

Agenda Item #14.2
June 1, 2012

APPROVED

Minutes of the 398th
Meeting of the
Illinois Community College board
Richland Community College
Center for Sustainability and Innovation
3351 N. President Howard Brown Blvd
Decatur, IL 62521

March 23, 2012

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

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

Item #1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Chair Alexi Giannoulis called the Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked Ann Knoedler to call roll. The following Board members were present: Guy Alongi, Randy Barnette, Michael Dorf, James Dumas, Alexi Giannoulis, Suzanne Morris, Thomas Pulver, Jake Rendleman, and Joshua Beneze, Student Board member. The following members were not present: Victor Henderson. Ms. Knoedler declared the Board had a quorum present.

Item #2 – Announcements and Remarks by Board Chair

Chair Giannoulis welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and thanked Vice Chair Sue Morris for leading the Work Session earlier that morning. Chair Giannoulis thanked Richland Community College for hosting the Board meeting and commented on what a remarkable place it was and it should be a model for schools across the country. Chair Giannoulis also thanked the college for the wonderful lunch they hosted earlier.

Chair Giannoulis welcomed the new student Board member Joshua Beneze to the Board. Chair Giannoulis stated that if Mr. Beneze should have any questions, he should not hesitate to reach out to any of the Board members and as impressive as the Board is, the ICCB staff is even more impressive, so use them as a resource as well.

Item #3 – Board Member Comments

Thomas Pulver thanked Richland Community College for their hospitality.

Jake Rendleman thanked the ICCB staff who put together the ICCB magazine. Mr. Rendleman pointed out the front page article featuring Chair Giannoulis and the article featuring Board member Randy Barnette.

Suzanne Morris commented that Richland Community College exemplifies how the nature of the region each college is located is reflected in their curriculum and buildings. Ms. Morris went on to say that the college is distinct, special, and very responsive to what is going on right here in the district.

Michael Dorf thanked Dr. Gayle Saunders for hosting the Board meeting. Mr. Dorf also welcomed Joshua Beneze to the Board.

Item #4 – Welcoming Comments, Dr. Gayle Saunders, President of Richland Community College

Dr. Gayle Saunders, Richland Community College President, welcomed everyone to the College and thanked the Board for giving the college the opportunity to host this month's Board meeting.

Dr. Saunders went on to say the college is proud to showcase the Center for Sustainability and Innovation, the building where the meeting is being conducted. She said the college is adding a new facility, the National Sequestration Education Center (NSEC). The Department of Energy chose Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), along with other partners such as Schlumberger Carbon Services, Illinois State Geological Survey, and Richland Community College to participate in a project that is designed to sequester approximately 2,500 metric tons of carbon dioxide per day in a Saline Mount Simon Sandstone Formation at the depths of approximately 7,000 feet.

The operations phase of the project is expected to begin in late summer, 2013, which will create 260 jobs. The NSEC will be an important education and training center on Richland Community College's campus. The center will contain classrooms, training and laboratory facilities, and offers students associate degrees in sequestration technology.

Chair Giannoulis asked if it was one of the larger sequestration projects for a school. Dr. Saunders explained that it is a large project that will be commercialized. Upon completion of the five year process, it will be demonstrated around the world.

Dr. Saunders stated she will go ahead and give her report to the Board on the activities of the Council of Presidents which is scheduled later during the meeting.

The presidents met in March before the Illinois Community College Trustees Association conference. She stated many of their issues were discussed earlier during the Board's work session. Dr. Saunders reported that they welcomed a few new college presidents, Dr. Debra Daniels from Joliet Junior College and Dr. Thomas Baynum from Black Hawk College. Also, two long time presidents will be retiring in June, Dr. Robert Mees from John A. Logan College and Dr. Vernon Crawley from Moraine Valley Community College.

Dr. Saunders stated that she will be the President of the Council of President's for one more meeting, Dr. Peg (Margaret) Lee, President of Oakton Community College, will become president, Dr. Christine Sobek, President of Waubensee Community College, will be the Vice President, and Dr. Thomas Choice, President of Kishwaukee College, will be the Secretary.

Chair Giannoulis asked Dr. Saunders to describe the importance of the relationship with Archer-Daniels Midland Company (ADM) and Richland Community College. She said that the relationship is very important to the college. ADM uses the college for professional development purposes, they send employees to classes on campus, the college teaches training at the ADM facilities, and they partner for activities on campus. ADM will have office space in the new National Sequestration Education Center and will be engaged on a daily basis with the research project.

