

# ICCTA *BOARD HIGHLIGHTS*

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September 14, 2010

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its September 11, 2010, meeting at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois:

- Observed a moment of silence for trustee David Hancock (Logan);
- Asked for input on ICCTA's 2011 legislative agenda, which will be adopted at the February 2011 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Learned that ICCTA and the Illinois Presidents Council are considering the following initiatives for the spring 2011 legislative session:
  1. Protect associate degree nursing from attempts to require baccalaureate degrees for entry-level jobs
  2. Guarantee automatic transfer of community college courses to public four-year universities
  3. Secure more workforce dollars through a pilot program based on Iowa's workforce bonding program
  4. Protect community college Monetary Award Program funding and cap for-profit institutions' share of MAP funding
  5. Eliminate the Illinois State Board of Education's authority to approve associate-degree-granting authority for private institutions;
- Encouraged trustees to reach out to the 2010 gubernatorial candidates and invite them on campus to discuss community college issues;
- Heard reports on the Higher Education Finance Study Commission, the Illinois Community College Board, the ICCB Student Financial Aid Task Force, the ICCB Student Advisory Committee, the Illinois Green Energy Network, the Illinois Workforce Investment Board, and the Illinois Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults;
- Learned that ICCTA has given a \$5,000 donation to the Illinois Community College System Foundation. The contribution is designated for community college student scholarships;
- Received highly positive feedback on ICCTA's September 10 "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" seminar. The ICCTA Diversity Committee will "keep the momentum going" by asking local boards to conduct their own diversity self-assessments;
- Discussed the feasibility of conducting a new Illinois community college economic impact study. The last study was completed in 2007;
- Were informed that ICCTA's November 12 seminar will feature an update on community college legal and legislative issues;



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- Learned that the ICCTA Executive Committee approved Rock Valley College's request to move from the ICCTA West Suburban Region to the Northwest Region;
- Previewed the Oct. 20 - 23 Association of Community College Trustees' Leadership Congress in Toronto;
- Invited trustees to participate in the November 17-19 Illinois Council of Community College Administrators / Leadership and Core Values Institute in Tinley Park;
- Received the association's FY10 audit; and
- Adopted a resolution honoring Barbara Oilschlager for her outstanding service as ICCTA's 2009-2010 president.

### **ENCLOSURES**

- Save the Date flyer for ICCTA's November meeting
- Activities report from the Illinois Community College Board
- Report from the Illinois Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults
- Resolution honoring past ICCTA president Barbara Oilschlager

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Sept. 17 Illinois Community College Board, Illinois National Bank conference center, Springfield
- Sept. 20 Summit on Aging and Education, Illinois State University, Normal
- Sept. 21 First day to circulate candidate petitions for the April 5, 2011 trustee election
- Sept. 24 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, School of the Art Institute, Chicago
- Oct. 5 Illinois Board of Higher Education, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines
- Oct. 5 ICCTA West Suburban Region, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove
- Oct. 7 ICCTA Northwest Region, Highland Community College, Freeport
- Oct. 14-15 Illinois Presidents Council retreat, Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, Lincolnshire
- Oct. 20-23 Association of Community College Trustees' Leadership Congress, Toronto, Canada
- Oct. 21-22 Community College Teaching and Learning Excellence Conference, Springfield
- Nov. 2 General election
- Nov. 12 Illinois Community College Board meeting, Springfield
- Nov. 12 Illinois Presidents Council meeting, Doubletree Hotel, Oak Brook
- Nov. 12-13 ICCTA meetings, Doubletree Hotel, Oak Brook
- Nov. 16-18 Illinois General Assembly veto session
- Nov. 17-19 Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference, Holiday Inn, Tinley Park
- Nov. 19 Leadership and Core Values Institute, Holiday Inn, Tinley Park
- Nov. 19 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, Prairie State College, Chicago Heights
- Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Illinois General Assembly veto session

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on  
Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the Doubletree Hotel in Oak Brook.***

**Report for the Presidents Council and Trustees Association  
from the Illinois Community College Board  
Geoffrey Obrzut, President and Chief Executive Officer  
September 10-11, 2010**

**Budget and Finance**

- The Illinois Community College Board/State of Illinois has more than \$62 M in FY2010 outstanding payments. This includes two months of Equalization funding for most colleges, almost all of the Veterans Grants, about 25% of Adult Education grants, and all of the Student Success Grants. The fiscal year 2010 lapse period ends on December 31.
- ICCB member Suzanne Morris, Terry Bruce, and David Harby, ICCTA President, are all members of the Illinois Higher Education Finance Study Commission. The Commission was created through a Senate Joint Resolution this past spring. It has met twice and has three more meetings scheduled. The Commission is working toward a final product to be delivered to the General Assembly in December. The committee is spending considerable time on performance funding. The next meeting is September 23 at Robert Morris University in Chicago.

