

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

**Six Hundred Seventy Fourth Meeting
April 25, 2006**

MINUTES

Ms. Janice Pearson, Chair, convened the 674th Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2006 in the Board Room of the College.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Mr. Michael Camilli, 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
Mr. Richard Ray, Student Representative

Administrative Staff Members

Ms. Debbie Allen; Ms. Celeste Branding; Ms. Gwen Dean; Ms. Betsy Elliot; Ms. Pam Gaitskill;
Mr. Art Jackson; Mr. Chuck Jenrich, Mr. Ron Leet; Ms. Paulette Maurer, Dr. Craig Mulling, Dr.
Susan Solberg, Ms. Jeri Vazquez, Dr. Utem Watba, Ms. Angela Winters-Harmon

Support Staff Members

Ms. Joan Johns, Mr. Julius Neveles, Ms. Jill Yott

Faculty Members

Ms. Vivian Zimmerman

News Media

Ms. Clare Walters, *The Star*

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Other

Ms. Yolanda Beamon, Parent of Ms. Yolanda Beamon; Ms. Sande McCarthy; Mr. Chuck L. Smith, Jr., Parent of Ms. Klaudia Smith; Ms. Sibyl A. Smith, Parent of Ms. Klaudia Smith; Mr. Omar Solomon, PSC Student; Mr. Ron Wexler, PSC Foundation

SECRETARY PRO TEM

Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Johnson seconded to appoint Ms. Kathleen Doyle Secretary Pro Tem. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.

ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Vivian Zimmerman, President of the newly formed Adjunct Faculty Union, thanked the Board for approving the adjunct faculty contract. Ms. Zimmerman and Ms. Pearson signed the contract. Mr. Fazzini, Ms. Donohue and Ms. Doyle expressed their appreciation for the work done by the adjunct faculty.

INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Yolanda Beamon, Student Trustee, was recognized by the Board for her service this past year.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION

Ms. Kathleen Doyle, Secretary Pro Tem, administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Klaudia Smith.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Minutes

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the 673rd Regular Meeting of March 28, 2006, Minutes of the Executive Session of March 28, 2006, with a release date of one year; and Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of April 6, 2006; as presented.

Full-Time Faculty Overloads and Adjunct Faculty Compensation for the Second Eight Week Session, 2006 Spring Term - Credit Classes

That the Board of Trustees approve the full time faculty overload compensation in the amount of \$4,278.00 and adjunct faculty compensation in the amount of \$87,788.69, for the Second Eight Week Session of the 2006 Spring Term, credit classes.

Adjunct Faculty Compensation and Compensation for Administrators and Staff for the Second Eight Week Session, 2006 Spring Term - Non Credit Classes

That the Board of Trustees approve adjunct faculty compensation in the amount of \$38,275.00 and compensation for administrators and staff on teaching assignments of \$1,125.00, for the Second Eight Week Session of the 2006 Spring Term, non credit classes.

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Approval of 2006-2007 Schedule and Place of Regular Board Meetings

That the Board of Trustees approve the proposed Schedule and Place of Regular Board Meetings of Community College District 515.

Bills Payable – FY2006

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

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Abstain

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

ACTION ITEMS

The Board agreed an Executive Session was not necessary at this time.

Faculty Appointment - Political Science

Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Andrew J. Schott to a full-time faculty position in Political Science, effective August 15, 2006, at a salary of \$44,495.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Advisory

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

Faculty Appointment - Nursing

Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Gretchen Miller Carolan to a full-time faculty position in Nursing, effective August 15, 2006, at a salary of

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\$40,745.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Advisory

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

Appointment of Associate Dean of the Library

Ms. Donohue moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Gerald Mackay as the Associate Dean of the Library, effective July 3, 2006, at a salary of \$70,000.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Advisory

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

Appointment of Dean of Business and Technology

Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Mary Klinefelter as the Dean of Business and Technology, effective July 3, 2006, at a salary of \$76,000.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Advisory

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

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Appointment of Controller/Director of Business Services

Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Randall Sonnemaker as Controller/Director of Business Services, effective May 1, 2006, at a salary of \$65,000.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Advisory

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

Ethics Commission

Dr. McCarthy noted, on the advice of the College Counsel, the Board take no action on this item. He stated he appointed Ms. Debbie Allen, Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations, as the College's Ethics Officer. All other issues with regard to the Ethics Commission will be sorted out at a future date.

