



Illinois Community College Faculty Association

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Friday, January 19, 2018 4:30 – 6:00 pm

At State University Annuitant Association, 217 E Monroe St #100, Springfield, IL 62701

Members Present: Kristen Campbell, Leo Welch, Allan Levandowski, Krista Winters, Jacob Winters and Hong Fei

- I. Allan Levandowski: Call to order.

- II. Allan Levandowski – The President Report:
 - a. The general assembly wants to have a community college report card system, for lacking a better term. It measures completion, transfer rates and cost. Leo joined the discussion in pointing out that for students who take one course then she is considered no completion. Obviously there should be two tracks – the degree seeking one and another one for brushing up skills. Should look at the long term goals, such as how many are in the work force in years.
 - b. Will launch an apprentice program with a \$25 million funding.
 - c. High school equivalency and the dual credit programs, reported by Jennifer foster, ICCB Deputy Director on workforce: High school equivalency methods had been updated. Draft guidelines include the HSE Certificates for high school, post-secondary, or foreign diploma. In order to be qualified to do this, you must have at least 13.5 credit hours and at least 18.5 years old, and third quarter of 12th grade. One can also be 17 years old and high school graduated. Minimum requirement for HSE certificate is 18 credit hours, score 9.0 on the Adult Based Education (TABE), and pass the US and Illinois constitution Test and the FLAG Test. The point was to cut the cost of equivalent testing (17000 people are taking the GED test) and not to have anyone dropped out of high school. This is included in the “Governor’s Children’s Cabinet” – “Governor Bruce Rauner established the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth by executive order on February 18th, 2016 and charged the Cabinet with creating a cohesive state-wide strategy to improve outcomes for children and youth.”
 - d. There will be a big increase in dual credit programs, with SIU and ISU online courses to bring high school teachers up to speed. Leo informed us Peoria Journal Star reported that Central College in East Peoria fired 10 teachers who had taught for 10 years for lacking a master’s degree.
 - e. Adult based education: Adult education strategic plan update, was presented by Jennifer Foster. Goals are better transition, contributing to economic development and improve student outcome. There is a Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) Task Force with 8 members including the community colleges as the provider being one of the eight. Funding guideline has changed to meet the needs of students. The vision statement, guiding principle are changed, to align with college and career readiness standards. Going to “change the public perception for this group of students”. It’s a 5 year plan starting July.

- III. Allan Levandowski – The President Report continues: Al made critical progress in improving working relationship with the ICCB. ICCB members expressed willingness to “recommit themselves to ICCFA”. They decided to take the following goodwill actions. 1. They will put up a lock box to hold our mails. And Tracey will get a copy of the keys; 2. One board member will help us to draft a letter to all the colleges in order to collect the dues; 3. A liaison, Emily Buhnerkempe, Director of Academic Affairs, has been named to facilitate communication between ICCFA and ICCB, which would be a great help. 4. We are again able to use the server at ICCB for our website through Emily.
- IV. Kristen had agreed to act as the Vice President of Membership and Delegate Affairs. She and Linda will be working on the conference organization. Jacob agreed to fill in this position after Kristen.
- V. Al urgently wants to establish a fast email system using technology such as ListServe or ConstantContact that can send email blast with recipients experiencing sender’s individual attention. ICCB wants input on a math transitional program with three different pathways, such that with a C or better one is to go for the college algebra and the quant-literate ones go for the technical programs. Al said that such email communication tools are perfect in collecting comments on the math program.
- VI. Leo reported on the legislative affairs. Law makers have introduced bills (HB 4103 and HB 2234) for educational reform that contain the following points.
- a. Uniform admission process;
 - b. Automatic admission – Student with GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale will guarantee admission to public universities except U of I;
 - c. Ranking of academic departments from 1 to 12 with bottom ones get eliminated;
 - d. Financial aid and budget studies.
- VII. Leo also reported AAUP front news including “War on Science”, “Faculty opposing the online university deal”, and various house bills concerning higher education.
- VIII. Adjourned.