

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

Six Hundred Eighty Second Meeting January 30, 2007

MINUTES

Ms. Janice Pearson, Chair, convened the 682nd Regular Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:03 p.m., Tuesday, January 30, 2007 in the Board Room of the College.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Ms. Janice Pearson, Chair
Mr. Mark Fazzini, Vice Chair
Mr. Michael Camilli, Secretary
Ms. Peg Donohue
Ms. Kathleen Doyle
Ms. Mary Lee Johnson
Mr. John Marks
Ms. Lesliefaye Gogins, Student Trustee

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. Susan Braasch, Staff Representative
Mr. Richard Ray, Student Representative

Administrative Staff Members

Ms. Pamela Caddick; Mr. Brian Donovan; Ms. Gwen Dean; Ms. Betsy Elliot; Mr. Robert Fairbank; Ms. Lynita Gebhardt; Ms. Angela Winters-Harmon; Ms. Diane Janowiak; Ms. Mr. Chuck Jenrich; Ms. Mary Klinefelter; Mr. Jerry Mackay; Mr. Norman Martin; Mr. Craig Mulling; Ms. Cathy Robinson; Ms. Terri Winfree-Seeley; Dr. Susan Solberg; Mr. Randy Sonnemaker; Ms. Marietta Turner

Faculty Members

Ms. Christa Adam; Ms. LeeAnne Burrough; Mr. Harry Burke; Ms. Alanna Cotch; Ms. Linda Dethloff; Ms. Patti Eberhardt; Mr. Jason Evans; Dr. JoAnn Foriest; Ms. Barbara Gorbitz; Sister Ida Green; Ms. Sally Haywood; Ms. Shelly Hokanson; Ms. Denise Janusz; Ms. Barbara Johnson; Ms. Nancy Kasten; Mr. Donald Kouba; Ms. Sarena Lee; Ms. Barbara Love; Mr. Michael Maddox; Ms. Asha Nagaraj; Mr. David Naze; Ms. Valerie Nicholson; Mr. Patrick Reichard; Ms. Michaeline Reinke; Mr. Mohammad Salami; Ms. Kathy Sheys; Ms. Melanie Eddins-Spencer; Ms. Maurine Stein; Ms. Donna Sum; Ms. Michele Thoele; Ms. Patty Valenziano; Ms. Shannon Word

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Support Staff Members

Ms. Wilma Buckner; Mr. Brace Clement; Ms. Joan Johns; Ms. Tanya Norfleet; Ms. Lauren Wright; Ms. Beth Wyack; Ms. Jill Yott;

News Media

Mr. Rick Ducat, *The Star*, Mr. Jonathan Pitman, *Student Review*

Other

Mr. Patrick Cronin, Altschuler, Melvoin & Glasser; Mr. Martin Friedman, Altschuler, Melvoin & Glasser; Ms. Sande McCarthy; Mr. Omar Solomon, PSC Student;

ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. John Flannigan introduced Mr. Jason Evans, Associate Professor of English. Mr. Evans served on two search committees formed to fill the position of Assistant Professor/Coordinator of the ESL program. Mr. Evans explained he was speaking on behalf of the faculty search committees who served to recommend candidates for that position and on behalf of all faculty members who serve on search committees.

The search process for tenure-track, faculty positions has three parts before a candidate is recommended to the Board. First, the college advertises the position as widely as possible in order to reach the greatest diversity of candidates. Second, a search committee composed of faculty members carefully and objectively reviews each applicant's credentials and decides which candidates to interview. The list of candidates along with interview questions is reviewed by the College's Affirmative Action Officer. Each member of a search committee is committed to equal opportunity employment; faculty members work hard to ensure that each candidate receives equal consideration. Those candidates who are selected for an interview are the best possible candidates based on the qualifications listed in the job description. After the initial interviews, the search committee deliberates and recommends the strongest candidates to administration. Administration conducts interviews and makes a recommendation to the Board. This process assures that the candidate presented to the Board has the full backing not just of the administration, but also of the search committee, and by extension, the entire full-time faculty.

When the Board tables a candidate, it is a repudiation of the professional judgment of the faculty and a failure to recognize that the faculty is uniquely qualified to select its professional, academic colleagues.

