

APPROVED

Minutes of the 399th
Meeting of the
Illinois Community College Board
Moraine Valley Community College
9000 West College Parkway
Palos Hills, IL

September 21, 2012

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the September 21, 2012 meeting as recorded.

Item #1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Chairman 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: Michael Dorf, James Dumas, Suzanne Morris, Tom Pulver, Terry Bruce, Alexi Giannoulis, and Joshua Beneze, Student Board member. The following members were absent: Randy Barnette, Guy Alongi, Jake Rendleman, and Victor Henderson. A quorum was declared.

Item #2 – Announcements and Remarks by Board Chair

Chair Giannoulis welcomed newly appointed Board member Terry Bruce.

Mr. Bruce commented he was happy to be a part of the Board and also stated the staff presentations during the work session were outstanding.

Item #3 – Board Member Comments

Tom Pulver welcomed new member Terry Bruce to the Board and also commented on Moraine Valley Community College's beautiful campus.

Michael Dorf welcomed Terry Bruce to the Board.

Item #4 – Welcoming Remarks from Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, President of Moraine Valley Community College

Dr. Jenkins welcomed the Board and audience. She recognized Moraine Valley's previous President, Dr. Vernon Crawley, for his outstanding service and leadership.

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Dr. Jenkins stated that Moraine Valley is the second largest Community College in Illinois with more than 36,000 credit and non-credit students in attendance. The college has granted over 50,000 degrees and certificates to Moraine Valley graduates since the college was founded 45 years ago.

Dr. Jenkins stated Moraine Valley recently enacted their campus-wide “Agree to Degree” campaign, which encourages their students to sign a pledge stating they will commit to earning their associate degrees or certificates. The campaign has been a success with a one-year 18 percent increase and a five year increase of 60 percent in the number of degrees and certificates awarded. She continued saying there were also over 500 students who participated in the graduation ceremony this past May.

Dr. Jenkins also recognized a few of the students attending Moraine Valley Community College. One student received the 2012 Outstanding Community College Student Geographer Award from the Illinois Geographical Society, eleven students were recognized with medals for their work in the STEM Science poster competition, and the forensic team took home the bronze award from the National Speech and Debate Tournament.

She also stated the Mobile Vet Center would be stationed on the Moraine Valley Community College campus until this evening providing information regarding services for the combat veterans, their families, and veterans within the community. The college also provides veterans’ advising sessions, orientations, and Combat to College Student Veterans Organization.

Dr. Jenkins concluded with welcoming fellow community college president, Terry Bruce, to the Board representing the Council of Community College Presidents, which are conducting their retreat in Oakbrook.

Chairman Giannoulis praised the Moraine Valley Community College’s beautiful campus and thanked Dr. Jenkins for her hospitality.

Item #5 – President/CEO Report

Geoffrey Obrzut thanked Dr. Jenkins for hosting the Illinois Community College Board’s meeting this month. He also thanked former Moraine Valley Community College President, Dr. Vernon Crawley, for his years of service.

Mr. Obrzut welcomed the newest Board member, Terry Bruce, and Board member Jake Rendleman for his reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Obrzut stated that this week he and Dr. George Reid, Executive Director for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, traveled to Rend Lake College to meet with the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, Tony Miller, and Sue Liu, Special Assistant for Community Colleges in the department’s Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), who seemed very supportive of the community colleges and higher education in Illinois. The group toured the Continental Tire Factory in Mount Vernon.

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Mr. Obrzut went on to thank Board member Suzanne Morris and Dr. John Avendano, President of Kankakee Community College, for their leadership and service on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Monetary Award Program (MAP) Task Force.

Mr. Obrzut announced that the Illinois Community College Board executive staff would be joining the Council of Illinois Community College Presidents for dinner this evening.

