

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Nov. 15, 2004

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its Nov. 13, 2004, meeting at the Holiday Inn City Center in Chicago, Illinois:

- Voted to support the recommendations of the Illinois Community College Board's Finance Advisory Committee regarding the system's funding formula and the creation of a Foundation Grant (based on actual tax revenues) to complement the Equalization Grant;
- Adopted a resolution supporting the association's community college budget recommendation for FY2006 (*see attached resolution*);
- Encouraged trustees to register for the Association of Community College Trustees' 2005 National Legislative Summit, to be held Feb. 14-16 in Washington, D.C. Copies of the registration brochure are available by calling ICCTA at 1-800-454-2282;
- Asked for trustee input into the association's 2005 legislative agenda. The agenda will be adopted at the January Board of Representatives meeting;
- Learned of four vacancies on the Illinois Community College Board. Trustees are encouraged to submit the names of qualified persons for the state coordinating board;
- Were informed that the first meeting of the ICCB Baccalaureate Degree Task Force will take place on Dec. 9, facilitated by Dr. David Pierce, retired CEO of ICCB and the American Association of Community Colleges;
- Were reminded of ICCTA's upcoming seminars, which includes generational differences (January 2005); legislative relations / home schooling's impact on community colleges (March); Lobby Day (May); and demographic studies (June convention);
- Were informed that ICCTA is planning to sponsor a New Trustees Orientation in May, following the April 5 elections;
- Heard a presentation on capital renewal and master-planning issues by 3D/I International;
- Approved the establishment of the Gary W. Davis Ethical Leadership Award, named after ICCTA's retiring executive director;

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- Thanked the sponsors of the Gary Davis “Celebration of Trusteeship” banquet: 3D/I (pre-banquet reception); Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. (dinner and Saturday breakfast); and Eli’s Cheesecake and City Colleges of Chicago (dessert reception);
- Learned that the ICCTA Executive Committee has approved a three-year contract with incoming executive director Mike Monaghan; and
- Were thanked for the support of the City Colleges of Chicago board and administration during the district’s recent strike.

Quote of the Meeting:

“Community colleges are not the state’s funding problem, they are the solution.”

– Richard Gillette, William Rainey Harper College trustee

Enclosures

- Illinois Community College Board’s Finance Advisory Committee report
- Resolution supporting the ICCB’s budget recommendation for FY 2006

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.***

Resolution of Support for ICCTA's FY 2006 Budget Recommendation

Whereas, in FY 2005 the State of Illinois funding for public community colleges fell \$46.5 million (14.2%) below FY 2002 levels, and

Whereas, the tasks facing community colleges continue to expand in the face of economic decline and the shortage of workers in key areas such as nursing and allied health sciences,

Therefore, the Illinois Community College Trustees Association calls upon the General Assembly and the Governor to act by restoring lost dollars. The Association recommends that the General Assembly appropriate an additional \$50 million to the Illinois public community college system over the next three years. In particular, ICCTA calls upon the General Assembly to begin by providing community colleges with an additional \$10.8 million in FY 2006 and additional state funding in FY 2007 and FY 2008.

In addition, ICCTA calls upon the State of Illinois to release funds for capital construction projects already approved by the Governor and the General Assembly, and to approve additional projects recommended by the Illinois Community College Board and promised by the General Assembly. ICCTA notes that students are now being turned away because of the lack of space at their community colleges.

Community colleges are the state's best investment. Because of the extra earning power of our graduates, every tax dollar spent on community colleges returns to the tax coffers within eight years. A 13% return on the state's original investment continues as long as the community college alumnus stays in Illinois.

Ninety-five percent of community college graduates remain in Illinois after completing their community college studies. The state cannot afford the chronic underfunding of its public community colleges.

**Unanimously adopted by the ICCTA Board of Representatives
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