

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

Six Hundred Eighty Fifth Meeting

April 23, 2007

MINUTES

Ms. Janice Pearson, Chair, convened the 685th Regular Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 23, 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

Trustee-Elect

Ms. Jacqueline Agee

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
Mr. Bryce Johnsen, Student Representative-Elect

Administrative Staff Members

Ms. Gwen Dean, Mr. Brian Donovan, Ms. Lynita Gebhardt, Ms. Angela Winters-Harmon, Mr. Chuck Jenrich, Ms. Mary Klinefelter, Mr. Ron Leet, Mr. Jerry Mackay, Mr. Norman Martin, Dr. Craig Mulling, Ms. Cathy Robinson, Ms. Terri Winfree-Seeley, Dr. Susan Solberg, Mr. Randall Sonnemaker, Ms. Michele DuTour Walavich

Faculty Members

Ms. Susan Bayer, Dr. Harry Burke, Ms. Linda Dethloff, Ms. Patti Eberhardt, Mr. Jason Evans, Sister Ida Green, Ms. Sally Haywood, Ms. Shelly Hokanson, Ms. Nancy Kasten, Ms. Debbie Manley, Mr. David Naze, Ms. Valerie Nicholson, Dr. Michaeline Reinke, Mr. Mohammad Salami, Mr. Ed Schwarz, Dr. Maurine Stein

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Support Staff Members

Ms. Jill Yott

News Media

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

Other

Ms. Favian Apata, PSC Student; Ms. Debbie Camilli, spouse of Mr. Michael Camilli; Mr. Nick Camilli and Ms. Stephanie Camilli, children of Mr. Michael Camilli; Ms. Felicia Ditmars, PSC Student; Ms. Sande McCarthy; Mr. Franklin McFadden, PSC Student; Mr. Joseph Perkoski, Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor; Mr. Joshua Razavi, PSC Student;

INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Uzureau introduced Mr. Ed Schwarz, Professor of Communication and Mr. Dave Naze, Assistant Professor of Communication. Mr. Schwarz and Mr. Naze serve as two of the Forensics team coaches. Mr. Elighie Wilson is the third coach who could not attend the meeting.

Mr. Schwarz reported there are eleven students who actively participate on the Forensics team. The team attended eight tournaments earning 80 individual medals and eight team medals. This is an outstanding accomplishment by this team.

Mr. Naze reported the team recently won a number of medals at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament held in Houston, Texas. Four members of the team are present: Mr. Franklin McFadden, Mr. Joshua Razavi, Ms. Favian Apata and Ms. Felicia Ditmars. There were 420 students from 80 schools participating in this tournament. Mr. McFadden won a bronze medal for Informative Speaking; Ms. Ditmars, who competed in a number of events, won a gold medal for Dramatic Interpretation; Mr. Rasavi won a gold medal in Program Oral Interpretation and Speech to Entertain; and Ms. Apata won a gold medal in Prose Interpretation. Between the four, we had a bronze medal and four national champions. As a team, they won a silver medal in team sweepstakes and placed second out of 80 teams in their division.

Mr. Naze added that in his 8 years at the college level and eleven years of coaching forensics, it would be hard pressed to find four better representatives of the program and Prairie State College.

Ms. Apata shared her winning Speech to Entertain with the Board.

Ms. Pearson introduced Ms. Jacqueline Agee, trustee-elect.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION

Mr. Camilli administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Lesliefaye Gogins, Student Trustee.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

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Minutes

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the 684th Regular Meeting of March 27, 2007 and Minutes of two Executive Sessions of March 27 2007; as presented.

Full-Time Faculty Overloads, Adjunct Faculty Salaries and Compensation for Administrators and Staff on Teaching Assignments - Selected Late Start Classes and Second Eight Week Session, 2007 Spring Term - Credit Courses

That the Board of Trustees approve the full time faculty overload payments of \$4,180.00, adjunct faculty salaries of \$76,467.40, and compensation for administrators and staff on teaching assignments of \$720.00 for selected late start classes and for the Second Eight Week Session of the 2007 Spring Term, credit courses.

Full-Time Faculty Overloads, Adjunct Faculty Salaries and Compensation Administrators and Staff on Teaching Assignments – Second Eight Week Session, 2007 Spring Term - Non Credit Courses

That the Board of Trustees approve full-time faculty overloads in the amount of \$1,440.00, adjunct faculty salaries in the amount of \$58,789.50, and compensation for administrators and staff on teaching assignments in the amount of \$2,360.00 for the Second Eight Week Session of the 2007 Spring Term, non credit courses.

