



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 522
Marsh Conference Room
Belleville Campus
July 15, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Illinois College, District No. 522, was held Wednesday, July 15, 2015 in the Marsh Conference Room at the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, Illinois. Chairman Nick Mance called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Dr. Harry Briggs
Kenneth R. Joseph
Nick Mance
Robert G. Morton
Richard Roehrkasse
Savannah Stellhorn, Student Trustee
Eugene Verdu

Trustee absent:

Philip L. Smith

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OATH OF OFFICE

Board Chair Mance directed the Board Secretary to administer the Oath of Office to Belleville Campus Public Safety Supervisor Johnny Runyon, who was appointed June 16, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Mance referred to the consent agenda items to be considered by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Mance asked if any trustee desired to have any items removed from the consent agenda in order to have them considered separately. No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

MOTION 07-15-15:01

Mr. Roehrkasse moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to:

- approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 17, 2015; the special Board meeting of June 30, 2015; and the Executive Session of the special Board meeting of June 30, 2015;
- award the lowest responsible bid for FY 2016 athletic team travel to Cavallo Bus Lines, Gillespie, IL in the amount of \$71,680.00;
- approve Project Labor Agreement with the Southwestern Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council for the period August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2018;
- dispose of a Scantron ES2260 ADF scanner at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus;
- dispose of an Allot NetEnforcer model 402, SWIC inventory number 000405;
- dispose of an Allott NetEnforcer model 404, SWIC inventory number 000396;
- approve advertising contract with Belleville News-Democrat for the period July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$25,000.00;
- accept extension of ICCB grant to provide services at the East St. Louis Community College Center in the amount of \$455,180 for the period July 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015;
- accept renewal of St. Clair County Mental Health Board (Board 708) grant in the amount of \$39,875 for the period July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 to assist in providing individual counseling, group support and information/referral targeting seniors and caregivers of seniors; (Note: Last year's two grants have been combined into one award. St. Clair County is changing their fiscal year for this grant to begin January 1 for a six-month period. The 708 Board provided SWIC level funding from last year's awards and will provide a new grant January 1, 2016 to reflect the changes.)
- accept renewal grant from the National and Community Service for the Foster Grandparent Program at PSOP in the amount of \$213,527 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to provide mentoring and tutoring to special needs children ranging from infancy to 21 years old;
- accept renewal of Corporation for National and Community Service grant for the Senior Companion Program at PSOP in the amount of \$374,438 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to provide volunteer services for income eligible adults age 55 and older and to those at risk of institutionalization;
- accept renewal of Senior Services Coordination Program grant in the amount of \$65,000 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to ensure the frail elderly living in subsidized housing will continue to obtain services which will allow them to live independently for as long as possible;

- approve renewal cooperative agreement between Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, District #529 and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide a wide range of educational services at the lowest possible cost to the students of Southwestern Illinois College and Illinois Eastern Community Colleges;
- approve amendment to agreement between St. Louis University Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to add the Respiratory Care program to the existing cooperating agreement with St. Louis University Hospital;
- approve new agreement between Landmark Hospital of Columbia, Missouri LLC, Columbia, Missouri and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to allow Health Sciences students (currently Respiratory Care) to participate in clinical experience;
- approve addendum to agreement between St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis, Missouri and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to allow Health Sciences students (currently Medical Laboratory Technology program) to participate in clinical experience;
- approve renewal agreement between Bridge & Structural Ironworkers Local 392 and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College #522 to renew lease agreement by and between Southwestern Illinois College and the Bridge & Structural Ironworkers Local 392 to enable Southwestern to offer apprenticeship classes at this facility and with this organization;
- approve renewal agreement between Local 309, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to renew lease agreement by and between Southwestern Illinois College and Local 309, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO to enable Southwestern to offer apprenticeship classes at this facility and with this organization;
- approve renewal agreement between Painters District Council 58 AFL-CIO and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to renew lease agreement by and between Southwestern Illinois College and the Painters District Council 58 AFL-CIO to enable Southwestern to offer apprenticeship classes at this facility and with this organization;
- approve renewal agreement between Plumbers' Local 101 United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to renew lease agreement by and between Southwestern Illinois College and the Plumbers' Local 101 United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices to enable Southwestern to offer apprenticeship classes at this facility and with this organization;
- approve renewal agreement between (JATC) Sheet Metal Workers Local 268 and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to renew lease agreement by and between Southwestern Illinois College and Sheet Metal Workers Local 268 to enable Southwestern to offer apprenticeship classes at this facility and with this organization;