Congratulations went out to Jennifer Foster, Senior Director for Adult Education and Family Literacy for the Illinois Community College Board, who was named the Chair Elect of the National Council of State Directors of Adult Education and National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium and to President Dr. Peg Lee for Oakton Community College being ranked the third highest ranked community college in the nation by ratemyprofessor.com. College of DuPage ranked nineteenth and Moraine Valley community College ranked twenty-fourth. Congratulations also went out to Dr. Jenkins for Moraine Valley Community College ranking top in the nation for degrees.

Dr. Karen Hunter-Anderson, Vice-President for Adult Education and Institutional Support, read a proclamation signed by the Governor recognizing Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, which was September 10-16th. A number of the community colleges participated by hosting activities and events on their campuses.

Chairman Giannoulis gave a special thanks to Board member Suzanne Morris for being positive and passionate representative for the Board. He also announced he will continue to call on each individual Board member to attend an Illinois Board of Higher Education Board meeting as the ICCB representative.

Item #6 – Advisory Organizations

Item #6.1 – Illinois Community College System Foundation (ICCSF)

Ray Hancock stated the Illinois Council of Community College Administrators has created a new scholarship that will become an endowment in the future. Funding for the scholarship is a system effort of the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA), and the ICCSF. The scholarship will provide up to \$2000 annually for studies conducted and published that relate to the Illinois Community College System.

The proposals must be submitted to the ICCCA Scholarship Committee under guidelines that have been prepared and distributed throughout the system. Recipients of the scholarship will present their findings at the annual conference of the ICCCA. Mr. Hancock gave praise to Dr. Karen Hunter-Anderson and Dr. Barry Hancock who were both instrumental in putting this together.

Mr. Hancock went on to say that the Illinois Community College Faculty Association (ICCFa) has held an endowment in the ICCSF for several years that has not been used on a regular basis.

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This year, Linda Hefferin and Board member Tom Pulver worked intently with the ICCSF to activate this endowment by awarding scholarships from its proceeds. These scholarships are awarded to the community college students at the ICCFA conference in October of each year.

Mr. Hancock stated the ICCSF has ended its relationship with the Horizon Resource Group that has been administering the Illinois Purchasing Consortium for the Foundation. The ICCSF is now finalizing negotiations with the National Joint Purchasing Association to provide a relationship whereby the colleges may choose to purchase high quality, well-known brands of hundreds of products that have been pre-bid in accordance with Illinois laws that pertain to community colleges. This agreement and adoption could possibly be completed by October.

Mr. Hancock stated the ICCSF is currently in discussions with Strategic Marketing Affiliates (SMA) located in Indianapolis, Indiana, to possibly offer licensing of college seals, logos, items of apparel, and other entities the colleges may own and want to protect. Under the final proposed agreement, the Foundation could be the licensed agency and all the colleges would fall under the umbrella agreement. Once established, the colleges would have the right to copyright their logos and receive a commission on the sales.

ICCSF is in the process of marketing the Illinois Community College System by creating an Illinois Community College license plate. The Secretary of State's office has already been contacted and a legislator, John Bradley, has been contacted and agreed to sponsor the legislation in order to have these license plates constructed.

Item #6.2 – Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA)

Mike Monaghan recognized and congratulated new Board member Terry Bruce.

Mr. Monaghan reported that the ICCTA has been involved in offering support to the community college system in the hopes of working out details to make a recommendation to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) during the Monetary Award Program (MAP) Task Force meeting on how to utilize the limited funding that will best serve community college students.

The ICCTA held their executive committee planning retreat in August and set the general parameters for direction in the coming year. The first meeting of the ICCTA was held last week in Springfield to mark the beginning of the academic year. Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Vice President for Adult Education & Institutional Support, and Jennifer Foster, Senior Director for Adult Education & Family Literacy & State GED Testing Administrator, presented on Adult Education that was attended by over 100 attendees and received high regards.

