

Illinois Community College Board.

Student Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes –Friday January 19, 2018

Confrence Call

1:00 p.m.

I. Called to Order

A. At 1:00 p.m. by Legisislative Chair, Dede Golda Gbikpi-Benissan

II. Roll Call

A. Vanessa Higueros

B. Colleges Present: *City Colleges of Chicago, Danville Area, Harper, Highland, Illinois Valley, Joliet, Kankakee, Kishwaukee, Lake County, Lewis & Clark, Moraine Valley, Morton, Parkland, Prairie State, Richland, Triton, and Waubonsee*

III. Approval of November SAC Minutes (Vanessa Higueros)

A. Approved

IV. ICCB Board Report (Jeff Newell)

A. We discussed the status of the board goals the agency is working on. The agency has made progress and is in a good position to accomplish much of the work by June 30 (the end of the fiscal year).

B. Jennifer Foster, Deputy Director for Adult Education and Workforce, gave an update on the Adult Education Strategic Plan, which is being redeveloped this year. She also gave an updated on HSE alternative credentialing

V. ICCTA Report (Abby Endress)

a. November 11, Abby reported to the ICCTA and discussed the ICCB-SAC meeting that took place on November 10th. The importance of BSN (*Bachelors in Science in Nursing*), funding for the MAP grants, as well as the effects on students in community colleges was discussed.

b. Fellow student trustees shared thoughts, concerns and personal stories on campus security to convey the importance of making students feel safe on their campuses.

VI. ICCB Student Board

a. The election is to be held in the March 9 SAC meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Lisle IL.

b. The nomination packet will be released to the colleges in the next couple of weeks.

c. we ask of you: if you know someone at your college that will be a full time student next year and would make a good student board member, speak to that person and speak to your advisors about your recommendation. We need good candidates!

d. The candidates will need to complete the nomination packet, which includes signatures from college leaders. We are a stickler about this process. If the packets aren't completed on time and with approval of the appropriate college leaders, they will not be accepted.

e. The ICCB student board member, Brenden McGlenn, resigned. That position is now vacant.

- f. The agency's plan is that we will seat the next elected student board member early. Instead of seating the student beginning July 1, the selected student will be seated at the March 16 ICCB Board Meeting, held at Joliet Junior College.
- VII. ICCB Policy & Legislative (ICCB Staff)**
- a. The ICCB legislative agenda for the spring 2018 session is (1) the passage of clean up and modernization language for the Illinois Public Community College Act and (2) \$25 million in funding for apprenticeship programs through community colleges. If passed, the funding for apprenticeship programs would be used to spur the growth of apprenticeship programs at the colleges.
- VIII. Advocacy Day (Dede Golda Gbikpi-Benissan)**
- a. During November's ICCB SAC meeting, Dede Golda presented the importance of contacting, and building relationships with legislators. She followed up, and encouraged ICCB attendees to contact immediately. Harold Washington contacted the Governor, and held forums that discussed issues such as immigration and other issues.
- b. It would be significant for ICCB SAC members to plan a trip to Springfield, IL, as a student body on Advocacy day (April 11th). Also, maintaining relationships with legislators after Advocacy Day. Jeff advised for a group of students to work with Dede on preparing handouts for the March meeting. If you are interested in getting involved with this project contact Dede Golda, or submit your information to the Facebook page.
- IX. Local Campus Issues (Mai Mai Villasenor & ICCB Staff)**
- a. Mai Mai is focused on increasing Student engagement on campus by spreading increments to ICCB SAC meetings. This would help point out issues, to see how to gauge the gap for Student Involvement. Utilizing Social Media to spread awareness of Student Activity (*#ImMoreThanANumber #IllinoisCommunityCollege*)
- b. Harper community College mentioned to reach out to non-traditional students since they make up a large student audience. People with disability and Veterans are often misrepresented and it is important to make sure they are being presented. Spreading awareness can happen through having stops on Campus Center to show Students where these Service Centers are.
- X. Adjournment**
- A. Conference Call Adjourned at 2:25 p.m.