

ICCTA *BOARD HIGHLIGHTS*

November 17, 2009

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its November 14, 2009, meeting at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel in Chicago, Illinois:

- Discussed the state of Illinois' financial crisis and its impact on community colleges. Because the state is required by law to repay its short-term loans in April and May, the resulting cash-flow crunch may result in community colleges not receiving any more state funding before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Community colleges may soon be forced to consider enrollment limits and lifting the state cap on tuition rates;
- Encouraged input into ICCTA's 2010 legislative agenda, which will be adopted at the February 2010 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Heard a presentation on Lincoln Land Community College's variable tuition program, which has increased college revenue;
- Were informed that the Illinois Community College Board's Student Advisory Committee may recommend that colleges hold their student trustee elections by March 1 so that new student trustees may take office on April 15;
- Learned that ICCTA's September "letter to the editor" appeared in newspapers around the state this fall, impacting more than 500 communities. The next ICCTA "letter to the editor" will be distributed in December;
- Approved the creation of an ICCTA Facebook page for trustees only;
- Noted record attendance at ICCTA's November "Legal and Legislative Update." ICCTA's March 2010 seminars will focus on diversity and "Higher Education 101" (Illinois higher education structure and acronyms);
- Were informed that Noah Brown, president/CEO of the Association of Community College Trustees, will attend ICCTA's March 2010 meeting in Oak Brook. The College of DuPage will also host a reception on March 12 to honor Tom Bennett (Parkland), the first Illinois trustee to serve as ACCT chair;
- Participated in Elgin Community College's presentation of a resolution honoring Tom Bennett;
- Voted to discontinue the ICCTA Pacesetter and Lifelong Learning awards and to create two new awards honoring part-time faculty members and college equity programs;

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- Heard that construction on the Harry L. Crisp Community College Center in Springfield has begun. The building houses the offices of ICCTA, ICCB, and the Illinois Community College System Foundation;
- Were reminded that ICCTA's Trustee Education and Leadership Development Committee will host a breakfast in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the February 2010 National Legislative Summit;
- Held the first reading of ICCTA's proposed mission statement on diversity;
- Received updates from state task forces on community college funding, older adults, and Latino students; ICCB; the Presidents Council; the Illinois Community College Sustainability Network, and the Board Leadership Council; and
- Learned that the theme of ICCTA's 2010 billboard campaign will be "Community colleges . . . the key to Illinois' economic future." The new billboards will appear in spring 2010.

Upcoming meetings

2009

- Nov. 18-19: Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference, Hilton Hotel, Springfield
- Nov. 20: Leadership and Core Values Institute, Hilton Hotel, Springfield
- Nov. 20: Illinois Community College Board meeting, Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg
- Dec. 8: Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, University of Chicago, Chicago

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- Jan. 13: Governor's State of the State address, State Capitol, Springfield
- Jan. 21-22: Illinois Presidents Council meeting, Springfield
- Jan. 26: Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, Chicago
- Jan. 29: Illinois Community College Board meeting, ICCB offices, Springfield
- Feb. 2: Illinois primary election
- Feb. 7-9: ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, Wardman Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- Feb. 8-10: Community College National Legislative Summit, Wardman Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C.

For additional information on ICCTA committee/task force projects, contact the following chairs:

- Awards – Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College
- Bylaws – Jim Beasley, Kaskaskia College
- Diversity – Dr. Phyllis Folarin, Elgin Community College
- Executive – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County
- Finance – Gregg Chadwick, Heartland Community College
- Government Relations and Public Policy – Jim Ayers, Parkland College
- Public Relations – Kathy Wessel, College of DuPage
- Technology – Gregg Chadwick, Heartland Community College
- Trustee Education and Leadership Development – James Polk, Illinois Central College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on
Monday, February 8, 2010, at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C.
(in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit).***