Resignation of Ms. Natalie Martin

That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Ms. Natalie Martin, Assistant Professor of English, effective June 30, 2007.

Retirement of Mr. Robert Shoemaker

That the Board of Trustees accept the retirement request of Mr. Robert Shoemaker, Associate Professor, Industrial Technology, effective June 30, 2007.

Bills Payable – FY2007

That the Board of Trustees approve the FY2007 List of Bills Payable for April, as indicated in the enclosure.

Upon the call of roll, 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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ACTION ITEMS

Resolution Honoring Janice P. Pearson

Mr. Fazzini presented the Resolution honoring Ms. Janice Pearson.

Mr. Fazzini moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees support the Resolution honoring Ms. Janice P. Pearson. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution Honoring Michael Camilli

Mr. Fazzini presented the Resolution honoring Mr. Michael Camilli.

Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees support the Resolution honoring Mr. Michael Camilli. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Final Reading, Board Policy F-25, Academic Code of Conduct

Ms. Donohue moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees approve for Final Reading, Board Policy F-25, Academic Code of Conduct.

Upon the call of roll, 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.

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” and “security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff or public property.”

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Upon the call of roll, 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, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 5:48 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees return to Open Session at 7:32 p.m. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Faculty/Coordinator Appointment – English As a Second Language

Ms. Gogins moved and Ms. Donohue seconded to appoint Ms. Tammy Chia-Hui Spencer as an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of English-As-A-Second Language, effective August 14, 2007 at a salary of \$50,756.00.

Ms. Doyle stated she agonized over this issue because Prairie State is a community college and needs to address the needs of the community. On the other hand, as an educator, she advocates for the students that are on campus. As a former principal/educational consultant for the Illinois State Board of Education in the bilingual division, she has worked with school districts in deciding what is the right way to support education for ESL students. She previously consulted with a renowned expert from Millikin University in the field of bilingual education as it pertains to college educated students. They found in bilingual education that if there is someone who is a native speaker in that language and because it is an English-as-a-Second language class, it needs to be English. The priorities for the ESL class for that person are the credentials this person exhibits. In fact, the number one university for linguistics is the University of Hawaii. The candidate is getting her doctorate in curriculum and development at the University of Illinois. Ms. Doyle feels that for these students, they need somebody who has the expertise this person is bringing to this position. English is the language that the class should be taught in. English is the language the person should have mastered and have knowledge in as this person has. Ms. Doyle's vote is going to reflect her knowledge of education issues for the past 27 years and her education as it relates to bilingual education and their academics. This position has been vacant for two years and it is not fair to the students that the Board not take action again and not give them the curriculum and support they need.

Ms. Donohue noted she takes her responsibilities as a trustee very seriously and is very sensitive to the needs of the community. She personally resented receiving last minute phone calls to pressure her to vote a certain way because the community would be upset and it would demonstrate a lack of concern for

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the Hispanic community's issues. Ms. Donohue added that it is fine for people to call and express their opinions; however, she felt a great deal of pressure. This has been a very difficult issue for the Board. The Board is not taking it lightly and is listening to the citizens from the Hispanic community. The recommendation was tabled initially in order to meet with representatives from the community which the College did. They listened to their concerns, but ultimately there is no reason not to hire this individual who fulfills all qualifications and comes with the faculty's and administration's full support. I cannot not support this person being hired.

Mr. Fazzini stated he is very concerned with the staffing levels that the Board is looking at in view of a possible tuition increase for the students. There comes a time when the Board decides a position cannot be replaced because the College does not have the funds. At present, the College is looking at a \$700,000 deficit of which administration has come up with some. However, the College is still looking at a \$500,000 deficit and is going to the students to reduce that deficit. His vote on many of these positions will reflect his serious concern about the continued hiring without taking into consideration the ultimate impact. The College keeps putting on more staff. These are all replacements except for one. That replacement is in one area and not in the area where the College is hiring someone. This was one way to save additional dollars and he will be reluctant to approve additional hiring until he sees a plan from the staff which outlines where the College is in the areas of faculty. In addition, Mr. Fazzini noted the auditors pointed out recently the College does not have the fund balance it should have for an institution its size. He sees that as a serious concern and probably a serious concern of many constituents in the district.

Ms. Johnson commented that she greatly appreciates the faculty did their very best to choose a high quality candidate for this position and in no way will she vote it down and especially against those who are trying to learn ESL. She will support this position to enrich this program for the people in our community.