Mr. Monaghan concluded with an announcement that the next ICCTA meeting will be held on November 9, 2012 in Chicago. Board member Sue Morris thanked Mr. Monaghan for giving a very informative presentation to the ISAC MAP Task Force members during their August meeting.

Item #6.3 – Student Advisory Council (SAC)

Student Board member Joshua Beneze reported the first meeting of the academic year was held last week in conjunction with the ICCTA in Springfield. For this meeting, the Student Advisory Council had in attendance 65 students from 32 colleges, which breaks all of their previous records. During this meeting, the new leadership team was elected as well as vice chairs to each of the sub-committees.

Mr. Beneze noted that SAC launched their first cohort of a new Leadership Development Externship Program. Those students who attended the Student Leadership Institute in June were invited to apply and 11 were chosen, one of them being ICCB Student Board member, Mr. Beneze. The program is a one academic year, accelerated leadership development program. During this program, the students will have monthly meetings with a community leader mentor, participate in one-on-one leadership development coaching and leadership development seminars before each of the SAC meetings. The final project will consist of a 60 minute leadership workshop that will be presented at the March ICCTA meeting.

Mr. Beneze reported that for his own ICCB service project, he plans to work with ICCB staff to develop a format to assist future ICCB Student Board members in understanding and fulfilling their role, and to enhance communication and the relationship between the Board and SAC.

The Outreach Subcommittee has decided on its potential service project, which will consist of pursuing possibilities to conduct a statewide campaign to raise awareness of bullying and suicide prevention.

The Outreach Subcommittee's project from 2 years ago consisted of raising a total of \$5000 for the 911 memorial in New York City, which was used to purchase pavers to be installed in the memorial. Mr. Beneze announced that a letter was received stating the pavers were installed in the 911 memorial in New York City.

The next meeting will be on November 9-10, 2012 in at the Marriott Downtown Chicago.

Mr. Beneze concluded his report by announcing the Phi Theta Kappa is having their annual Honors Institute and Leadership Conference in two weeks. The study topic this year will be is the Culture of Competition. Lt. Governor Shelia Simon and Ellen Andres, ICCB Chief Financial Officer, will be the guest speakers.

Item #6.4 – Illinois Community College Faculty Association (ICCFA)

Dr. Linda Hefferin stated the ICCFA will be having their Fall Conference, Teaching and Learning Conference, in Springfield on October 25-26, 2012.

The ICCFA will present a position statement to show their opposition to Constitutional Amendment 49.

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Dr. Hefferin extended an invitation to President Jenkins to consult with Moraine Valley Community College's faculty leadership and identify a faculty member to join the ICCFA's Executive Committee.

The next meeting of the ICCFA will be held on October 5, 2012 in Springfield.

Dr. Hefferin concluded by announcing the ICCFA will soon be distributing a newsletter to update all the community college faculty and staff across the state on the actions of the ICCFA.

Item #7 – Mobile Vet Center Presentation

John Myzer, who is a product of the Illinois Community College System, attended Lincoln Land Community College following his discharge in October 2006. As a work study program, Mr. Myzer was referred to the Mobile Vet Center where he worked for a year until a permanent position became available as the Outreach Technician.

Mr. Myzer reported that the Readjustment Council Services were developed in 1979 as a peer to peer outreach program by Vietnam veterans for Vietnam veterans. It is one of the very few Veterans Affairs (VA) funded specialty programs available. As more and more wars broke out, there was a push for these services to become more of a traditional counseling facility. Eventually, it transitioned into the Mobile Vet Center which is the onsite link between the VA and combat veterans.

The Mobile Vet Center, over the past year, has visited 23 community colleges and is continuing its tour to the remaining community colleges throughout the current academic year. The center spends a total of one to two full days at each college and provides service to anywhere between 50 to 75 veterans, students, community members and family members. Mr. Myzer went on to say that the Illinois tour has been so successful the State of Michigan requested the center visit their community colleges as well. Following the pilot program, which involved the center visiting four Michigan community colleges for two days each, Michigan now has their own Mobile Vet Center.

