

THE ICCCA TODAY



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year, the ICCCA is celebrating our 35th anniversary, and we invite you to share in our excitement. Over these many years, the organization has represented college administrators by serving on state committees, task forces and advisory groups, and has helped to provide professional development opportunities for tens of thousands of college administrators. It is certainly an honor to serve as president of an organization with such a rich history of service to community colleges.

We have several goals this year, some of which include creating more structure within the organization, providing services to commissions that will assist them in growing their memberships, and improving the levels

of communication and transparency between the ICCCA, the commissions, and college administrators. With 15 active commissions and hundreds of commission members, these are no small tasks, but important goals to assure the ICCCA can continue to support its growing membership and improve our level of service.

We will also begin a strategic planning process later in the year to review our core values, mission statement, build a vision of the future, and create the roadmap to get us there.

Community colleges all share many common goals. Whether those goals are to emphasize and promote student success or to enhance our communities

through cultural awareness, we know we cannot do it alone. With the current fiscal challenges before us, it is more important than ever to share our best practices and our mistakes, all in an effort to learn from one another and further improve the service and education we provide our communities and students.

The ICCCA and our commissions provide a network of valuable resources. Feel free to contact any of the commission chairs for further information, or join a commission and begin sharing your experience.

Our very best wishes for your continued success.

- Philip Bierdz
Moraine Valley

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 4**
Technology Commission Executive Summit (Video Conference)
- **May 9**
Developmental Education and Learning Commission meeting
- **May 22**
Admissions and Records Commission meeting
- **November 19-21**
ICCCA Fall Conference

CHIEF STUDENT SERVICES OFFICERS LOOK TO ONE ANOTHER FOR GUIDANCE

The Illinois Community College Chief Student Services Officers (ICCCSSO) group uses their listserv regularly to poll one another on best practices in many areas.

Most recently since February 14, 2008, when the tragedies at NIU occurred, the listserv has

assisted us in determining what type of emergency notification systems we each use and how to best employ them.

Our colleagues at NIU have asked for the assistance of community college counselors for the remainder of the spring 2008 semester. Willing Illinois

community college counseling offices will be referenced on NIU's website as a place where college students may go for grief management and support. In addition, NIU will host visiting counselors and other trained professionals in DeKalb to assist with the expected needs as students return to campus.

TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

The Technology Commission of the ICCCA (ICCCA-TC) currently consists of 45 senior level technology leaders representing 33 colleges. Commission members meet through Executive Summits where commission business is addressed, as well as Technology Summits where members are encouraged to bring with them other technologists from their institution.

The Commission will be for-

mally adopting a constitution at the March meeting to be held via video conference at three locations. The Commission also shares information through the use of an electronic listserv, which is heavily utilized.

Currently, the commission is building an on-line repository for technology related information specific to each college. The commission President represents colleges on a

statewide level by serving on the Advanced Engineering Taskforce (AET) in an advisory role for the Illinois Century Network, as well as on the ICCCA board.

For more information about this commission or to become a member, contact Matt Fowler, Technology Commission President, at fowlerm@bhc.edu or call (309) 796-5640.



LEARNING RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Learning Resources Commission is a subset of NILRC, a consortium of Midwest Community Colleges, Colleges, and Universities with 45 Illinois community colleges making up the bulk of the membership.

This past November, Dawne Tortorella finished up a reconstruction of the NILRC website making it much more interactive. A Membership

database is now available to enable member colleges to provide up-to-date information on their staff members, and work continues on telecourse and e-resources data where prices will be pulled into a database for easier maintenance during this fiscal year.

The Learning Resources Commission meets approximately five times per year to

discuss library services, new technologies, and collaborative initiatives. Officers are elected in June and the elections become effective after the November ICCCA Conference. The ICCCA Chair serves a one-year term.

For more information on this commission, contact Gerry Anderson at ganderso@jcc.edu (815) 729-9020.



