

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE  
3575 COLLEGE ROAD, HARRISBURG, IL 62946  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 – 6:35 PM

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room. On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Pat York, Dr. Frank Barbre, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Mr. Richard Morgan, and Student Trustee Mr. Charlie King.

Also present were: Dr. Karen Weiss, Lisa Hite, Dr. Kyla Burford, Dr. Tyler Billman, Dr. Chris Barr, and Mrs. Kathy Volkening,

Dr. York welcomed guests and allowed time for comment.

**Reports**

**ICCTA Report – Dr. Barbre**

Dr. Barbre reported on his attendance at the ICCTA Executive Committee Retreat on September 12-14, 2024. Board Chairmanship was a topic of discussion. He was pleased to share that our Chair had been seated for 17 years. We will be hosting the Southeast Region Trustees meeting on October 15th.

**Student Government – Charlie King**

The Back-to-School Bash was held and went well. Student government elections were conducted, and the first student senate meeting will be next week. They took part in a “get out and vote” campaign. A production of James and the Giant Peach is scheduled for this weekend. The student senate inductions will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**President’s Report – Dr. Karen Weiss**

Dr. Weiss attended the ICCCP conference September 5-6 with a major topic being the legislative agenda regarding the Dual Credit Quality Act. She met with Rep. Patrick Windhorst and plans to meet with other area legislators to discuss this along with other topics of concern. Dr. Weiss and Lori Cox met with Sol Systems to discuss the potential of their involvement with future projects at SIC. Sol Systems invests in the local communities with revenue produced from the solar projects. Dr. Weiss will be looking into this further to see how this would impact SIC. Dr. Billman has been busy with Title III and searching for a new company to help with faculty evaluations. Dr. Emily York, Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, has successfully partnered with new facilities for clinicals. These include Egyptian Health Department, Reflections of Hollybrook, and Brownsville School. We have 43 students enrolled in the CTE Afternoon Academy, and 17 students enrolled through the Carmi CTE programs. Arla Murphy will be

starting a southern Illinois author series in the Learning Commons. She will also be creating a presentation on AI. Lori Cox is working on a cooking class with U of I Extension for students. We have 48 youth participating in Studio 618 dance classes and 23 registered for the Children's Choir. The high school counselors conference will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brittany Warren has started providing stats for mental health services. Huddle has now been implemented. SIC athletic games can now be accessed through the SIC Athletics app. The Hise Museum has changed visiting hours to 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and has been named a Blue Star Museum. A new directional sign will be placed on Route 13 to bring attention to the museum. Upgrades and repairs continue around the campus. The JaaS conversion is almost complete, and will begin October 14th. Construction in Carmi is on track to be completed in June 2025. The Absher Foundation contacted the College about additional funding for projects at the new Williams Career & Training Center. She requested that the College create a “wish list” and send to her prior to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking at adding exterior signage as a possible need for use of Absher Foundation funds.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis and seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve the consent agenda which included the August 20, 2024 regular and closed session minutes, destroying tapes of the February 2023 closed session, the Treasurer’s report and the approval of bills for August 2024 which totaled \$1,223,398.24 that included \$380,635.75 in payroll. On roll call the following members voted:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Ms. Hughes	
Mr. Ellis	
Mr. Morgan	
Dr. Barbre	
Dr. York	
Mr. King, Advisory Vote	

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Hughes and seconded by Trustee Morgan to approve the reimbursement of travel, meals, and lodging expenses for Dr. Barbre and Jim Ellis to travel to Seattle, WA for the ACCT Leadership Conference, October 22-27, 2024, with estimated expenses of \$6500.00. On roll call the following members voted:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Ms. Hughes	
Mr. Ellis	
Mr. Morgan	
Dr. Barbre	
Dr. York	
Mr. King, Advisory Vote	

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Non-Action Items**

- The 2024-2025 Athletic Schedule. A link for an app to view the athletic schedule will be sent to board members.
- The Enrollment Management Initiative provides retention information for those students who attended in the spring semester but had not enrolled for the fall 2024 semester.
- The RLC-SIC joint meeting narrative report was provided for review.

### **Action Items**

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the Resolution to Adopt the FY2025 Budget. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the Local Election Official Appointment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Barbre, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between SIC and the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Morgan, to approve the Curriculum Committee Report. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

### **New Business, Topics, or Discussion**

Dr. Weiss will be speaking with local and federal legislators to try and resolve a problem with getting licenses issued for inmates at Marion Penitentiary enrolled in CDL training. The Marion DMV is stating they cannot use the prison's address for residency to issue their license. Dr. Weiss has contacted the SOS office, a few legislators, and possibly reach out to Tammy Duckworth, state senator to help resolve this issue. Karen will report back next month on the status of this issue.

### **Personnel**

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Barbre, to approve all items listed in Personnel. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

- A. Approve Hiring of Part-time CTE Specialist
- B. Approve Transfer of CTE Administrative Assistant to Accounts Payable Assistant
- C. Approve Job Description for Title III College and Career Coach
- D. Approve Fall 2024 Board Recommendations

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Morgan made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Barbre. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.