Tuition Increase

Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees approve a tuition increase of \$6.00 per credit hour beginning Fall 2006.

Dr. McCarthy thanked Mr. Tenuta, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Beamon and Mr. Ray for putting together the town hall meeting for students. Students learned the reason for the tuition increase is simply the state is not providing enough money to cover the costs. Students understood this and came away from the meeting with alternative ways to cover their tuition through a presentation by Ms. Cathy Kloss, Executive Director of the Foundation.

Ms. Doyle complimented Ms. Beamon on the wonderful job she did in putting together the meeting. The questions the students asked were very good ones. Ms. Beamon thanked Mr. Tenuta for all the information he provided.

Dr. McCarthy stated he had two students who came to his office in the past week to say how much they loved Prairie State College. One of them stopped by this morning. The student wanted to tell Dr. McCarthy that he was grateful he had opportunity to attend the recent Phi Theta Kappa meeting in Seattle. In the course of the conversation, the student told Dr. McCarthy he loved Prairie State College, received solid instruction and appreciated the additional opportunities that have been made available to him as a student. He added he knew the College had a budget problem and was thinking of raising tuition. The student asked that the College not do anything that changes what is going on right now.

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Thanks to Ms. Beamon for making sure the students were informed.

Ms. Donohue stated it is unfortunate to have to increase tuition; however, there is a need to do it even though it is difficult to do. It is important the College make every effort to find other resources for the students.

Ms. Beamon stated once the students had an understanding of what they were paying for community college tuition versus a four year college, it lightened the blow of the tuition increase.

Mr. Fazzini thanked Dr. McCarthy for the information he gave to the Board. He noted he asked for more specific information regarding expenses and revenues. With regard to capital spending, the College could save \$100,000 if it used limited tax bonds rather than \$100,000 from the operation and maintenance fund. That could save \$1.00 per credit hour. Mr. Fazzini added he sees many pieces of the financial puzzle. He understands that students need to pay their part; however, the College needs to seek more grants and increase enrollment in order to increase revenues. There are many other ways to decrease the \$600,000 deficit and the College needs to work hard to do it. For these reasons, Mr. Fazzini cannot personally support a \$6.00 per credit hour increase. He could support a \$4.00 per credit hour increase, but will only make that motion or put it on the table if the \$6.00 increase does not pass.

Dr. McCarthy noted the College is working hard to increase enrollment. However, he anticipates enrollment to be flat in spite of its efforts. Grant income is about \$480,000 this year and was just over \$500,000 last year. It is unlikely the College is going to do more than that. In terms of the limited tax bonds, the College does not want to do any more borrowing. Dr. McCarthy stated the College is maxed out until 2018. Mr. Fazzini asked if the College still had some borrowing power. Mr. Tenuta stated there is some room to borrow; but it is limited and not the way to go at this time. The College is working very hard to cut costs where it can.

Ms. Johnson commented the College has heard from the students who also see clear need for this increase. In addition, the community is aware of what is happening. Although it does not feel good, it is time to raise our tuition in order to maintain the same services and faculty the College now has.

Ms. Donohue disagrees that the Board has not been given enough information. The administration has been very open about the budget issue. This is a national issue and although she does not want to speak in favor of a tuition increase, she also knows this is a reality. Ms. Doyle agreed.

Ms. Pearson expressed her concern about the middle class student being squeezed out of a college education. She inquired about the fund balance and whether the College could use some of that as a cushion. Dr. McCarthy stated it was possible, but it is a decision for the Board to make. Ms. Doyle stated middle class students are more likely to be squeezed out of universities than community colleges.