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Chair Giannoulas also asked how often someone from Richland Community College is in contact with ADM. Dr. Saunders replied that the two are in contact almost constantly due to the Department of Energy grant that Richland is involved. In addition, Richland is involved in their human resources department and research department.

Board member Jake Rendleman asked about the budget for the sequestration project. Dr. Saunders explained that it is a \$235 million project of which \$123 million is funded by the Department of Energy and is also funded by other supporters. Chair Giannoulas stated that this is the kind of model relationship he envisioned enhancing through the Business Relations Committee. Board member Guy Alongi mentioned that Illinois Central College has the same relationship with Caterpillar.

Item #5 – President/CEO Report

Geoffrey Obrzut, President/CEO of the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), thanked Dr. Gayle Saunders for her hospitality and thanked Mayor George Van Dusen from the Village of Skokie for coming to give a presentation during the Board meeting later today.

Mr. Obrzut mentioned there will be a retirement from the ICCB staff; Nancy Rogers, former Account Technician, will retire on March 31, 2012. On behalf of the ICCB, Mr. Obrzut wishes her well. Mr. Obrzut also welcomed back Ann Knoedler to the position of Executive Assistant to the President/CEO and Board Secretary, and also thanked Allison Ray for her four years of outstanding service as the Assistant to the President/CEO and Board Secretary.

Final thanks were given to the Ad Hoc Committee members for a very productive report and positive meeting. Thanks to Sue Morris for chairing and thanks the other Board members for attending the meeting that was held on March 15, 2012.

Mr. Obrzut informed the Board about a \$50 million dollar increase to the funding of the Monetary Award Program (MAP Grant) included in the Governor's budget. The Illinois Student Advisory Council ran out of funding for the MAP Grant earlier this week.

Included in the Board agenda packets is a copy of the response from ICCB attorney. He summarized that there is no legal reason prohibiting the ICCB from signing the Pathways Intergovernmental Affairs Agreement.

Mr. Obrzut went on to announce that Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Vice President for Adult Education and Institutional Support, met with a delegation of educators from the Province of Guangdong, China this past Wednesday. The group was very interested in affordability and completions in Illinois' higher education system.

Mr. Obrzut acknowledged Jennifer Foster, Senior Director for Adult Education and Family Literacy, who will be the key note speaker at the Wisconsin Job Seekers Conference in mid May.

The National Evaluators from Jobs for the Future will be in Chicago to meet with the ICCB staff, system leaders, and Accelerating Opportunity colleges to prepare us for the project evaluation process.

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The US Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education will be conducting an audit of Illinois' adult education programs the week of May 21st – May 25th.

Mr. Obrzut also gave a special thanks to everyone involved with the ICCB magazine.

Dr. Karen Hunter is heading up an ICCB website committee which will be making recommendations on how to make the website better. Dr. Elaine Johnson, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Workforce Development, is heading up an ICCB safety committee to improve public and staff safety in the ICCB Springfield, Chicago and Herrin offices.

Item #6 – Presentation on Nanotechnology and Biotechnology Multi-company Development in Skokie

Chair Giannoulis introduced Mayor George Van Dusen. Following Chair Giannoulis and Board member Michael Dorf's visit with Mayor Van Dusen and his staff about a month ago at Oakton Community College, Mayor Van Dusen was invited by Chair Giannoulis to speak to the Board during the Board meeting.

Mayor Van Dusen gave a presentation on Nanotechnology. Nanotechnology is an emerging field that could have significant impacts on medicine, electronics, and food, among other industries. Through nanotechnology, nanoparticles can deliver drugs directly to diseased cells in the body, while minimizing or eliminating potential damage to healthy cells. By 2015, products incorporating nanotech will contribute approximately \$1 trillion to the global economy and about two million workers will be employed in nanotech industries, and three times that many will have supporting jobs.

Currently, plans are being made to expand the college's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curricula into the nanotechnology industry, facilitated by the use of the NanoProfessor Nanoscience Education Program, developed by NanoInk, Inc. The program includes instruments, an expert-driven curriculum, and student/teacher support materials to engage students into the nanotechnology industry from community colleges, technical schools, and universities worldwide.

The Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS+TP) campus is adjacent to the Village of Skokie's Downtown and NanoInk, Inc., headquartered in the IS+TP, produces the NanoProfessor educational package that enables Oakton Community College to incorporate nanotechnology into its curricula. Through grant opportunities, private resources, and public investments using local Tax Increment Finance job training funds, Oakton Community College will work with the IS+TP and area high schools to establish a more in depth, year-round nanotechnology program for high school students and their teachers. Activities will include hands-on lab experience and broadcasted lectures, guest speakers, and lab demonstrations.