Mr. Camilli stated his vote reflect his support of the disciplines he believes the College needs to maintain a strong curriculum. His vote will also reflect hose disciplines he feels cuts can be made.

Mr. Doyle agrees with Mr. Fazzini and Mr. Camilli about their concerns about tuition and that the Board needs to be cognizant of it. However, she does not want to do it on the backs of the students or the ESL students who need someone in place.

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

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

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The vote being four (4) Ayes, three (3) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Faculty/Coordinator Appointment - Early Childhood Education

Ms. Johnson pointed out that Mr. Fazzini is acquainted with the candidate since they both are employed by the College of DuPage.

Ms. Donohue noted the Board is concerned about the budget and asked Dr. Uzureau about the appointments being recommended. These positions are replacements and there will be a reduction in the budget because new faculty will be hired at a lower salary.

Ms. Donohue moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Allison Drake Assistant Professor/Coordinator of Early Childhood Education, effective August 14, 2007, at a salary of \$51,969.

Upon the call of roll, 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.

Faculty Appointment - Nursing

Mr. Marks moved and Ms. Donohue seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Linda Zroskie as Assistant Professor of Nursing, effective August 14, 2007, at a salary of \$44,830.

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

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

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

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Faculty Appointment - Mathematics

Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Gogins seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Brian J. Garant as Assistant Professor of Mathematics, effective August 14, 2007, at a salary equivalent to Column B, Step 4 for FY2008, \$44,830.

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

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

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

Faculty Appointment - Mathematics

It was noted this is not a relative of Mr. Marks.

Ms. Donohue moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Kevin Marks as Assistant Professor of Mathematics, effective August 14, 2007, at a salary equivalent to Column B, Step 1 for FY2008, \$39,482.

Upon the call of roll, 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.

Faculty Appointment - English

Ms. Gogins moved and Ms. Donohue seconded that the Board of Trustees approve Mr. Bryan R. Dunston as Assistant Professor of English, effective August 14, 2007, at a salary of \$41,264.

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

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

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

Faculty Appointment - Counseling/Transfer Programs

Ms. Johnson noted that both candidates for the Counseling positions are licensed with the State of Illinois.

Ms. Gogins stated that she will vote in accordance with her understanding that she has some questions with regard to the students' needs being met in the counseling area.

Ms. Donohue moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Sarah M. Hein to a full-time faculty position as Counselor/Transfer Programs, effective August 14, 2007 at a salary of \$39,482.

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

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

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

Faculty Appointment - Counseling/Career Programs

Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Tamika C. Montgomery to a full-time faculty position as Counselor/Career Programs, effective August 14, 2007, at a salary of \$39,482.

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

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

The vote being four (4) Ayes, three (3) Nays, one (1) Abstain, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Tuition Increase

Ms. Donohue moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the Board of Trustees approve a tuition increase of \$5.00 per credit hour beginning Fall 2007, increasing tuition and fees to \$87 per credit hour.

Dr. McCarthy thanked Ms. Gogins for participating in and giving the introduction for the three focus groups for students. Dr. McCarthy attended two of them and Ms. Christy Donovan, College Council Chair, attended the third. He thanked Mr. Bryce Johnsen and Mr. Franklin McFadden who were well informed and spoke to the issue of a tuition increase. Dr. McCarthy stated he quoted Representative David Miller who, when the House passed the funding of the Illinois Veterans Grant 114 to 1, that the reason he was doing this was that if the state doesn't pay its bills then it ends up on the backs of its students. When students asked what they should say to the legislators when they see them in Springfield for Lobby Day, Dr. McCarthy told them to say what Representative Miller said that if the legislators do not support higher education then the students end up paying for it.

Figure 4 attempts to show where the \$200,000 will come from. The issue of tuition for many of Prairie State students is fully covered by Pell or MAP grants because the students are supported fully for tuition, books and other fees. The students to be concerned with are those such as the returning adult students, because they don't fit into any of the federal categories. Ms. Cathy Kloss, Executive Director of the Foundation, gave a presentation regarding Foundation scholarships and other pass through scholarships. One student at one of the focus groups suggested that the College increase the tuition in small amounts on a yearly basis and then the students would be prepared.

Dr. McCarthy stated no one hates doing this more than he does. He has been at Representative Miller's door the last two years and has received special appropriations of \$500,000, which very few colleges receive, over those past two years to try and offset the need to do this.