Mr. Myzer concluded by stating that all the community colleges were very receptive and the students and faculty were very positive and extremely helpful with the public relations aspect by advertising the Mobile Vet Center's presence at the colleges.

Item #8 – Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC): Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 69 Update

Geoffrey Obrzut began by thanking Mike Monaghan for the outstanding presentation given at the August ISAC task force meeting. Mr. Obrzut then stated that there is a need to improve the overall effectiveness of Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants to help students enter college and complete a desired program. Ten years ago, SJR 69 would not have been required due to the need of the grant being fully funded. Unfortunately, the need is only being half funded at this time.

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There is no new funding for the MAP grant, so by improving the effectiveness, the hope is to increase the number of degrees attained for students in Illinois.

Mr. Obrzut noted that to date there have been two task force meetings: one held on July 26th and the other on August 30th. The first meeting provided background information and established the goals and objectives of the task force. In short, one of the defined goals is to increase the number of Illinois students with high quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent as set forth by the Obama Administration. Currently, Illinois is at 41 percent. During the August 30th meeting, Mike Monaghan attended and spoke on behalf of the trustees' association.

There are 18 members of the task force, of which three members are champions for the community college system: Suzanne Morris, ICCB Board member, Dr. John Avendano, President of Kankakee Community College, and also a student member from Oakton Community College.

There are still three subsequent meetings currently planned for September 26th, October 30th, and November 15th. The recommendations that generate from the task force are to be submitted on January 1, 2013.

Ms. Morris added that all members of the committee are representing a sector of Illinois education, so the procedure on how the recommendations will be prepared and determined is still unclear.

Chairman Giannoulis requested to be updated following the September 26th meeting.

Item #9 – Alumni Relations Update

Dr. Elaine Johnson, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Workforce Development provided an update on the campaign slogan, *Illinois Community Colleges: A Million Reasons Why*. Many activities have taken place since the previous Board meeting. In July, Dr. Johnson requested all community college presidents delegate a representative from their campus to work with the campaign's advisory group. The advisory group's first meeting was held on August 1st at Lincoln Land Community College. To date, there are about 12 colleges taking part in this process; however, many colleges have already contributed by purchasing the campaign t-shirts.

Dr. Johnson outlined the next steps in the process will be to promote the slogan through local, existing events. Thus far, the campaign has been promoted at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield as well as the DuQuoin County Fair and will be promoted at the Illinois State University parade and homecoming parade.

Dr. Johnson stated that the Illinois Community Colleges Facebook page has been constructed. Thus far, the page has 312 "likes", over 130,000 friends who have been connecting back and forth, and 250 "views". The next stages of the social media project are creating Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn pages.

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Overall, the next move will be to obtain a video message from the Board Chairman and launch the competition for the YouTube videos. During the next advisory council meeting, the discussions will revolve around how strategically the momentum will be maintained and how to engage more partners in this process.

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Item #10 – Work Session Recommendations (ACTION)

At this time, one item generated from the Work Session will need to be voted on:

10.6 – Changes in GED Testing

Michael Dorf read the motion:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the following changes to GED testing:

1. Implement computer based testing for GED beginning October 2012.
2. Enter into an agreement with GED Testing Services through the end of December 2013.
3. Increase the GED testing fee in Illinois for computer based testing beginning October 2012.
4. Continue to offer Paper Based Testing at the \$50.00 fee through December 2013.

Board member Tom Pulver requested to make a friendly amendment to number three of the above motion:

3. Increase the GED testing fee in Illinois for Computer Based Testing to \$130 beginning October 2012.

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

1. Implement computer based testing for GED beginning October 2012.
2. Enter into an agreement with GED Testing Services through the end of December 2013.
3. Increase the GED testing fee in Illinois for Computer Based Testing to \$130 beginning October 2012.
4. Continue to offer Paper Based Testing at the \$50.00 fee through December 2013.