Dr. McCarthy pointed out there will be a number of students for which the tuition increase will be a hardship. For example, there are a number of scholarships where a student will need to establish a record their first semester. Once that is done, they can apply for assistance through the Foundation. However, this will not be full funding.

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Ms. Pearson asked if the Board preferred to increase the tuition by \$6.00 per credit or was it willing to look at using the reserves. Mr. Fazzini stated it is worth looking into many other sources such as increasing enrollment rather than going to the fund balance. Ms. Doyle pointed out if enrollment increases, the Board may not have to raise tuition next year.

Ms. Johnson believes the faculty and staff are always seeking out grant funds and other potential revenue resources for the College. This would be icing on the cake. The Board has been presented with this material for a number of months, a wonderful town hall meeting was held with the students and Board members have spoken to people in their communities about the need to increase tuition.

Ms. Pearson commented the Illinois Community College Trustees Association and the Association of Community College Trustees have been talking about state cuts and the effects on community colleges. This is something the Board should have been looking at in advance of this type of an increase.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Nay
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Nay
Ms. Smith	Advisory

The vote being four (4) Ayes, two (2) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Bid Recommendation – 60 Computers and 35 Monitors

Ms. Donohue moved and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees award the bid for 60 computers and 35 monitors to the lowest responsible bidder, Premio Computers, in the amount of \$60,935.00 for the total bid.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Abstain

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

Bid Recommendation – 11 Programmable Logic Control Systems

Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the Board of Trustees award the bid for

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eleven Programmable Logic Control Systems to the lowest responsible bidder, Revere Electric Supply Company, in the amount of \$22,290.95 for the total bid.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Abstain

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Abstain, the motion carried.

Purchase Recommendation – Copier Replacements

Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Donohue seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of copier replacements from Martin Whalen Equipment Company in the amount of \$44,682.00.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Aye

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

Purchase Recommendation – Intranet Software

Ms. Doyle moved and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of intranet software application and support from Open-Xchange, Inc., a sole source purchase, in the amount of \$17,168.25.

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Aye

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

REPORTS

President's Report

Dr. McCarthy announced a job fair was now in progress in the Atrium. A copy of the Phi Theta Kappa program booklet was distributed to each Board member. The Communications Department and specifically, Ms. Kristin Laskey, was instrumental in designing the booklet.

Dr. McCarthy pointed out the letter from Alderman Kevin Perkins expressing his thanks for the College's participation in the Chicago Heights Sister City-African Diaspora Initiative.

An article regarding truck driving which will be published in several trade magazines highlights Prairie State College. The College's program has placed close to 1,000 people in high paying jobs. Dr. Nunes added he recently attended a meeting at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Nine community colleges were represented; four state legislators were also present. They discussed the impact of the Illinois Veteran's Grant and the amount of money each College is losing. The legislators were unaware of this issue. Dr. Nunes hopes positive results will come from the meeting.

Dr. McCarthy reported he spoke to Representative David Miller before the Board meeting. Representative Miller was called into a meeting with the Governor, Emil Jones, the Speaker of the House and a number of others. At that meeting, they discussed how much money should be in the budget for the Illinois Veteran's Grant. Representative Miller recommended \$7 million be added to the budget. However, he was not optimistic about getting the money into the budget, but said at least it was being discussed. The General Assembly was not aware of this issue at all before the publicity the last few weeks.

Ms. Peggy Michael, a PSC student, was the winner of the ICCTA Paul Simon Essay Contest. Ms. Michael will receive a \$500 scholarship and will be honored at the ICCTA banquet in June. Dr. Uzureau's report notes PSC student, Mangal Tyagi has been selected to participate in a 10-week Community College Institute at Brookhaven National Laboratory this summer.

Dr. McCarthy asked the Board to look at the stairs leading down to the atrium near Human Resources. Fluorescent striping has been placed on the steps and wall. This is first place this has been done as part of the preparing the College for an emergency exit. Styrofoam tubes will be put on lights so they stay lit for at least 24 hours after the lights go out. Kudos to Mr. Tenuta and Mr. Leet for discovering this program

The Homewood Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting on campus about two weeks ago. Ms. Cathy Kloss, who represents the College at the Chamber, noted it was the first time in memory that they ever applauded the food. This was a triumph for Chef Ron. As a result of this conference, at least two members inquired about renting the Business & Community Education Center for a meeting.