Inaction is a loss for the College and the community. Members of the community are worried that this particular faculty candidate is not reflective of the current demographics of the students the faculty member would serve. Faculty members share the commitment of the diversity of Prairie State College, and trust the community shares the faculty's concern for attracting and retaining faculty members of the highest caliber. Faculty do not believe that in order to serve the community well, it requires a person of like race, ethnicity, general, sexual preference, or age. The faculty do not believe an equal opportunity employer should ever select or reject a candidate based solely on race or ethnicity. Faculty believes the community has a right to make its voice heard; however, faculty are firmly committed to the position as an equal opportunity employer. After a careful and thorough search process, the search committee and administration have recommended the best candidate for the job. It is the hope of the faculty that the Board will reconsider her candidacy.

Mr. Flannigan explained that members of the Prairie State College faculty are present to express their strong disapproval of the Board's decision not to include the appointment of the Assistant

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Professor/Coordinator of ESL program on the agenda.

Faculty believe the Board's inaction threatens the College both internally and externally, and perhaps most important, it threatens the integrity of the Board of Trustees.

Internally, the process by which new faculty in all disciplines are screened and selected is seriously damaged. The Board's inaction signals to all faculty that the work of search committees as well as their formation are to be monitored by unelected members of the community. It also signals that the Board is no longer acting as the leader of this institution. If individuals outside the College are given control over the formation of search committees, then some faculty members may be asked to serve on a search committee not because of their expertise but because they satisfy the ever-shifting criteria of an ever-shifting community. Even if such a committee is formed and meets the arbitrary requirements set by the community, the threat of having that committee's recommendation thwarted at the last stage of the process by community pressure will discourage all faculty from serving on such committees.

Externally, the College has more serious and far-reaching consequences. Candidates for positions at the College may reasonably conclude that, despite its claims to the contrary, the College is not an equal opportunity employer and, when under pressure from various factions outside the College, it ignores applicable laws and hiring guidelines. Candidates who meet or exceed the minimum requirements for a position and are recommended to the Board for hiring will learn they are not being appointed because they do not possess the particular ethnicity or racial background desired by particular community members. Those candidates are entitled to bring an action against the College for unfair hiring practices. By placating some community members, the Board may expose the College to costly litigation and embarrass the College. The faculty are strongly committed to diversity, but are deeply concerned that the faculty be composed of the most highly qualified candidates for any position.

However, the biggest threat posed by the Board's inaction is to the Board itself. As the elected representatives of the Prairie State College district, the Board speaks for all its constituents not merely a segment of them. The Board's inaction, whatever its motivation, appears to surrender its authority to other unelected community members. The Board risks making themselves irrelevant in the process of appointing new faculty. This will undercut the Board's authority as an elected body. The faculty ask the Board to reconsider its decision not to act on the appointment of the Assistant Professor/Coordinator of the ESL program and to reclaim its authority to act on this vital matter and to reclaim its leadership of Prairie State College.

Ms. Pearson thanked Mr. Flannigan and Mr. Evans for their remarks and will take them into consideration.

INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Dr. McCarthy introduced Ms. Lynita Gebhardt, Executive Director of Human Resources & Employee Relations and Mr. Brian Donovan, Executive Director of Management & Information Services.

Tenure Recommendation

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

Dr. Uzureau requested Dean Cathy Robinson to highlight the portfolio of Assistant Professor Shannon Word.

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Mr. Camilli moved and Ms. Donohue seconded that the Board of Trustees award a faculty tenure appointment to Assistant Professor Shannon Word.

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

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

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Minutes

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the 681st Regular Meeting of December 19, 2006; and the Minutes of the Executive Session of December 19, 2006, with a release date of one year, as presented.

Resignation of Ms. Betsy Elliot, Director of Communications

That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Ms. Betsy Elliot, Director of Communications, effective with the conclusion of her FY2007 contract.

Bills Payable – FY2007

That the Board of Trustees approve the FY2007 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
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

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

ACTION ITEMS

Community Service Awards (Nomination Process)

It was the consensus of the Board that Ms. Mary Lee Johnson and Ms. Peg Donohue review the nominations submitted for the Dr. James H. Griffith Community Service Award (student award) and

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Michael R. Monteleone Community Service Award (community member award) and submit their recommendations to the Board by March 27, 2007.