**Legislative Affairs**

- The ICCB does not anticipate initiating much legislation in the upcoming 2011 spring session of the 97th General Assembly. We are considering reintroducing legislation that would lower the level at which colleges qualifying for Equalization Grants must be with tuition and fees. Currently, the tuition and universal fees charged by colleges receiving this grant must be within 85% of the statewide average. The legislation being discussed would lower that percentage to 70%. The ICCB believes that lowering the percentage will help in some ways to keep tuition costs from rising merely to meet the current 85% level. The ICCB initiated such legislation this past spring, but after passing the Senate, the bill was amended by the House in such a manner as to be unacceptable for its original purpose.
- ICCB Chief Financial Officer Ellen Andres, Steve Morse, and I are scheduled to meet with the Governor's Legislative Affairs staff members on September 22 to discuss ICCB legislative priorities for the upcoming spring session.

**Public Information**

As most of you know, the ICCB is publishing a quarterly magazine distributed via email to interested parties in the community college system, members of the legislature, the Governor's office, and other groups. The magazine features articles on the colleges, the trustees, the faculty, the students, and the System Foundation. If you have information you would like to see published in the magazine, please contact Steve Morse ( [steve.morse@illinois.gov](mailto:steve.morse@illinois.gov) ) Submissions may also be made to [iccbmagazine@iccb.state.il.us](mailto:iccbmagazine@iccb.state.il.us). The next edition of the magazine is due out at the end of this month.

## **Board Information**

- The Governor has appointed Randy Barnette to the Board. Randy currently is employed by the Cook County College Teachers Union, Local 1600 (an IFT member). For about two years from late 2005 to early 2007, he was the Vice President for External Affairs at the ICCB. His appointment requires confirmation by the Illinois Senate.
- With appointment of Randy Barnette, the ICCB has only two vacancies left to fill.
- The ICCB's Student Advisory Committee has selected Austin Ashby to serve as the 2011 ICCB Student Board Member. Austin is an Agriculture Business major at Lake Land College in Mattoon.
- ICCB Vice Chair Suzanne Morris and I attended the recent Forum on For-Profit Colleges hosted by Sen. Dick Durbin in Chicago. Sue provided written testimony to the Senator's office regarding the ICCB's stance on for-profit colleges. I have several copies of her testimony available that those interested may pick up.

## **Student Development and Academic Affairs**

- The ICCB Student Advisory Committee (SAC) will hold its first meeting on Friday and Saturday, September 10-11, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield. Election of officers will be conducted for the SAC Chair, Vice Chair and Recording Officer. Participation in the ICCB Student Advisory Committee provides a great opportunity for your students to be involved in state leadership activities.
- The Illinois Community College Board is hosting the 2100 Forum for Excellence, on September 29-30, 2010 at the Springfield Hilton Hotel. With the theme of "Supporting the Development of Programs of Study" the Forum will feature local, state and national experts providing the latest research and practical advice to help ensure that Illinois Perkins and Partnerships for College and Career Success programs continue to be successful.
- The Illinois Community College Board has convened a Student Financial Aid Advisory Committee to explore options and provide suggestions on ways to improve financial aid opportunities for community college students. The committee includes representatives from the President's Council, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Student Service Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Adult Education Advisory Council, Trustees Association, Faculty Association, and the Student Advisory Council. The first meeting of the committee was held on Thursday, September 9.

## **Latino Advisory Committee**

Illinois community colleges are facing numerous challenges as they try to meet the needs of a diverse population of students. One population showing dramatic enrollment increases at our colleges is the Latino student population. Latino students have made up the largest number of minority enrollments since fiscal year 2000. An estimated 660,000 immigrants of Hispanic descent currently reside in Illinois. Latinos currently account for nearly 17 percent of our community college credit enrollees.

As an ethnic group, Latino students account for the only increase in overall enrollment relative to the entire community college student population. In adult education courses, almost 60 percent were enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

Many of these students are first generation college students and/or are limited English language speakers, requiring increased academic assistance and student services. Because of these changes in our student population, the colleges are faced with the task of eliminating barriers to success, providing more ESL training, and examining our delivery methods.

As a means of facilitating these necessary operational and educational changes, the Illinois Community College Board approved the formation of a Latino Advisory Committee at its March 2008 meeting to make recommendations on how to address these changes. The Latino Advisory Committee is composed of statewide advocates on Latino educational issues, as well as members of our community colleges and partner agencies. The Committee has developed recommendations on how the Illinois Community College System can better serve the expanding Latino population in the state:

- Dual Enrollment / Dual Credit– Enhance opportunities for dual credit/dual enrollment for Latino students and Adult Education students through increased funding and improved awareness.
- Institutional Improvement Plans– Encourage the development of Institutional Improvement Plans for the recruitment and retention of Latino students through a review of effective practices and the development of a self-assessment instrument for community colleges.
- Improved Access and Success–Improve access to, and success in, higher education for Latino students by providing templates for bilingual resource guides for counselors, parents, and students to help them navigate the educational process for higher education; by working with ACT to provide “college planning” resources in Spanish; by engaging Latino families; and by encouraging colleges to provide specially designed transition courses.

The committee is an ongoing ICCB advisory committee.