For more information about the grant, visit: www.nilrc.org

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION AND LEARNING COMMISSION

The Developmental Education and Learning Commission is affiliated with the Illinois Association of Learning Assistance Professionals (IALAP) and the National Association of Developmental Education (NADE). The Commission elects its officers at the Fall ICCCA Conference

and the officers serve a one-year term.

The Developmental Education and Learning Commission has planned a kick-off meeting for May 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rock Valley College to elect officers, approve the by-laws and develop our goals and meeting

schedule for the upcoming year.

Our goal is to bring forth best practices in Developmental education and Learning assessment.

For more information, contact Dr. Peggy F.J. Bradford at (815) 921-4062 or P.Bradford@rockvalleycollege.edu.

For more information about the commission, visit: <http://ednet.rvc.cc.il.us/~PBradford>

Click on "Members" for the commission enrollment form.

Click on "Announcements" for information on the upcoming kick-off meeting.

ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION

The Admissions and Records Commission offers the opportunity for admissions, enrollment, and records professionals to share “best practices,” ask questions, share ideas, and enhance professional development. The Commission will meet May 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Prairie State College and again during the ICCCA conference in November, during which time, a workshop,

panel or speaker will be sponsored by the Admissions and Records Commission’s membership.

The Commission is seeking collaborative visionaries who are eager to accept the challenges of working together at the regional and state level to continue the advancement of admissions, enrollment, and records management to better serve our students in the new millennium.

To help fulfill this calling, the Commission is currently contacting colleges to participate on a statewide list server to offer admissions, enrollment, and records professionals a means to easily contact their peers throughout the state. Contact Marietta Turner at mturner@prairiestate.edu or (708) 709-3513 for information about joining this commission or list server.

COUNSELING COMMISSION

The Counseling Commission is open to student affairs professionals in academic advising and counseling. The Commission acts in the best interest of student services and student development personnel and the constituents they serve throughout the Illinois Community College System. The Commission Chair is elected in November and serves a one-year term.

On February 29, 2008, the Counseling Commission held its 5th Annual Drive-In Conference at Kankakee Community College. The featured speaker was Dr. Lemuel Watson, Dean of the College of Education at Northern Illinois University. Dr. Watson shared a user-friendly approach to assessing counseling services in higher education and also provided reflections on the recent incident at NIU. In

addition, members from the counseling centers at College of DuPage and Prairie State College made presentations on assessment and crisis management. The Commission will meet again in September or October.

For further information, contact: Cathy Robinson at (815) 802-8510 or crobinson@kcc.edu



Cathy Robinson and Susan Marin, President and President-Elect, Counseling Commission

ARTS AND SCIENCE TRANSFER ADMINISTRATORS

The Arts and Science Transfer Administrators Commission (ASTA) is a statewide organization that examines and discusses issues that concern transfer deans such as online teaching, technology, scheduling, curriculum, assessment, honors programs, and faculty issues. ASTA currently consists of 40

administrators representing 23 different colleges.

The Commission allows transfer deans from institutions across the state to discuss issues that play a major role in their jobs at the institution. The Commission Chair attends monthly ICCCA Board meetings and is invited to CAO meetings, in an advisory

role, to share topics to be discussed at the next administrative level.

Additionally, we share questions and information electronically through our listserv. For more information: Ann Busse Tucker 815-825-2086 ext 335 or annbus@kishwaukeeecollege.edu.

***None of us is
as smart as
all of us.***

- Ken Blanchard

We are on the web
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COMMUNICATION—A KEY TO SUCCESS!

Do you know what a mailing list server is? It is essentially a list of email address of people what would all like to share discussions via email. You simply send an email to the list server address and everyone that belongs to that

list server will get a copy of the message. The ICCCA commissions are either building or already have well established list servers for their members. If you have an interest in

learning more about a commission or staying informed of their activities, but are not yet sure if you would like to be a member of a commission, signing up to their list server is a great way to keep in touch and learn more.