Mr. Fazzini inquired about the projected budget for next year requested at the last meeting. Dr. McCarthy pointed out Figure 4 shows how the deficit was reduced from \$700,000 to \$500,000 which is the question he was directed to answer according to the minutes. In addition, the packet each month contains budget information. Mr. Fazzini pointed out that information is current information; the request was for a projected budget for next year.

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Mr. Camilli reviewed the minutes noting he requested an actual projected budget be in front of the Board to see where the College stands. With regard to the comments brought up at the last meeting, the Board was trying to wrap its arms around where the numbers were coming from and what the administration was actually doing. It is the taxpayer's money and the Board's responsibility to be fiscally responsible with what is going on. He agrees with Mr. Fazzini that the Board asked for a budget to be placed in front of them. Dr. McCarthy noted the Board receives budget information every month in their packets. Mr. Camilli stated he is not looking for the current budget, but a projected budget. He noted \$352,095 was just spent on hiring additional personnel. Some he agreed with and others he did not. However, as an elected official, he is to be fiscally responsible to the students and taxpayers. The projected budget would help the Board make an educated assessment. In addition, Mr. Camilli noted he was perturbed to see this important issue come before the Board just one month before the Board would be asked to make a decision. He would have liked to have had that projected budget information before the vote.

Mr. Fazzini noted Figure 4 which has the \$200,000 savings, the first two items of the \$241,000 potential savings that they are a transfer of funds. only saving items which total \$87,751 out of a \$34 million budget. It seems to me that they could come up with additional cuts. To come up with only \$87,000 worth of cuts seems a little bit light since we are being asked to put it on the backs of the students. Last year, tuition increased by \$6 per credit hour and this year \$5 which represents a 16% increase in our tuition. Dr. McCarthy agreed and pointed out a number of community colleges who were increasing their rates also. Mr. Fazzini was not interested in what other community colleges are doing.

Ms. Donohue pointed out the pie chart noting the state government funding has dropped dramatically. They are only paying 13% of our budget now as opposed to the 33%. Tuition is about the only source of additional funds. The College has been cutting for years; this is not something new and it's a trend across the country. Higher education has been at the bottom in terms of funding. The College may have to look at cutting positions. However, cutting faculty is something she will not support. When you have a school like Prairie State where first generation students are attending, they need all the help, support and the best faculty possible. We have not approved any unnecessary faculty positions this evening and the monies used are in the budget and less than projected. To berate Dr. McCarthy for not cutting more, you are cutting into the very fabric of this institution. The Board has got to help find other sources of funding such as grants and other things. The Board has not been active enough and there are things the Board can do to help.

Ms. Doyle inquired how much of the budget is used for personnel. Mr. Tenuta noted it is about 75% of the budget and it includes payroll and benefits. The college is a service institution; it does not produce anything except an education. Ms. Doyle commented the quality of the College is the quality of the faculty and that is one area she does not want to fool with. The Board needs to look down the road at Board retreats and developing a long term plan if this situation continues.

Mr. Camilli stated no one is berating Dr. McCarthy. The Board is diligent in asking tough questions to the person they put in place to run the College because the citizens have put the Board members in the position to ask those questions. The College is cutting money on salaries; however, the budget will still be \$700,000 short. It's as if the Board cut imaginary money. The College is still short.

Ms. Pearson noted she tried to talk about a \$700,000 increase in health insurance premiums and tried to

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address that same issue on many occasions. Nobody wanted to talk about. She has the claim experience information and all the papers. Now they want to sit here and nitpick and talk about cutting back on faculty and talk about the \$5 increase in tuition and every student who sits here said they will pay the increase for a quality education. They are going on and on and on and when she wanted to talk about proactive things, nobody wanted to have retreats and take the necessary steps address these issues. Let's take the vote on the tuition.

Ms. Gogins did have the opportunity to attend all three public hearings and students were advised that public hearings were going to take place. They had an opportunity to attend a meeting which were held at different times, in the morning , afternoon and evening, in an effort to accommodate everyone. After speaking to students in groups and individually, there were many who were angry and apathetic, but education is like gasoline. If you need it, you'll pay the additional cost. It depends on what it's worth to you.

Ms. Gogins pointed out the Board did not hire additional faculty; they traded faculty for faculty.