On a sad note, Ms. Kloss and at least two members of the Foundation will attend services for Mr. Jerry Hesse, husband of Ms. Marty Bramlette Hesse. The College was shocked by the news of his sudden death. Condolences were sent on behalf of the Board and the Foundation.

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President's Cabinet Monthly Reports

Dr. Uzureau, Mr. Tenuta, Dr. Nunes and Ms. Reaves were available for any questions. Ms. Pearson inquired if at least one counselor attended from each high school in the district at the high school counselors workshop. Dr. Uzureau stated the College always has a good turnout and most, if not all, high schools were represented.

FY2007 Budget Development Process and Schedule

The calendar is developed by Mr. Tenuta outlining the schedule for the budget process.

Enrollment Report

This is a more detailed report than the 10th Day Report previously submitted to the Board.

Energy Report

Mr. Leet reported the College had a 16% savings in gas. One reason was the mild winter. Another was the College had negotiated prices and therefore was locked into decent prices for not only gas, but electricity as well. The College will be locked into these prices through September or October of this year and will continue to look into ways of saving money on utilities.

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Tenuta reviewed the monthly financial report.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Schedule for Future Board/College Events

Dr. McCarthy pointed out the following dates: Diversity luncheon with Robin Kelly as the featured speaker and the Student Affairs Minority Transfer Luncheon scheduled for April 27th; the Student Leadership Awards on April 28th; the Jesse Jackson, Jr. High School Art Exhibition on April 29th; the Phi Theta Kappa Induction ceremony on May 5th; the All Latin Alliance Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 6th; the Retirement and Recognition Luncheon on May 12th; the pinning ceremonies and commencement on May 20th; and the Foundation golf outing on June 5th.

ICCTA/ACCT Report

Ms. Donohue reported she and Dr. McCarthy attended the ICCTA South Suburban Region meeting at Joliet Junior College. Ms. Mary Nolan from Moraine Valley Community College was appointed Chair. It was a good meeting and the presentation that we had was excellent. The ICCTA annual convention is scheduled from Thursday, June 8th through Saturday, June 10th in Springfield.

Prairie State College Foundation Report

Mr. Ron Wexler reported the Foundation's Economic Forecast Breakfast was well attended and they raised \$7,588. The golf outing is scheduled for June 5th at Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood. It's always a great event. If someone is not a golfer, they can come for dinner and meet the people who support the College. Of course, there are also opportunities to support the golf outing such as sponsoring a hole. Participants' cars will be washed while they golf. If any golfer gets a hole in one at the hole sponsored by Arnie Bauer GMC, they will win a car.

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Services Committee

Ms. Donohue recommended the Board's Services Committee have a standing meeting date every month. When there is an issue to be brought forward, then the meeting is already scheduled. It can be a loose structure; however, a chair of the committee could be appointed if needed. Dr. McCarthy stated in the timetable of Board recommendations, there is a list of when those contracts were last considered and when they should be considered again. This is probably a good guide for the Board to use. Mr. Fazzini noted these contracts are years in length and to set up a monthly meeting is not necessary. If the Board would like to set one up every six months, that may work. Ms. Pearson stated other items for the Services Committee to be considered would be College services such as the Children's Learning Center and Matteson Area Center. Ms. Pearson and Dr. McCarthy can discuss the services and then bring it to the board as necessary.

Dr. James H. Griffith and Mr. Michael R. Monteleone Community Service Awards

Ms. Johnson reported she and Ms. Donohue reviewed the nominations for both of these awards. They agreed the 2006 Dr. James H. Griffith Award would be given to Ms. Yolanda Beamon. The 2006 Mr. Michael R. Monteleone award would be given to Mr. Calvin Bellamy.

*Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Donohue seconded that the Board of Trustees award the 2006 Dr. James H. Griffith Community Service Award to Ms. Yolanda H. Beamon and the 2006 Mr. Michael R. Monteleone Community Service Award to Mr. Calvin Bellamy. **All members presented voted Aye, and the motion carried.***

The Board agreed to give the recipients the choice of receiving the award at either the May or June Board meeting. Ms. Trost will notify them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees go into Executive Session for "the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity."

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

Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Smith	Aye

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:19 p.m.

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The Board agreed to delay the Executive Session until after the Table Participant Comments.

Table Participant Comments

Mr. Flannigan congratulated Ms. Pearson, Mr. Fazzini and Mr. Camilli on their election as officers of the Board, Ms. Zimmerman and the adjunct faculty on their contract, and Ms. Beamon for her outstanding service and noted she will be greatly missed. He wished Ms. Smith the best. He thanked the Board for approving the faculty appointments and deans and thanked all the search committees. Mr. Flannigan appreciated the way the tuition increase was handled and applauds the way it was done. He added he heard feedback from students who really appreciated having been given so much information.

Ms. Braasch agreed with Mr. Flannigan. She added she will miss Ms. Beamon, who did an excellent job, and welcomed Ms. Smith.

Mr. Ray pointed out the Student Leadership awards dinner will be held on Friday, April 28th at Dave & Buster's in Addison. He will miss Ms. Beamon who did an excellent job and looks forward to working with Ms. Smith.

Ms. Beamon thanked everyone for everything. She appreciated the Griffith award for community service. She added she enjoyed the year noting it was truly a learning experience. Ms. Beamon will be attending University of Illinois, Springfield. She hopes everyone will stop by when they are in Springfield.

Ms. Smith thanked everyone for the opportunity and looks forward to working with everyone.

Ms. Donohue thanked Ms. Beamon for her wonderful service. She consistently brought up issues that were important to the College and was an excellent trustee. Ms. Donohue enjoyed her company and celebrating Ms. Beamon's 21st birthday with her. She looks forward to working with Ms. Smith and wished her luck.

Ms. Donohue inquired why the proximity lock system bid recommendation was pulled from the agenda. She pointed out there was a legitimate bid opening and two qualified bidders submitted bids. She asked what additional information is needed if we've already opened the bids. Mr. Fazzini stated it is the prerogative of the Chair to pull a recommendation from the agenda. She has the authority to pull any recommendation. He requested additional information about the project that has not yet come to the College. Ms. Pearson added she pulled the item because she did not deem it fair to spend the money on a lock system at the same meeting a tuition increase was being considered. Ms. Donohue stated one does not have anything to do with the other.

Mr. Tenuta stated the lock system will be paid for out of the Fund 12 which is supported solely by property tax levies so it does not use tuition dollars. Ms. Pearson stated she was unaware of that fact and having that information may have changed her mind. Mr. Tenuta explained this was

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a project staff was going to complete over the summer. The delay in awarding this bid could cause the project to be disruptive to the students. Therefore, it may be deferred to next year and go out to bid again.

Ms. Donohue again noted the College had two legitimate bidders who answered the bids. Mr. Tenuta pointed out one of the bidders may be disqualified since the College cannot confirm the substituted product will work with the Datatel system.

Ms. Donohue stated there is one name that comes up in the information about a company that is not able to give the College what is needed since they do not support Datatel. She asked if they are going to get preferred treatment. In addition, she inquired whether the company answered the bid and attended the bidder's meeting. Mr. Tenuta stated they did not. Ms. Donohue asked if the College is asking for additional information. Mr. Fazzini stated yes. He explained it is not to put them into the bid process, but simply to get more information. Administration is recommending going with a system that ties to Datatel. That is the key to going with the RFP the College has requested. The College currently has a proximity lock system on campus and would like to expand that system to cover the third and fourth floors. Mr. Fazzini is requesting an estimate from the other company even though it does not connect with Datatel or it could in a roundabout way. The Board needs to have that information. In view of the budget constraints of the College, there may not be an advantage to spending more money to join those two systems. Mr. Fazzini is asking for an estimate to expand the current proximity lock system on campus. The company the College currently uses is not in the bid process. The number the College will receive from the company will not be an official number but only an estimate. By having that information, the Board can decide if it is too costly to buy a Cadillac system when a Chevy system that works just as well. The Board will have all the information necessary to make a decision.