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

Item #11 – New Units of Instruction (*ACTION*)

Tom Pulver made a motion, which was seconded by James Dumas, 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

Carl Sandburg College

- Industrial Welding Technology A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)

Illinois Central College

- Solar Thermal Heating Systems Certificate (34 credit hours)

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges: Frontier Community College and Lincoln Trail College

- Construction Technology A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)
- Construction Technician Certificate (48 credit hours)

John A. Logan College

- Computer Forensics A.A.S. degree (70 credit hours)

Kankakee Community College

- Massage Therapy Certificate (43 credit hours)

Moraine Valley Community College

- Baking and Pastry A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)

Olive-Harvey College

- Supply Chain Management Certificate (38 credit hours)

Shawnee Community College

- Heating/Air Conditioning Fabrication A.A.S. degree (62 credit hours)

Triton College

- Financial Services Certificate (30 credit hours)

TEMPORARY PROGRAM APPROVAL

Harper College

- Advanced Manufacturing Technology A.A.S. degree (60 credit hours)
- Welding Technology A.A.S. degree (60 credit hours)
- Advanced Welding Certificate (33 credit hours)
- Welding Fabrication Certificate (32 credit hours)

Kennedy-King College

- Gas Utility Worker Certificate (50 credit hours)

Terry Bruce abstained. The motion was approved via a voice vote. Student advisory vote: Yes.

NOTE: In future meetings, matters concerning Illinois Eastern Community College, Waubonsee Community College, and John A. Logan College are to be separate from the other colleges listed and are to be voted on separately.

Item #12 – Illinois Community College Board Recognition of Community Colleges

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

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

College of DuPage
Prairie State College
Rock Valley College

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

Item #13 – Executive Session

Executive Session was not needed.

Item #13.1 – Review of Executive Session Minutes

Item #14 – Consent Agenda

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

Item #14.1 – Minutes of the June 1, 2012 Board Meeting

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

Item #14.2 – 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; November 4, 2011; and January 27, 2012 are to remain confidential. All other Executive Session Minutes have been made available for public inspection.

Item #14.3 – Certification on Eligibility for Special Tax Levy

The Illinois Community College Board hereby certifies that the following community college districts were (1) eligible to receive equalization grants either in Fiscal Year 2012 or Fiscal Year 2013 and (2) had combined educational and operations and maintenance purposes tax rates less than 25.83 cents per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation and are, therefore, eligible to levy at a combined educational and operations and maintenance purposes rate up to and including 25.83 cents per \$100 of equalization assessed valuation in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14.3 of the Public Community College Act:

Black Hawk College
Heartland Community College
Illinois Central College
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges
Illinois Valley Community College
Kankakee Community College
Kaskaskia College
Lake Land College
Lewis and Clark Community College
Moraine Valley Community College
Rend Lake College
Carl Sandburg College
Southwestern Illinois College
Spoon River College
John Wood Community College

Item #14.4 – Authorization to Operate Career and Technical Education Programs

The Illinois Community College Board hereby certifies that the Beck Area Career Center is approved to operate a Career and Technical Education Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program and an Adult Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, and the Capital Area Career Center is approved to operate a Career and Technical Education Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program. This authority, which is based on the ICCB's oversight and administration of the Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education postsecondary program and the transfer of grant funds in Public Act 097-0728, effective July 1, 2012, is granted from July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013.

Terry Bruce stated that he will vote on the consent agenda since the tax levy applies to all colleges. The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: Yes.

Item #15 – Information Items

Item #15.1 – Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Statements

Item #15.2 – Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Statements

Item #15.3 – Recognition Status/Update

Item #16 – Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

Item #17 – Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Item #18 – Adjournment

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

The motion was approved via voice vote. None opposed. Student member vote: Yea.

Alexi Giannoulis
Board Chairman

Geoffrey Obrzut
President and Chief Executive Officer