The students with whom Ms. Gogins met and students she spoke to, said it was worth it to them to pay the \$5 increase. One student said the College needs to stop asking each and put a plan in place for regular increases. She added if the students are willing to pay it, she doesn't understand what the issue is. Ms. Gogins has lived in the south suburban area for 31 years and she has always known people to want to go to Prairie State College. There are students here who are receiving a full ride to an Ivy League college and \$5 more will not make a difference. She added she has an issue with Board members who are not interacting with the students, but yet want to be the voice of the students.

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

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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Bid Recommendation – 85 Computers, Keyboards, Mice and 26 Monitors

Mr. Fazzini commented it was great to see more bids.

Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the Board of Trustees award the bid for 85 computers, keyboards, mice, and 26 monitors to the lowest responsible bidder, JPK Micro Supply in the amount of \$66,070 for the total bid.

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Upon the call of roll, 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.

Training for Campus & Public Safety Officers

It was the consensus of the Board to table this recommendation.

REPORTS

President's Report

Dr. McCarthy reported he, Ms. Reaves, Ms. Trost and Ms. Hansen will be traveling to Springfield on Tuesday, April 23rd to assist with the Phi Theta Kappa All Illinois banquet. This will be Dr. McCarthy's last year as Ambassador and he will be passing on that duty to Mr. Jerry Weber, President of Kankakee Community College. He noted Ms. Kristin Carrera did a phenomenal job of putting together the program. The College of DuPage will continue to print the program.

Wednesday, April 24th is ICCTA Lobby Day. Not only will Dr. McCarthy be attending, but students from the College will also attend. One of the ancillary benefits of having the tuition discussion with the students is that they will be well informed and they will be able to say to legislators that students are paying more because legislators are doing less.

Members of the Self-Study Steering Committee recently attended the annual Higher Learning Commission meeting in Chicago. Just before the meeting, all committees submitted their status reports and are doing fine as they move through this process.

Congratulations to the Forensics team. He is proud of them and what their coaches have done. He added the softball team is doing well and the College Bowl team has also been successful in the Skyway Art and Writing competitions. The recent Emmitt Till documentary screening was very successful. The Children's Learning Center entertained parents with their Piggy Opera which was well attended.

President's Cabinet Monthly Reports

Dr. Uzureau, Mr. Tenuta, Dr. Nunes and Ms. Reaves were available for any questions on their monthly reports. Ms. Pearson congratulated Ms. Robinson on her election as president-election of the Counseling Commission. Ms. Donohue noted her concern about the cuts in IETC funding. Dr. Nunes reported as of last Friday, that has changed for the positive and thanked Mr. Chuck Jenrich for working on that issue.

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FY2008 Budget Development Process and Schedule

Mr. Tenuta reviewed the process. He noted a few of the dates may change depending on the dates of the board meetings.

Enrollment Report

This report lists the total enrollment for all credit classes.

Energy Report

It was suggested the College look at other ways to conserve energy. Ms. Johnson suggested the thermostat be lowered by two degrees. Ms. Donohue asked administration to develop an energy savings plan. Mr. Leet noted by turning off lights, the College could save a lot of money.

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Policies & Status Report

This document is for information purposes only.

Cafeteria Survey Results

Mr. Tenuta reported the results from the employee survey and catering services survey from the Business & Community Education Center. Overall, the results were between average and good. He noted that hours were a concern to many. He is looking into ways to solve the issues. Mr. Dominick Patrevito, Chef, is reviewing the feedback.

Ms. Gogins distributed the student survey noting out of 174 surveys, 124 were from evening students, and the balance from day students. Of the 124 evening students surveys, there were 94 handwritten comments noting the lack of service in the evening. There were many handwritten comments regarding the meals not being fresh, hours, pricing and food temperature. Comments regarding the great chef and staff were also included. What is most notable is the negative comments of the students. Please note the scores from the student survey are different from the employee survey.

With regard to the hours of operation, the needs of the students and adjunct faculty are not being met in the evening. Ms. Gogins added this is not a personnel nor personality issue. The arbitrary and early closings are an issue and if the health department came in with thermometers, there would be trouble. Students should be able to pick up a meal before they go to class in the evening. Ms. Gogins noted there have been four amendments to the contract regarding prices and hours since the signing of the original contract. Mr. Tenuta noted according to the contract, the administration can work with the vendor to make changes.

Mr. Fazzini asked if the RFP stipulated there were certain hours that the cafeteria was to be open. Mr. Tenuta stated the RFP, which was approved by the Board, allows the College to amend the contract. Since no one was using the cafeteria in the evening, the hours were changed. It is not economical to keep it open if no one uses it. The College has followed the letter of law. Dr. McCarthy noted one resolution would be for the College to subsidize the cafeteria in order to keep it open in the evening since it cannot support itself and the students have a need. Ms. Gogins suggested the College find another entity to run the cafeteria who does not care about making a profit.