- approve renewal agreement between Southern Illinois Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship Committee and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to renew lease agreement by and between Southwestern Illinois College and Southern Illinois Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship Committee to enable Southwestern to offer apprenticeship classes at this facility and with this organization;
- approve renewal agreement between Steamfitters' Local 439 and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to renew lease agreement by and between Southwestern Illinois College and Steamfitters' Local 439 to enable Southwestern to offer apprenticeship classes at this facility and with this organization;
- approve renewal facility agreement between Discovery Youth Center, Red Bud, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve renewal facility agreement between Great Beginnings, Glen Carbon, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve new facility agreement between Jane Inc. dba Carrousel A Center for Small Children, Granite City, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve renewal facility agreement between The Early Years, Inc., Fairview Heights, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve new facility agreement between Bird Cloud Recording, Edwardsville, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Music Technology program at Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve new facility agreement between Doorway Studios, Fairview Heights, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Music Technology program at Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve new facility agreement between Firebrand Recording, St. Louis, Missouri and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Music Technology program at Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve new facility agreement between Suburban Pro Studios, St. Louis, Missouri and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum

opportunities to students enrolled in the Music Technology program at Southwestern Illinois College;

- approve new facility agreement between Acceptance NOW, Fairview Heights, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Human Services Technology program at Southwestern Illinois College
- approve renewal facility agreement between Unity Hospice, Collinsville, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Human Services Technology program at Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve new agreement between Millstadt Sportsman's Club, Millstadt, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to allow use of shooting range required for range training for students enrolled in SWIC's Community Education Conceal Carry course;
- approve new agreement between Advance Illinois and Northern Illinois University and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to facilitate Redefining the High School to College Transition in Illinois Project expected to continue through the 2016-2017 school year;
- approve renewal agreement between Greenville College and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide classroom use and other amenities to Greenville College to facilitate coursework offerings for upper division and graduate courses on the Belleville, Red Bud, or Sam Wolf Granite City Campuses of Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve renewal agreement between McKendree University and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide classroom use and other amenities to McKendree University to facilitate coursework offerings for upper division and graduate courses on the Belleville, Red Bud, or Sam Wolf Granite City Campuses of Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve renewal agreement between Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide classroom use and other amenities to facilitate coursework offerings for upper division and graduate courses on the Belleville, Red Bud, or Sam Wolf Granite City Campuses of Southwestern Illinois College;
- approve renewal agreement between New Athens Community Unit School District #60 and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide the structure to facilitate the Running Start program with New Athens Community Unit School District #60;
- approve new agreement between Triad CUSD #2 and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide the structure to facilitate the Running Start program with Triad CUSD #2;

- approve new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FHLB Chicago and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to economically empower residents of the Woodland Park Apartments, Collinsville, IL to attend high school equivalency classes upon meeting the program requirements;
- approve renewal agreement between U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to continue to enhance services provided to veteran students by adding VA personnel housed on campus at no cost to SWIC and to allow immediate contact with VA professionals for benefit assistance, medical/mental health services and community outreach;
- approve new agreement between Inceptia Default Prevention Solutions/Financial Education Solutions and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District #522 to provide an online learning program that focuses on the crucial principles of personal finances for all students;
- approve new contract with Direct Media USA (Metro) in the amount of \$8,000 for the period July 6, 2015 through November 22, 2015 for HCCTP advertisement on Metro buses;
- approve new contract with Direct Media USA (Metro) in the amount of \$19,660 for the period July 13, 2015 through December 27, 2015 to increase awareness and recruitment efforts within the ESLCCC district;
- approve the tentative list of graduates for the 2015 Summer Semester;
- approve Running Start program fee in the amount of \$3,325 for all new students effective for 2016-2018 class of students;
- accept the resignation of Marcia Lochmann, Director of College Partnerships, IGEN, effective close of business June 30, 2015;
- accept the resignation of Brandon Runyon, Web Site Designer-Programmer, effective close of business July 17, 2015;
- accept the resignation of Ryan Anderson, full-time Commissioned Public Safety Officer at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus, effective close of business June 30, 2015;
- accept the retirement notification of Larry Kroenig, full-time Commissioned Public Safety Officer at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus, effective close of business July 15, 2015;
- accept the retirement notification of Dale Smith, full-time Commissioned Public Safety Officer at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus, effective close of business July 15, 2015;
- accept the retirement notification of Charles E. Moore, full-time Public Safety Supervisor at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus, effective close of business July 15, 2015