Comprehensive Agreement Regarding the Expansion of Educational Resources, or CAREER

Ms. Johnson and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the participation of Prairie State College in a new, expanded cooperative agreement among twenty (20) community colleges entitled Comprehensive Agreement Regarding the Expansion of Educational Resources, or CAREER.

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

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

First Reading – Board Policy F-24, Americans With Disabilities Act: Student Accommodation

Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees approve for First Reading, Board Policy F-24, Americans with Disabilities Act: Student Accommodation.

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

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

First Reading – Board Policy G-39, Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance

Mr. Fazzini moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees approve for First Reading, Board Policy G-39, Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance.

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye

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Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

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

Bid Recommendation – Institutional Support Services Office Relocation/Renovation and New Entrance for Lecture Room 4105

Ms. Donohue moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees award the bid for Institutional Support Services Office Relocation/Renovation and New Entrance for Lecture Room 4105 to the lowest responsible bidder, Larsen Contracting, in the amount of \$61,400, for the total bid.

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

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

Bid Recommendation – Summer 2007 Class Schedule, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 Class Credit Schedules

Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees award the bid for Summer 2007 class schedule, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 class credit schedules to the lowest responsible bidder, P & P Press in the amount of \$14,199 (Summer 2007) and \$14,556 (each for Fall 2007 and Spring 2008) for the base bid, and Options 1 and 2, if needed.

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

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

Athletic Waivers

Ms. Reaves reported the College now offers ten sports. Each district high school receives two scholarships. The inability to offer more scholarships is beginning to negatively impact the sports programs. She introduced Mr. Robert Fairbank, Director of Physical Education and Athletics.

Presently, many of the good district student-athletes are being recruited by other community colleges who offer full waivers. With a limited number of waivers to offer, the College recruits at risk student-athletes

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and then the College and student-athletes have problems. Mr. Fairbank explained the number of student-athletes at Prairie State College has doubled in recent years. In order to work with the retention plan the College has in place, it is important to increase the type of student-athletes the College recruits. In order to do that, the College will need to increase the number of waivers available.

Ms. Pearson asked if Mr. Fairbank has looked at the type of waivers other community college offer. Mr. Fairbank noted every college counts their waivers differently, and therefore, there is no standard. Waivers include tuition and fees and in some cases, books. In researching waivers, he looked at the NJCAA which allows for 158 scholarships for ten sports and the amount offered by the community colleges in the Skyway Conference; the College is ranked at the bottom of the Skyway Conference in terms of waivers. The College has limited book scholarships available through the Foundation, Student Affairs, and Athletic Department. Mr. Fairbank noted there is a return on waivers. Student-athletes are required to be full time students. Therefore, the College gets a return in terms of state aid. In addition, if a student-athlete qualifies for a Pell grant, that grant is used first and the waiver goes by the wayside.

Mr. Camilli asked if the 12 additional waivers would be enough or will you be back again soon. Mr. Fairbank noted that would depend on what type of athletic program the Board wants. He would like to see the College at the midline of the region. In that case, 12 additional waivers would not be enough. The College needs 50 to 60 waivers in order compete and to put good student-athletes on the floor or field. This is not just about winning. This is also about an education. We are not being fair to student-athletes if they end up back on back on the streets because they can't keep up their grades. That's not fair to anyone. The College wants the student-athletes to succeed.

Mr. Fazzini inquired if the College is still keeping the 18 trustee scholarships. Mr. Fairbank noted those will still be used and they are full tuition waivers. Mr. Fazzini noted the College is not using all 18 of those scholarships. Mr. Fairbank explained those 18 scholarships have restrictions. There are two per district high school, one for a male and one for a female and there is a minimum grade point average of 3.2. That limits the pool of student-athletes available to recruit.

Mr. Fazzini explained stated when the Board originally approved those scholarships, the thought was to spread them out evenly among the district high schools. He noted it appears grade point average is part of the problem. He inquired about the conference grade point average. Mr. Fairbank the conference grade point average is 2.0; but the College tries to keep the student-athletes at 2.2.

