

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

Six Hundred Seventy First Meeting
January 31, 2006

MINUTES

Ms. Mary Lee Johnson, Chair, convened the 671st Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:01 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2006 in the Board Room of the College.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Ms. Mary Lee Johnson, Chair
Ms. Janice Pearson, Vice Chair
Mr. Michael Camilli
Ms. Peg Donohue
Mr. Mark Fazzini
Mr. John Marks
Ms. Yolanda Beamon, Student Trustee

Board Members Absent

Ms. Kathleen Doyle, Secretary

Table Participants Present

Dr. Paul J. McCarthy, President
Ms. Patricia Trost, Board Recorder
Dr. Linda Uzureau, Vice President, Academic Affairs
Mr. Robert Tenuta, Vice President, Business & Information Services
Dr. Stephen Nunes, Vice President, Community & Economic Development
Ms. Mary Reaves, Vice President, Student Affairs
Mr. John Flannigan, Faculty Representative
Ms. Sue Braasch, Staff Representative

Table Participants Absent

Mr. Richard Ray, Student Representative

Administrative Staff Members

Ms. Debbie Allen, Ms. Gwen Dean, Ms. Betsy Elliot, Ms. Diane Janowiak, Mr. Craig Mulling,
Dr. Susan Solberg, Dr. Utem Watba, Ms. Angela Winters-Harmon, Ms. Terri Dousias Winfree

Support Staff Members

Ms. Joan Johns

Faculty Members

Ms. Patti Eberhardt, Ms. Sue Hegarty, Ms. Barbara Johnson, Ms. Nancy Kasten, Ms. Kathleen Malic, Ms. Gena Richardson

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News Media

Ms. Clare Walters, *The Star*

Other

Ms. Sande McCarthy; Ms. Heather Kingery; Alderman Frank Perez; Mr. Andrew Richardson;
Mr. Rich Richardson

ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

SECRETARY PRO TEM

Ms. Pearson moved and Ms. Donohue seconded to appoint Mr. Mark Fazzini as secretary pro tem. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Tenure Recommendations

At Dr. McCarthy's request, Dr. Uzureau reviewed the tenure process.

Dr. Uzureau requested Dean Gwen Dean to highlight the portfolios of Assistant Professor Gena Richardson.

Mr. Camilli moved and Ms. Pearson seconded that the Board of Trustees award a faculty tenure appointment to Assistant Professor Gena Richardson.

Upon the roll of call, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Beamon	Aye

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Ms. Richardson thanked the Board, Dr. McCarthy, Dr. Uzureau, Ms. Dean, the tenure committee and her family.

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Mulling reported the College was one of eight community colleges nationwide to receive a grant entitled "Project Reach: Service Inclusion for Community College Students" from the American Association of Community Colleges. The College will receive \$49,000 over two and a half years. Ms. Diane Janowiak, Director of Disability Services & Testing; Ms. Charmaine Jake-Matthews, Associate

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Professor of Psychology and Ms. Cheryl Cherny, Director of Rehabilitation Services at SouthStar Services make up the project team.

Ms. Johnson stated it is the privilege of the Chair of the Board to set the agenda for the Board meetings and to modify such agenda with cause. Item Number 7 before the Board is the discussion of "Board Liaisons." Following the precedence set November 22, 2004, the Chair has been contacted by Ms. Doyle who was unable to attend this meeting, but very much wishes to be part of the discussion, and have input into this potential change in governance.

A secondary consideration in favor of delay is the arrival of materials from legal counsel that board members will need time to review. Item number 7 is being pulled from the agenda with discussion being postponed until the next regular Board meeting.

Since there is no objection from any Board members, the discussion of board liaisons will be placed on next month's agenda. It was agreed if someone cannot attend the next meeting, the issue will be discussed no matter what. Ms. Johnson asked that all Board members attend the next meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Fazzini moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the following items of consent:

Minutes

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the 670th Regular Meeting of December 20, 2005; the Minutes of the Executive Session of December 20, 2005, with release date of one year; and Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 25, 2006; as presented.

Bills Payable – FY2006

That the Board of Trustees approve the FY2006 List of Bills Payable for January, as indicated in the enclosure.

Upon the roll of call, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Beamon	Aye

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Community Service Awards (Nomination Process)

Dr. McCarthy stated he would like to see these two awards presented at a Board meeting rather than at Commencement. He will discuss this with the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Camilli moved and Ms. Pearson seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Johnson and Ms. Donohue to review the nominations submitted for the Dr. James H. Griffith Community Service Award (student award) and Michael R. Monteleone Community Service Award (community member award) and submit their recommendations to the Board by March 13, 2006. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Bid Recommendation – Three Smart Classrooms for Business & Community Education Center

Ms. Pearson moved and Ms. Donohue seconded that the Board of Trustees award the bid for three (3) smart classrooms for the Business & Community Education Center to the lowest responsible bidder, Pentegra Systems, LLC, in the amount of \$9,785.00, for the total bid.

Upon the roll of call, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Beamon	Aye

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

REPORTS

President's Report

Dr. McCarthy reported there was an increase in enrollment this spring. The increase is attributable in part to our noncredit courses and adult education classes which were included by the tenth day. He thanked everyone in the one stop who added additional days for registration. As noted in Dr. Uzureau's report, the newly formed Enrollment Development Council launched a number of marketing initiatives for spring.