# Generations Serving Generations

NGA- Illinois Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults

Send an e-mail to [intnews@siu.edu](mailto:intnews@siu.edu) if you would like to include your campus in the local discussions on two critical economic issues: dropouts and health.

The discussions will follow the Summit on Aging and Education, convened by leaders in Aging and Education.

## 1. Summit on Aging and Education - Sept. 20

The Summit is a call to action for individuals of all generations to solve old problems through new cross-generational partnerships. This historic event will help mobilize the resources of all generations, through civic engagement, to address two critical economic issues: graduation rates and healthy lifestyles. (The invitation is on the next page.)

The Summit will be convened by Charles Johnson, director, Illinois Department on Aging, Chris Koch, State Superintendent of Education and Guy Alongi, chair, Illinois Community College Board.

## 2. Community College Presidents Lead the Way Discussions in October & November

Community college presidents will involve other leaders in their communities to brainstorm about how older adults are engaged as resources. Retirees and students can provide the energy and wisdom to organize your local meetings.

The National Governors Association- Illinois Policy Academy will report on your

- accomplishments related to increasing graduation rates and promoting healthy lifestyles
- engaging all generations in the work of the community
- leadership and organization of service efforts between generations
- recommendations on increasing these efforts.

## 3. Older Adults Are a Growing Resource

The talents of older adults are extraordinary but we aren't tapping them. According the Bureau of Labor Statistics fewer than 7% volunteer for education. Why? Over 68% say, "Because we aren't asked."

For additional information: <http://www.solit.siu.edu/genservegen/>

Illinois Department  
on Aging



Illinois State  
Board of Education

President Paul Quinn  
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State Superintendent Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.  
Board Chairman Jess C. Jurek

August 25, 2010

Dear Partner in Education:

You are invited to join us September 20 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Normal on the campus of Illinois State University at the New Alumni Center for the first *Illinois Summit on Aging and Education*. The purpose of the summit is to bring together stakeholders to share experiences and hopes for the future. We aim to find new strategies to address two issues: (1) increase learning for students in Illinois and (2) boost health benefits for older adults. We think one way to accomplish both goals is to encourage more interaction between the generations.

The focus is primarily on the civic engagement of older adults, which leads to a wider effort of generations serving generations. Researchers have produced data that show significant gains by children tutored by older adults. The same study also suggests that older adults who interacted with the children experienced positive health benefits.

The *Illinois Summit on Aging and Education* is sponsored by the National Governors Association (NGA) *Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults*. Illinois was chosen by NGA to lead an initiative to improve the health and lives of older adults and increase their involvement in service, learning, and work. A team of dedicated professionals in Illinois has been working to map out the best strategies to engage older adults and tap into their talents to benefit others, which in this case means students.

The summit is the first of four events scheduled for September through December. In October and November, community college presidents will host local summits throughout the state to gather information about how people across generations are making an impact on school dropouts and in promoting healthy lifestyles. In December, as part of the Governor's Conference on Aging, participants will present the work being undertaken to promote healthy lifestyles across generations and ensure our youngest Illinoisans are on track to succeed by graduating from high school, moving on to college and then to meaningful careers. Finally, a report will be prepared for the Governor and General Assembly.

We look forward to your wisdom and involvement.

Attached is an agenda for the First Summit on Aging and Education. Please respond to [intnews@isiu.edu](mailto:intnews@isiu.edu).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Christopher A. Koch in black ink.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Education

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Johnson in black ink.

Charles D. Johnson  
Director, Illinois Department on Aging

Attachment

**I C C T A**  
ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
BARBARA D. OILSCHLAGER  
2009 - 2010 PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, Barbara D. Oilschlager served with distinction as the 35th president of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association; and

**WHEREAS**, under President Oilschlager's leadership, the Trustees Association vigorously and successfully lobbied for the restoration of Monetary Award Program grants and the timely release of operating funds for the state's public community colleges, and

**WHEREAS**, President Oilschlager wrote and submitted a series of "letters to the editor" on community college topics that appeared in local newspapers around the state;


**WHEREAS**, under President Oilschlager's leadership, ICCTA continued an aggressive statewide public relations initiative to improve the public perception of community colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, President Oilschlager strengthened ICCTA's partnerships with the Illinois Presidents Council, the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Association of Community College Trustees, and the Illinois Workforce Investment Board; and

**WHEREAS**, President Oilschlager clearly demonstrated that "Ordinary people, working together with common purpose, can achieve extra-ordinary results;"

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Illinois Community College Trustees Association expresses its collective appreciation to Barbara D. Oilschlager for her outstanding leadership during the 2009-2010 year.

*Unanimously adopted by the  
ICCTA Board of Representatives  
on September 11, 2010  
in Springfield, Illinois*

  
David W. Harby  
2010 - 2011 President



# ***SAVE THE DATES!!!***

Trustees Roundtable  
Presidents Council meeting  
Illinois Community College Board meeting  
*Legal and Legislative Update* seminar  
ICCTA committee meetings  
ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting

**November 11 - 13, 2010**  
**Doubletree Hotel Chicago - Oak Brook**  
**1909 Spring Road**  
**Oak Brook, Illinois**

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