Mr. Fairbank pointed out the College is recruiting from the district high schools and those scholarships are used. However, there are times those scholarships are not used and it would be helpful to have them available for other student-athletes from district high schools. Mr. Fazzini stated he has no problem lowering the grade point average to 2.0; however, he is not comfortable giving more scholarships to one high school over another. Ms. Doyle inquired whether or not the College could allocate a set amount for scholarships for each district high school and then whatever is left over could be used for whatever the College needed. Mr. Fairbank stated the waivers would be used for student-athletes in the district. The area he is including does go beyond the district into Lake County, Indiana and as far south as Manteno.

Ms. Gogins asked if eighteen waivers has the College in the bottom, where would the College stand with thirty waivers? Mr. Fairbank noted the College would still be at the bottom. Ms. Pearson commented the College needs to have more waivers available. Mr. Fazzini noted the College is not using the ones it has. She noted the waivers are restricted at this time.

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Ms. Gogins noted there are other district high school student-athletes to recruit; however, they are not recruited because those waivers have been expended. Her answer to Mr. Fairbank's question of what kind of program the Board would want, she noted she would like a program that would draw other students to the College, ten sports that draw fans that spend money that could go back into the program that brings others to the College and if somewhere along the way, the sports program becomes a great program, that's great, too. Student-athletes have the mindset that their education is important and they know playing at this level that they have to do something when they are done, because they will not be professional athletes. This will get them through two years and they will continue their education afterwards.

Mr. Camilli suggested the College keep what is in place with 18 tuition waivers and then have waivers that would have minimal restrictions. In other words, if one high school does not use the two waivers that are allocated to them and another high school needs more than what is allocated, those two unused waivers could be used for the high school that needs them.

Ms. Johnson inquired what happens if a high school does not use their allocated waivers. Mr. Fairbank noted those two waivers are not used at all. Ms. Donohue suggested the unused waivers could be used for another school if after a certain time they are not used for the originally designated school.

Ms. Donohue moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees authorize the College to award an additional thirty-two (32) athletic waivers per year for a total of fifty (50) waivers, drop the GPA to 2.0 which is the conference level, and waivers not utilized by other schools by a date certain will be available for general recruiting.

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Nay
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

The vote being six (6) Ayes, one (1) Nay, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Presentation of FY2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit

Mr. Martin Friedman of Altschuler, Melvoin & Glasser presented the FY2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit. For FY2005, the College received a Certificate of Excellence from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is a compliment to the College and the Board that the College's financial reporting meets the highest standards. This year's audit will also be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association.

For FY2006, the College has been given an unqualified opinion. The College has followed all accounting rules and the financial reports are an accurate representation of the College's financial condition. Because of the type of funding the College receives, the accounting becomes complex. Efforts to give strength to budgeting and manpower are important. Mr. Friedman noted all debt has been paid and cash and

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investments have been verified. The loss of state grants have put a strain on the operating expenses. At this time, the College has a 12% reserve; the preference would be to have a 16% reserve.

Mr. Friedman thanked Dr. McCarthy, Mr. Tenuta and the staff for their cooperation. He also noted they welcome inquiries from the staff and Board all year long.

Dr. McCarthy noted the timing of the audit is poor and that there are numerous internal adjustments made to work with the auditors in order to meet deadlines.

Dr. McCarthy asked if the 12% reserve also includes the working cash fund. Mr. Friedman stated it does not; the 16% reserve is simply an operating need. The working cash fund is available to the College in a crisis, but the College needs to be careful how it uses those funds.

Mr. Fazzini noted the operating reserve and working cash fund are considered in two pieces. When the operating reserve is used, it needs to be replenished. He confirmed with Mr. Friedman that the reserve should be 16%. Mr. Fazzini inquired if this was Altschuler, Melvoin & Glasser's last year to prepare the audit; Mr. Tenuta noted they have one more year.

Mr. Camilli moved and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees accept the FY2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Audit, as presented.

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

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

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REPORTS

President's Report

Dr. McCarthy reported the College received a Certificate of Recognition attesting to the fact that Prairie State College has been "recognized" by the Illinois Community College Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-15 by the *Public Community College Act*. This status is granted to districts which meet ICCB standards and affirms the College's eligibility to receive state grants appropriated to ICCB. The certificate is effective through June 2011. The College prepared a self-study and underwent a site visit in order to attain this recognition.