- appoint Derek Lercher to the position of full-time Commissioned Public Safety Officer at the Belleville Campus effective August 1, 2015 at an annual salary of \$37,148.80 (\$17.86 per hour) with employment subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between SWIC and Illinois Council of Police (ICOPS) - Southwestern Illinois College Chapter, 2012-2016;
- appoint Angelia Blackman-Donovan to the full-time tenure track faculty position in the Paralegal Studies program at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus beginning August 17, 2015 at the PhD level, step 1 (\$53,779.00) on the 2015-2016 faculty salary schedule;
- appoint Annjane Ward to the full-time administrative position of Academic Advisor effective July 16, 2015 at an annual salary of \$36,000.00 and subject to the Personnel Procedures for Administrators;
- terminate the full-time grant-funded employment of William Reany, Project Director, Urban Weatherization Initiative, effective close of business June 30, 2015;
- terminate the part-time grant-funded employment of Candice Hubbard, Special Projects Coordinator for the Urban Weatherization Initiative, effective close of business June 30, 2015;
- approve request to transfer from the Belleville Campus to the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus for full-time Commissioned Public Safety Officer Steven Wassink effective July 16, 2015, subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Southwestern Illinois College and the Illinois Council of Police (ICOPS) - Southwestern Illinois College Chapter, 2012-2016;
- approve request to transfer from the Belleville Campus to the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus for full-time Commissioned Public Safety Officer Christopher Bardill effective August 1, 2015, subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Southwestern Illinois College and the Illinois Council of Police (ICOPS) - Southwestern Illinois College Chapter, 2012-2016;
- approve maternity leave request for Dehlia Jahns, Greenhouse Technician in the Math & Sciences Division, for the projected period of late August or early September through early to mid-October;
- ratify the hire of part-time and temporary faculty and staff according to Board Policy #3005, Recruitment, Selection and Appointment of Faculty and Staff; and
- award partial student support to Kylie Nestler to attend Parkland College in the Equine Management program for Fall 2015, Spring 2016 and Summer 2016 semesters and to Michelle Cato to attend College of DuPage in the Aging & Long Term Care II program.

Upon a roll call vote, those members voting aye were Ms. Stellhorn (Opinion), Dr. Briggs, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkaase, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Mance. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED**

PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Joseph reported he had no items.

FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MOTION 07-15-15:02

Mr. Roehrkasse moved, seconded by Dr. Briggs, to approve the bills:

Education Fund	\$2,229,457.54
Operations & Maintenance Fund	334,735.43
Operations & Maintenance Fund Restricted	745,334.82
Bond & Interest Fund	300.00
Restricted Purposes Fund	815,765.76
Trust & Agency Fund	30,854.61
Audit Fund	950.00
Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	74,207.87
Self-Insurance Fund	53,539.98
 Grand Total All Funds:	 \$4,285,146.01

Upon a roll call vote, those members voting aye were Ms. Stellhorn (Opinion), Dr. Briggs, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Mance. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED**

Trustee Roehrkasse presented the professional services agreement between the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) and Sitton Consulting Group, O’Fallon, IL in a total amount not to exceed \$40,750.00. This agreement would complete the goals and deliverables of a \$125,000 grant from the Midwest Renewable Energy Association as part of the US Department of Energy Sunshot Initiative Grant in an amount not to exceed \$36,500. This agreement would also deliver consumer education in smart grid and smart meter technology in Illinois funded by a \$250,000 grant from the Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$4,250.

Mr. Hoerner has reviewed the agreement and recommended the Board of Trustees approve it to complete the terms and conditions of the grant. The item discussed in the Facilities and Finance Committee meeting will be addressed through policy changes.

MOTION 07-15-15:03

Mr. Roehrkasse moved, seconded by Dr. Briggs, to approve professional services agreement between the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) and Sitton Consulting Group, O’Fallon, IL in a total amount not to exceed \$40,750.00 to complete the terms and conditions of the grant. Upon a roll call vote, those members voting aye were Ms. Stellhorn (Opinion), Dr. Briggs, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Mance. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED**

PERSONNEL, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Morton reported he had no additional items.