Mayor Van Dusen said that some of the leading U.S. Nanotech Universities are MIT, University of California-Berkeley, Northwestern University, University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana, University of Michigan, University of Albany/SUNY, Cornell University, and University of Minnesota.

Mayor Van Dusen thanked the Board for allowing him to present his project. He mentioned that Chair Giannoulis and Mr. Dorf toured the Illinois Science + Technology Park, and he invited the other Board members to tour the Park as well.

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Chair Giannoulis asked the Mayor what the Illinois Community College Board can do to help. Mayor Van Dusen requested the ICCB give their imprimatur. Chair Giannoulis commented that this is exactly the kind of project that exemplifies what the Board talks about for job creation and work development purposes.

Chair Giannoulis suggested a letter of support be sent on behalf of the Board that these are the kind of projects that the State of Illinois should be proud to play a role in. Board member Thomas Pulver asked if there were any other community colleges engaged in this project. Mayor Van Dusen replied that Harper College is also working on this same concept. The Board was in agreement that a letter of support would be sent on behalf of the Illinois Community College Board.

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Guy Alongi made a motion which was seconded by Tom Pulver to approve the following motion:

The Illinois Community College Board will send a letter supporting the Nanotechnology and Biotechnology multi-company development.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student Advisory vote: Yea

Item #7 – Recognition Stakeholders Committee Recommendations

Discussion took place regarding the Recognition Stakeholders Committee during the Work Session meeting earlier today. Currently there are no recommendations.

Item #8 – Advisory Organizations

Item #8.1 – Illinois Community College System Foundation

Board member Thomas Pulver stated that Ray Hancock was not able to be at the meeting today. Mr. Pulver, ICCB representative on the Illinois Community College System Foundation, reported that the scholarship programs remain strong with solid funding, but the foundation is being cautious with their other financial matters.

Mr. Pulver said that the Harry S. Crisp Building is in full operation, and parts of the fourth floor have now been rented to Blue Cross Blue Shield and a federal judge. Also, additional security has been added to the building since the building no longer houses just community college tenants. The foundation is still looking for tenants to rent the other open parts of the fourth floor. Financing of the building remains to be a challenge because the State is behind in making payments.

Chair Giannoulis asked Mr. Pulver how much money the foundation gives out in scholarships. Mr. Pulver stated there are several contributors that dedicate contributions towards scholarships, such as State Farm and several other foundations that are very active as well. All these scholarships are primarily run through the colleges with the students applying through the colleges.

Item #8.2 – Illinois Community College Trustees Association

Mike Monaghan reported that the trustees met a couple of weeks ago in Schaumburg. The main topics of conversation were the same as the Presidents Council: pension reform, budget, and community college retirees' health insurance program. During a meeting with the Speaker of the house, the Senate President, and lead staff from the Governor's Office, the trustee representatives were told that pension reform was going to happen in the future. Mr. Monaghan said that the trustees want it to be managed and transferred in a process.

Mr. Monaghan went on to say that the trustees message indicated during the meeting is that the pension transfer cost will be about \$125 million. He also informed the group that the community colleges have restrictions on the amount of local funds they can receive. Most of the community colleges are maxed out on their property tax levies, and most are at their limit on what they can charge in tuitions. The trustees support a plan that would allow at least five to ten, or more, years to actually absorb the entire expense.

Mr. Monaghan stated that the final plan may include a shared expense between the employer and the employee, which would mean an increase in employee contributions. If the transfer came too quickly, and the system is required to absorb the full expense all at once, then they feel that a property tax levy may be needed, along with an exemption from property tax caps and authority to increase the tax levy. In addition, there would be a need for an elimination of the tuition cap.

Mr. Monaghan briefly spoke on the College Health Insurance Program proposed by the Governor. It will eliminate state funding for the community college insurance program and teachers retirement health programs. This costs the State around \$92 million annually. Without this funding, the college insurance program will have to increase premiums charged to the active community college employees, retirees, and the community colleges, or the plan will not be able to sustain.

Mr. Monaghan concluded with a reminder that this year's Lobby Day will be held on May 1-2, 2012. A developing issue is the Governor's proposal of a \$50 million dollar increase to the funding of the Monetary Award Program (MAP Grant). This will fund approximately 35,000 more grants to students. He expects this to be one of the main topics for Lobby Day.