Dr. McCarthy shared an email Mr. Brace Clement received from Ms. Anna Carvalho, Executive Director of Healing Racism Chicago Southland. They held their first seminar at the College recently and thought the facilities gave a sense of authenticity to their efforts and legitimized their cause. Ms. Carvalho expressed her deepest gratitude for everything the College has provided for their organization.

Dr. McCarthy announced the Village of Matteson awarded a 2007 Martin Luther King Spirit Award to the College for its work with the Civic Engagement Center.

On January 20th, Dr. McCarthy and Mr. Jerry Weber, President of Kankakee Community College, played a basketball game at half time during the Prairie State College versus Kankakee Community College game to promote both schools' basketball programs. Dr. McCarthy won and shared the award he received.

Dr. McCarthy thanked Ms. Lisa Hansen for tracking and assisting employees with the ethics training and testing. This was a huge job.

In Dr. Uzureau's report, she summarizes the status of the MDRC partnership. In addition, the College received \$10,000 to support the pilot program

A copy of the Underrepresented Groups Report is at each Board's place.

Dr. McCarthy noted the April 24th Board meeting is the same day as the Phi Theta Kappa statewide recognition banquet. He asked the Board to consider rescheduling that Board meeting to Monday, April 23rd. The Board agreed. This is Dr. McCarthy's last year as Phi Theta Kappa ambassador.

President's Cabinet Monthly Reports

Dr. Uzureau, Mr. Tenuta, Dr. Nunes and Ms. Reaves were available for any questions. Ms. Doyle asked if homeschoolers are given the same opportunities as high school seniors. Dr. Uzureau noted they do.

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Tenuta reviewed the report. Mr. Fazzini inquired whether or not the College locked into electric rates. Mr. Tenuta noted the College did not lock in electric rates, because the current rates are less. The College continues to monitor the rates.

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ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Schedule for Future Board/College Events

Dr. McCarthy reviewed the dates for trustee candidates to file petitions, the Association of Community College Trustees Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. and Jazz Fest scheduled for February 16th.

ICCTA/ACCT Report

Ms. Donohue reported the next ICCTA meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. Ms. Johnson stated she and Ms. Donohue will be attending the ACCT meeting in Washington, D.C..

Prairie State College Foundation Report

Ms. Donohue announced the 20th Annual Economic Forecast Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, March 16th at Olympia Fields Country Club. The speaker will be Robert Schumacher, economist and chief strategist for Van Kampen Fund group. In addition, the Foundation and student clubs will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day raffle for a \$775 diamond circle pendant. The Foundation and clubs will split the sales proceeds. The Foundation's textbook loan program has provided 20 TI-83 calculators for students to check out of the Library. She thanked Mr. Mackay for implementing the check-out procedure.

Table Participant Comments

Mr. Flannigan congratulated Ms. Word on receiving tenure. He added he has personally witnessed situations where students have been put in contact with Ms. Word and without fail, she is able to help them.

Ms. Donohue expressed her disappointment about Ms. Elliot's resignation. Ms. Elliot has been a wonderful asset to the College. Mr. Fazzini pointed out Ms. Elliot's department has received many awards under her leadership. Ms. Pearson commented Ms. Elliot has helped the Communications Department grow, and that she is sad to see Ms. Elliot leave.

Mr. Fazzini commented that years ago the Foundation would only look at giving scholarships to students. They are now branching into other areas to help students. Their work is admirable.

Ms. Gogins reported she recently attended the Illinois Community College Board Student Advisory Committee meeting. They are in the process of ramping up for Student Lobby Day. Carl Sandburg College is providing leadership training for students. One of the focal points is the funding for veterans. Other schools are experiencing the same issues as Prairie State.

Ms. Doyle commented it was nice to see the parking lot come in under budget.

Ms. Donohue noted how wonderful it was to receive an audit without findings.

Ms. Johnson pointed out the excellent audit noting the College needs to boost its reserves for next year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Camilli moved and Mr. Fazzini 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 or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity."

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Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye
Ms. Gogins	Aye

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Doyle moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees return to Open Session at 7:54 p.m. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Doyle moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Janice Pearson, Chair

Michael Camilli, Secretary

Patricia G. Trost, Board Recorder
