – External Affairs

The committee met on Thursday, March 19, 2015 and discussed the following topics:

Legislative

- SB 1621 - ICCB Autonomy. A document containing the list of legislation filed in response to the College of DuPage Severance Agreement was distributed to the Board. Another document containing all active bills within the legislation was also distributed for the Board's review.

Public Relations

- Economic Impact Study Regional Press Conference - ICCB just recently completed a very successful regional press conference at South Suburban College in partnership with Joliet Junior College, Moraine Valley, and Prairie State. Good attendance including local elected officials and state legislators and a great article in the Daily South Town. ICCB is still working to schedule a regional press event in southern Illinois area sometime in April or May. The EIS fact sheet was distributed to legislators at the ICCB Appropriation Hearings.
- Illinois Community College System 50th Anniversary (2015) - Work continues on production of the 50th Anniversary video project. Filming of interviews has been completed and we are in editing stage. Over the next couple of weeks, ICCB will be working with ICCTA and Colleges on a resolution to designate April as Community College month and recognize the 50th anniversary of the system. ICCB will be participating in ICCTA planning meetings in the coming weeks.

Item #9.4 - Fiscal, Personnel, Ethics and Conflict of Interest

The committee met on Friday, March 20, 2015 at Harper College and discussed the following topics:

Financial Statements: Fiscal Year 2015

- State General Funds
- Special State Funds
- Federal Funds
- Bond Financed Funds
- Timeliness of state payments to the community colleges and adult education providers which is about 30 percent behind.
- Information Item: Summary of Capital Projects Approved by the Executive Director during 2014 but are currently at a standstill.
- 2016 Community College System Budget

Item #10 – Advisory Organizations

Item #10.1 – Illinois Council of Community College Presidents (ICCCP)

There was no report given.

Item #10.2 – Illinois Community College Faculty Association (ICCF)

Krista Winters briefly stated that the ICCFA will meet today. During the summer retreat, the group will discuss the 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. All of the ICCB Board members are welcome to attend.

Item #10.3 – Adult Education and Family Literacy Council

Dan Deasy explained the council has been broken down into two workgroups. The Curriculum and Instruction Workgroup is examining the generic course listing and how to determine additional delivery options for the current structure of bridge programming.

The Accountability Workgroup is currently reviewing the adult education enrollment decline over the past few years, which is about a 14 percent decline over the past four to five years.

The next meeting will be held on March 24th.

Item #10.4 – Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA)

Mike Monaghan stated the ICCTA and ICCCP met on March 13-15 in Naperville. Both parties voted on and adopted the White Paper for the Baccalaureate Degree Program at Community Colleges.

On March 11th the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in regards to the pension reform. They will take action on or before April 15, 2015.

The next full meeting of the ICCTA will be on April 28th thru April 29th in Springfield where they will hold the Lobby Day events, along with the ICCCP.

The Annual ICCTA Convention will be held on June 5th and 6th in Naperville.

Item #11 – New Units

Item #11.1 – College of DuPage, Joliet Junior College, College of Lake County, Lake Land College, McHenry College, Morton College, Richland Community College, and Carl Sandburg College

Michael Dorf asked how soon colleges could put the approved programs on their course schedules. Brian Durham stated they had to wait for the IBHE's approval then they could place the approved programs on their course schedules.

Thomas Pulver made a motion, which was seconded by Michael Dorf, 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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College of DuPage

- American Sign Language Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree (67 credit hours)

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Joliet Junior College

- Environmental Horticulture, Production & Design A.A.S. degree (68 credit hours)
- Graphic Design A.A.S. degree (62 credit hours)
- Graphic Design Certificate (35 credit hours)

College of Lake County

- Associate in General Studies (60 credit hours)

Lake Land College

- Culinary Arts II Certificate (30 credit hours)
- Law Enforcement A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)

McHenry County College

- Physical Therapy Assistant A.A.S. degree (70 credit hours)

Morton College

- Music Production Recording A.A.S. degree (60 credit hours)

Richland Community College

- ASL/Interpreting A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)
- ASL/Interpreting Intermediate Certificate (31 credit hours)
- ASL/Interpreting Advanced Certificate (43 credit hours)
- Collision Repair Technology A.A.S. degree (67 credit hours)

Carl Sandburg College

- IT LAN & Security Specialist A.A.S. degree (70 credit hours)
- Network Security Associate Certificate (41 credit hours)
- Locomotive Electrical A.A.S. degree (65.5 credit hours)

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Randy Barnette	Yea	Suzanne Morris	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Michael Dorf	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea		

The motion was approved.

Item #11.2 – Triton College

Suzanne Morris made a motion, which was seconded by Michael Dorf, 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

Triton College

- Facilities Engineering A.A.S. degree (66 credit hours)
- Facilities Engineering Certificate (33 credit hours)

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A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Randy Barnette	Abstain	Suzanne Morris	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Michael Dorf	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea		

The motion was approved. Randy Barnette abstained.

Item #11.3 – Illinois Eastern Community College: Olney Central College

Michael Dorf 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

Olney Central College

- Culinary Arts A.A.S. degree (61 credit hours)

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Randy Barnette	Yea	Suzanne Morris	Yea
Terry Bruce	Abstain	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Michael Dorf	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea		

The motion was approved. Terry Bruce abstained.

Item #12 – Information Items

There was no discussion.

Item #12.1 - Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Statements

Item #12.2 - Summary of Capital Projects Approved by the Executive Director Calendar Year 2014

Item #13 – Other Business

There was no other business.

Item #14 – Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item #15 – Executive Session

The Board did not convene into Executive Session.

Item #16 – Executive Session Recommendations

There were no recommendations

Item #17 – Consent Agenda

Randy Barnette made a motion, which was seconded by Thomas Pulver, to approve the consent agenda's following items, with the exception of item #17.2 – Approval of Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes which has been removed and will be voted on separately:

Item #17.1 – Minutes of the January 23, 2015 Board Meeting

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

Item #17.3 – Approval of Disposal of the Verbatim Recording of Minutes

The Illinois Community College Board hereby authorizes the Board Secretary to destroy all recordings of closed meetings held prior to August, 2013.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Randy Barnette	Yea	Suzanne Morris	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Michael Dorf	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea		

The motion was approved.

Item #17 – Consent Agenda

Item #17.2 - Approval of Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes

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

The Illinois Community College Board hereby determines the Executive Session Minutes held on September 16, 2005; September 21, 2005; September 15, 2006; November 17, 2006; January 22, 2007; February 26, 2007; March 26, 2007; June 8, 2007; May 19, 2008; September 19, 2008; March 26, 2010; June 4, 2010; January 28, 2011; March 18, 2011; June 3, 2011; September 16, 2011; January 27, 2012; November 16, 2012; January 25, 2013; February 6, 2013; March 22, 2013; September 20, 2013; and June 6, 2014 are to remain confidential, with the exception of June 7, 2013 and March 21, 2014. The Executive Session Minutes held on June 7, 2013 and March 21, 2014 are to be made public. All other Executive Session Minutes are available for public inspection.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Randy Barnette	Yea	Suzanne Morris	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Thomas Pulver	Yea
Michael Dorf	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Nay
Teresa Garate	Nay		

The motion was approved.

Item #18 – Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Lazaro Lopez, Ed.D.
Board Acting Chair

Karen Hunter Anderson, Ph.D.
Executive Director