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Mr. Camilli asked about the availability of vending machines. Ms. Gogins stated there is one but it is never stocked and when it is, it is two weeks old. Mr. Tenuta noted the quality of the food has been increased and the College is doing the best it can with the resources available..

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Tenuta reviewed the report.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Schedule for Future Board/College Events

Dr. McCarthy reported the upcoming dates: Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois banquet in Springfield on Tuesday, April 24th, the Calumet Chamber musicians will be on campus Thursday, April 26th, the Student Leadership awards will be held at Dave & Buster's in Addison on Friday, April 27th, the Men's Group conference will be held on Saturday, May 5th and there a number of baseball and softball games coming up. The pinning ceremonies and Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 19th. Our Commencement speaker is Mr. Orbert Davis.

ICCTA/ACCT Report

The ICCTA convention will be held in Chicago June 8th through 9th.

Prairie State College Foundation Report

Ms. Donohue reported she attended a Foundation meeting last Friday. She reminded everyone about the upcoming golf outing scheduled for Monday, June 4th at Ravisloe Country Club and the Special Event scheduled for Friday, November 9th.

With regard to scholarships, there is money being turned back in that students have not applied for. She believes a change needs to be made in the wording.

Services Committee

There was no report.

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

Ms. Johnson announced that Mr. Ricky Ray received 2007 James H. Griffith award. Ms. Donohue announced the Men's Group received the 2007 Michael R. Monteleone award. The awards will be given a the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Table Participant Comments

Mr. Flannigan congratulated Mr. Ricky Ray, the Men's Coalition, Lesliefaye Gogins, the Forensics team, College Bowl and those students who participated in the Skyway art and writing competitions. He wished Ms. Pearson and Mr. Camilli the best of luck and welcomed Ms. Agee and Mr. Faso and is looking forward to working with them. He thanked the Board for approving the faculty positions.

Mr. Ray stated Student Lobby Day is Wednesday, April 24th and the Student Leadership awards is scheduled for Friday, April 27th. He thanked the Board for the Griffith award. He added it has been a privilege to sit on the Board for two years. He will miss it.

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Mr. Johnsen stated he wants the Board to hear the voice of the students and is looking forward to working with them.

Ms. Gogins presented Mr. Ray a gift from the Student Government Association. She thanked him for his service to the students.

Ms. Hazlett noted how pleasant it was to listen to the speech by Ms. Aparta and thanked her for sharing it. Ms. Hazlett attended the Piggy Opera and commented on what a wonderful program it was.

Ms. Agee stated she is excited to be a member of the Board and was glad to meet so many people. She thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

Ms. Doyle welcomed Ms. Agee. She noted Ms. Pearson and Mr. Camilli will be missed. She enjoyed working with them and listening their comments. The comments were appreciated whether she agreed with them or not and appreciated their sincerity. She congratulated the new faculty.

Ms. Johnson stated it has been quite a ride and wished Ms. Pearson and Mr. Camilli the best. She welcomed Ms. Agee and congratulated the new faculty.

Ms. Gogins noted she will miss Ms. Pearson and welcomed Ms. Agee. She can't believe Mr. Ray is moving on. She is glad to have Mr. Johnsen who is serious about leadership. He made the decision to continue at the College despite the fact he could have moved on. She tipped her hat to him.

Ms. Donohue noted she is glad Ms. Gogins is continuing as Student Trustee. She is really an advocate for the students and appreciates her comments. She added that although she did not always agree with Ms. Pearson or Mr. Camilli, she appreciated their comments and wished them the best. She congratulated Mr. Johnsen and welcomed Ms. Agee. Ms. Donohue enjoyed working with Mr. Ray.

Mr. Marks wished Ms. Pearson and Mr. Camilli the best of luck and welcomed Ms. Agee..

Mr. Camilli thanked Dr. McCarthy and noted they worked together well for seven years. He thanked his fellow board members, faculty and administration. Although everyone does not always agree on every issue, he believes everyone has the best interests of the College and students in mind.

Ms. Pearson stated this was an exciting last meeting. It has been a great experience for her. She will continue to be involved education through her own family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Gogins 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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Upon the call of roll, 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, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Doyle moved and Mr. Fazzini seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Mark Fazzini, Chair

Jacqueline Agee, Secretary

Patricia G. Trost, Board Recorder