Dr. McCarthy announced Dr. Chuck Middleton, President of Roosevelt University, has agreed to be the speaker at this year's Commencement. Dr. Middleton is a historian and an excellent speaker. This will cement the College's relationship with Roosevelt University. Their student body is similar to Prairie State's.

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Dr. McCarthy contacted Representative David Miller, Chair of the House Higher Education Committee. He asked Representative Miller that when the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) comes before the committee that they make sure ICCB takes into account the percentage of developmental students Prairie State has when the student success grant is discussed. Prairie State, South Suburban, Morton and the City Colleges serve a greater percentage of developmental students than most other colleges. In addition, Dr. McCarthy doubled his request from last year for funds for GED and ESL. Prairie State does more GED testing than any other college. Dr. McCarthy also urged Representative Miller to put more money into the Illinois Veteran's grant. The College runs out of funds by spring and ends up spending more money. Representative Miller was unaware of that issue.

The CDL trucks will be moved as soon as the Secretary of State's office gives its approval.

Dr. McCarthy is working with Mr. Jim White, Phi Theta Kappa advisor to assist Dr. McCarthy in scheduling regular dialogue with students beginning this spring.

In the Information Items of the packet, there is a letter from Ms. Kathy Bader regarding the Crete Art Fair. Dr. McCarthy noted the College gets numerous requests from community organizations who wish to use our billboard; however, the billboard is only for College business.

President's Cabinet Monthly Reports

Ms. Pearson inquired as to whether or not the Chicagoland Regional College Program (CRCP) encourages students to excel because of the monetary award. Ms. Reaves stated it does and the College had three students who were honored and received a monetary award at the recent ceremony. Mr. Camilli commented he met with Art Jackson to view the new surveillance cameras. Although the College is safe, the cameras will help tighten security and certain issues will probably be eradicated. The camera system is quite unique. Mr. Tenuta said part of the system is through homeland security and the other part is through the College's network. Ms. Donohue inquired if the training for female staff in the Children's Learning Center was routine or for a specific reason. Mr. Tenuta responded it was a self defense class offered through Campus & Public Safety. Ms. Donohue congratulated Ms. Dousias Winfree who served on a panel at the Thought Leadership Forum.

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Tenuta reviewed the monthly financial report. Ms. Johnson asked about the high gas and electric costs. Mr. Tenuta reported the college continues to monitor the costs.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Schedule for Future Board/College Events

The art gallery opening is scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd at 4:30 p.m. The exhibit honors 25 artists who have exhibited their work in the gallery over the past ten years. The Jazz Fest is scheduled for February 10th. A number of administrators will be attending the Homeland Security and Emergency Response Institute on February 21st and 22nd in Springfield.

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ICCTA/ACCT Report

The next ICCTA meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 17th and Saturday, March 18th. Ms. Donohue will be out of town and asked if any other Board member would be willing to attend the meeting. If any Board member is interested, they should notify Ms. Donohue. Ms. Donohue stated she sent a personal thanks to Mr. Michael Monaghan, Executive Director of ICCTA, for advising the board on board liaisons at last week's meeting.

Prairie State College Foundation Report

Ms. Pearson reported a number of donations the Foundation recently received. She also noted the Foundation has more success with the Special Event when it is held at a local country club rather than a downtown venue.

Discussion of Board Liaisons

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

Table Participant Comments

Mr. Flannigan thanked the Board for awarding tenure to Ms. Richardson, thanked Dr. McCarthy for securing the commencement speaker and solidifying ties with Roosevelt. Mr. Flannigan noted and he Ms. Stein took their students to view the exhibit at the art gallery which was wonderful.

Ms. Beamon pointed out the schedule of events for Black History Month which was at everyone's place. She also noted Mardi Gras week, soul food in the cafeteria, poetry reading, "Journey to South Africa" lecture, and trip to DuSable Museum.

Mr. Camilli acknowledged Mr. Frank Perez, Alderman from the City of Chicago Heights noting it was nice to see him giving the College support. He congratulated Ms. Richardson on her tenure.

Ms. Pearson congratulated Ms. Richardson and said hello to Alderman Perez. She noted the Foundation is doing wonderful work and is glad to be the liaison to the Foundation.

Ms. Donohue pointed out a wonderful exhibit of African artifacts and art work at Tall Grass Art Gallery. She congratulated Ms. Richardson and recognized Mr. Charles Dieringer who was in the audience. Ms. Donohue reported a number of trustees, along with Dr. McCarthy, are going to Washington, D.C. next week for the Association of Community College Trustees legislative summit. She is looking forward to meeting with the legislators.

Mr. Fazzini congratulated Ms. Richardson and commented on the outstanding job that was done on the Jazz Fest poster. He hopes it will be submitted for an award.

Mr. Camilli suggested each Board member take the poster to a local business to be displayed.

Ms. Johnson is excited about the DuSable Museum trip for the students and the gallery opening which shows there is wonderful culture at the College.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Camilli moved and Ms. Donohue seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Mary Lee Johnson, Chair

Mark Fazzini, Secretary Pro Tem

Patricia G. Trost, Board Recorder