Ms. Johnson commented that for one board member to infringe himself or herself on the bid process borders on unethical. The bids went out and a public request for bids was published in the newspapers. If a company chooses not to bid and a Board member representing him or herself as the Board or if administration, approaches that company, there are some issues of ethical concern. Ms. Johnson would like to bring those concerns to the Chair. Mr. Fazzini stated that scenario does not exist. He asked the administration to get that information. Ms. Pearson pointed out that if Ms. Johnson has a way to charge Mr. Fazzini with unethical behavior then the Board should do so. Ms. Johnson stated she is not saying that. However, the Board needs to be aware that when a bid goes out to the public and is opened, that should be the end.

Ms. Pearson asked Mr. Tenuta if the new locks that now use swipe cards are being removed and replaced. The only swipe locks being replaced are those that the College are the obsolete locks. Mr. Tenuta stated another reason for not using the other control system is it would require the use

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of two different swipe cards. Ms. Pearson asked if the current card system is tied into Datatel. Mr. Tenuta stated it is not and that is the objective of this bid.

Ms. Donohue would like to have a clearer understanding about the process and how this was handled. A single person cannot just go in and pull something when there are qualified bidders. She is concerned about the process. Ms. Pearson stated Mr. Fazzini had one issue and she had another issue.

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Her concern would have been alleviated if she knew which fund the swipe lock system was coming from. Mr. Fazzini has been waiting for his information for two months. Ms. Donohue noted this was pulled by Ms. Pearson's request. Ms. Pearson explained she did not feel comfortable having both the swipe lock expenditure and increase for tuition on the same agenda.

Ms. Donohue stated the bigger issue is that the College had qualified bidders. Pulling this recommendation so that someone else would have a chance to give a quote after having a legal bid and legal bid opening was improper. Mr. Tenuta clearly stated the hardware in the ATOC building could still be used. The College is not wasting the money invested in that system; it is simply increasing the proximity lock system to the whole College and using software that will work with existing hardware and interface with Datatel. Mr. Fazzini took it out on his own against Mr. Tenuta's recommendation not to have an integrated system. She has a problem with one trustee acting without letting the others know the rationale behind it.

Mr. Fazzini noted the Board, in the past, when one trustee needed information for an issue to come before the Board, has asked the administration to provide that information and things were held for that reason. It has happened before and it will probably happen again when someone needs additional information.

Ms. Donohue stated she does not understand why a bid was not awarded. Ms. Donohue asked Dr. McCarthy to give her more information regarding the bid process. She does not understand how one person can stop a bid. In addition, it could slow up the installation process. Mr. Fazzini pointed out he was unaware of that piece of information. He should have been informed of that prior to this meeting.

Ms. Johnson asked if the two bids will still be good. Mr. Tenuta stated they probably will still be good.

Mr. Marks welcomed Ms. Smith.

Mr. Fazzini congratulated Ms. Beamon and stated it was fun working with her. He also congratulated and welcomed Ms. Smith. He asked if a letter had been sent to the Crete Monee School District thanking them for hosting the March Board meeting. The letter was sent. Mr. Fazzini asked if condolences had been sent to Ms. Bramlette Hesse. Ms. Pearson stated she spoke to Ms. Trost this morning and she had taken care of it.

Ms. Pearson congratulated Ms. Beamon and wished her success at the University of Illinois, Springfield. She congratulated Ms. Smith on her election. Congratulations to the newly appointed faculty and deans.

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Ms. Doyle moved and Ms. Donohue seconded to return to Open Session. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting returned to Open Session at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Doyle moved and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Janice Pearson, Chair

Kathleen Doyle, Secretary Pro Tem

Patricia G. Trost, Board Recorder