He also invited the Board members to join the ICCTA for their convention and awards presentation happening on June 1 in conjunction with the ICCB Board meeting and the Council of Community College Presidents meeting in Bloomington.

Item #8.3 – Student Advisory Council

Joshua Beneze reported that two weeks ago SAC met for its final meeting of the year. Next time they meet there will be an entirely new group. Mr. Beneze also extended an invitation to the Board members to attend the Phi Theta Kappa awards banquet being held on April 18, 2012 in Springfield.

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Mr. Beneze stated the committee finalized the details for the Student Advocacy Day, which is being called “Save the MAP Grant Day”. SAC is partnering with the Illinois Board of Higher Education’s SAC to bring as many students to the Student Advocacy Day as possible.

Chair Giannoulis asked how the students will be transported to Springfield. Mr. Beneze said that to the individual colleges determine how it is to be taken care of.

The Outreach Subcommittee voted to collect money to donate to the nursing program at Southeastern Illinois College in memory of the recently departed, Ms. JayLynn Farrell, graduate of Southeastern Illinois College. She was a victim of the tornado that hit Harrisburg, Illinois. The Illinois Community College Trustees Association donated \$1,000 and the Kankakee Community College Student Nurses Association donated \$150.

Mr. Beneze concluded his report with request of the ICCB to consider a recommendation made by the Executive Committee and approved by SAC. They would like to have the restriction that does not allow a student trustee to serve as the ICCB student board member removed from the community college statues. Chair Giannoulis asked if there was a reason for the restriction. Dr. Elaine Johnson explained that it is stated in the statute, and that the students requested this issue be brought to the Board’s attention. Dr. Johnson said this issue can be taken back to the SAC to make a recommendation to the Board.

Item #8.4 – Illinois Community College Faculty Association

Dave Seiler, Vice President for the Illinois Community College Faculty Association and History Instructor at Lake Land College, thanked the Board for the opportunity to give the ICCFA reports during the Board meetings.

Mr. Seiler reported the ICCFA is in the middle of planning their Teaching and Learning Excellence Conference, held annually in October. The ICCFA is revising the bi-laws in order to integrate the adjunct faculty into the process. Mr. Seiler stated the association has named members to ICCB committees, Kevin Weston will serve on the Alumni Relations Committee and Susan Klein will serve on the Recognition Committee.

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As a result of information from the morning’s work session, Board member Tom Pulver made a motion which was seconded by Jake Rendleman to approve the following motion:

The Illinois Community College Board supports the slogan “Illinois Community College, A Million Reasons Why”.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student Advisory vote: Yea

Chair Giannoulis proposes that the ICCB put together a contest encouraging the students to come up with a slogan for the ICCB and the system. He volunteered to finance a semester of community college tuition for the student that comes up with the winning slogan. He feels this will engage the students in the project and give them some ownership in this social campaign.

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Chair Giannoulis directed the ICCB staff put a plan together for running the contest. Dr. Elaine Johnson stated they would put some ideas together by next Friday.

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As a result of information from the morning's work session, Board member Randy Barnette made a motion, which was seconded by Sue Morris, to approve the following motion:

The Illinois Community College Board staff will move forward on the production of a 2012 Economic Impact Report of Illinois Community College System.

The motion was approved via majority voice vote. Board member Jake Rendleman was out of the room during the vote. Student Advisory vote: Yea

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Item #9 – New Units of Instruction

James Dumas made a motion, which was seconded by Tom Pulver, to approve the following motion:

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

- Corrections Counseling Certificate (49 credit hours)
- Residential Child Care Certificate (48 credit hours)
- Sports Performance Training Certificate (42 credit hours)

Heartland Community College

- Administrative Office Professional A.A.S. degree (65 credit hours)

Kaskaskia College

- Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Certificate (35 credit hours)

McHenry County College

- Graphic Arts A.A.S. degree (65 credit hours)
- Robotics Systems Engineering Technology A.A.S. degree (61 credit hours)
- Robotics Systems Programmer Certificate (32 credit hours)

Southeastern Illinois College

- Esthetics Certificate (31 credit hours)

Spoon River College

- Paramedicine A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)
- Paramedicine Certificate (34 credit hours)

The motion was approved via majority voice vote. Board member Jake Rendleman was out of the room during the vote. Student Advisory vote: Yea

Item #10 – Illinois Community College Board Recognition of Illinois Community Colleges

Sue Morris made a motion, which was seconded by Tom Pulver, to approve the following motion:

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

Rend Lake College

The motion was approved via majority voice vote. Board member Jake Rendleman was out of the room during the vote. Student Advisory vote: Yea

Item #11 – Consent Agenda

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

Item #11.1 – Minutes of the January 27, 2012 Board Meeting

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the January 27, 2012 meeting as recorded.

Item #11.2 – Minutes of the January 27, 2012 Executive Session

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Executive Session minutes of the January 27, 2012, Executive Session as recorded.

Item #11.3 – Approval of Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes

The Illinois Community College Board hereby determines the Executive Session Minutes held on March 25, 2005; April 22, 2005; June 17, 2005; 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; July 17, 2009; September 18, 2009; November 20, 2009; January 27, 2010; March 26, 2010; June 4, 2010; January 28, 2011; March 18, 2011; June 3, 2011; September 16, 2011; and November 4, 2011 are to remain confidential. All other Executive Session Minutes have been made available for public inspection.

The motion was approved via majority voice vote. Board member Jake Rendleman was out of the room during the vote. Student Advisory vote: Yea

Item #12 - Information Items

The following items were presented to the Illinois Community College Board for review:

Item #12.1 – Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Statements

Item #12.2 – Workforce Development Grant Report – Business and Industry Services Fiscal Year 2011

Item #12.3 – Illinois Community College System Program Review Statewide Summary

Item #12.4 – Summary of Capital Projects Approved by the President/CEO During Calendar Year 2011

Item #13 – Other Business

Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Vice President for Adult Education and Institutional Support, briefly explained two important issues the Board should be aware of: 1) the new competitive process for the Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFL) grants; and 2) the Adult Education and Family Literacy State Plan for AEFL is due on April 1. Dr. Anderson introduced Jennifer Foster, Senior Director for Adult Education and Family Literacy, to give a brief summary of these two issues.

Ms. Foster stated that on February 6, 2012, ICCB released an adult education competitive grant. This grant will open instruction and funding possibilities to current providers of adult education, but also allow other eligible applicants to become part of the system of providers. The Federal Government requires all States receiving adult education funding to competitively fund the program beginning on July 1, 2012. Ms. Foster pointed out that the new process does not guarantee continued funding for the currently providers. She said the new process will open up the adult education system to other providers of adult education.

Ms. Foster explained that the ICCB is seeking applications that will address the priorities as set forth in the strategic plan for Adult Education “Creating Pathways for Adult Learners.” This plan, previously approved by the Board, outlines the six key areas that will lead to success of Adult learners: assessment, curricula and instruction, support services and follow-up services, high quality teaching and professional development; partnership; research, data and accountability; and program design.

So far, ICCB has received 112 letters from organizations notifying us of their intent to submit an RFP. Ms. Foster has lined up approximately thirty-three people to read the applications which are due on March 27, 2012. The final decisions will be made by May 17.

Ms. Foster explained the details behind the State Plan. As required in Title II of the Workforce Investment Act, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, a State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy services supported with federal funds must be submitted to the United States Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) on April 1 of each year prior to the release of the next fiscal year’s funding. Because the Workforce Investment Act has not been reauthorized, the current State Plan has been extended to FY2013. The Illinois Community College Board will submit a revised State Plan for Illinois Adult Education and Family Literacy to the OVAE by the April 1, 2013 deadline.

Ms. Foster went on to say that the Illinois State Plan provides a description of planned activities for Adult Education during the year. The plan describes:

- the need for adult education in Illinois,
- the eligible population and those most in need of services,
- how equitable access to funding is achieved,
- allowable adult education activities,
- procedures for funding providers,
- an annual evaluation of literacy activities,
- provision of services to persons in correctional facilities,
- integrated activities with the one-stop career centers/coordination with Title I activities,
- and

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- proposed leadership and professional development activities, including the alignment of Adult Education standards with the common core and college readiness standards, essential knowledge and skills, evidence base reading strategies, and career pathways and transitions.

Upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Adult and Vocational Education, the Illinois State Plan will be posted to the ICCB website.

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Dr. Elaine Johnson requested clarification from the Board on whether or not the ICCB staff should bring the Request for Proposals that will be released to ICCB next week from the Illinois State Board of Education to the Board for approval. The RFP will total \$1 million dollars for the Race to the Top and \$250,000 for professional development. Sue Morris stated at this point they should be taken directly to Chair Giannoulis for his signature.

Item #14 – Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Item #15 – Adjournment

Tom Pulver made a motion, which was seconded by Sue Morris, to adjourn the Board meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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

Alexi Giannoulis
Chair

Geoffrey Obrzut
President and Chief Executive Officer