REPORTS

President's Report

Dr. Costello expressed happy birthday wishes to Board Secretary Beverly Fiss, who will celebrate her birthday July 17. Dr. Costello thanked her for all she does for her and on behalf of Southwestern Illinois College.

The Precision Machining Technology program continues to garner positive press for its growth in recent years and its use of state-of-the-art technology in training tomorrow's workforce. The Sunday, July 12, front page Belleville News Democrat article not only highlights our outstanding faculty, staff, students and technology, but quotes a local manufacturer who employs SWIC graduates as saying how well-prepared our students are and how the college is fulfilling a vital role in workforce education. The web version of the story, posted Saturday, July 11, also features a gallery of photos as well as a brief video of one of our adjunct faculty members extolling the virtues of the program. SWIC's success even caught the attention of Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner and Secretary of Education Elizabeth Purvis, who sent a congratulatory and thank you letter. A copy of the letter and newspaper article is in the trustees' folders.

SWIC Director of TRIO Student Support Services Cyria Canessa received a call from Senator Durbin's office congratulating the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus TRIO program for again getting funded for another five years. The grant is approximately \$240,000 per year, for a total of \$1,200,000. Ms. Canessa's successful leadership of the program and achievement of program objectives were the real key to this successful proposal, as the "prior experience" points make a big difference in the scoring of these grants. Special thanks to Cyria Canessa, Peter Wetzel, Gary Gray, and the TRIO staff who helped compile a successful grant application.

Released yesterday, U.S. News & World Report did a story, provided to the trustees, regarding "how to avoid remedial courses in community colleges." Our E-Marketing team routinely searches for local/regional/national news-placement opportunities. This one just happened to be from U.S. News & World Report, and they were receptive to what we - and Dean Amanda Starkey in this case - had to say. We cross-promote these stories on SWIC.edu and via social-media channels including SWIC's own Facebook page. So in this case potential students may want to actually read how to avoid remedial coursework and be pleasantly surprised their community college was asked to explain how.

Each month the Instructional Division will provide a report entitled Professional/Scholarly/Service Activities which will highlight faculty members and their accomplishments. These reports are provided to the trustees and will be made a part of the public record.

A total of 355 children enrolled in this year's College for Kids Program at SWIC. There were 83 different class options offered from which they were able to choose.

This year's Project ReRunway event is to be held at PSOP on Friday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This popular luncheon and fashion show attracts a packed-house and features fashions from local not-for-profit resale shops which are modeled by PSOP's senior program participants.

PSOP will host a Medicare Open Enrollment presentation August 19 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. A representative from Christian HomeCare Services will be present to discuss the importance of knowing the provisions of your current drug plan.

College Activities in Belleville hosted its annual Summer Barbeque on July 7, 2015. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, over 600 students were treated to food, music and fun.

The Red Bud Campus held a blood drive and Student Appreciation Barbeque on June 24, 2015.

Amy Brockman, Red Bud Campus Community Services Coordinator, is in the process of interviewing new students for the RBC College Activity Board. Once the students are selected a College Activity Board Training Workshop will be conducted at the RBC. The College Activity Board members will then work at the New Student Orientation at the Belleville Campus on August 13-14, 2015.

ICCTA Report

Trustee Roehrkaske reported today marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Illinois Public Community College Act. Fifty years later, the Illinois community college system is the state's largest provider of higher education, serving nearly one million students each year. The ICCTA will have continuous blurbs concerning this celebration throughout the year.

Mr. Roehrkaske has accepted the position of Southwest Regional Chair of the ICCTA. Illinois Eastern, Kaskaskia College, and Lewis and Clark Community College, in addition to SWIC, are in the Southwest Region.

The upcoming meetings of the ICCTA are the Retreat in Galena, Illinois and the Board of Representatives meeting in Springfield, Illinois on September 11-12, 2015.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Hoerner stated he had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS

Board Chair Mance stated the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus.

Trustee Briggs congratulated President Costello and the Board of Trustees for their commitment in making a program like Precision Machining Technology a priority to provide a skilled workforce for the Granite City area.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The motion carried.

Approved: **08.19.15**

Respectfully submitted,

Nick J. Mance
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Beverly J. Fiss
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

July 2015

The Southwestern Illinois College Abe Small chapter of Phi Beta Lambda recently attended the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Nicole Nance, from O'Fallon was awarded 8th place in Word Processing and the chapter won the Gold Seal Chapter of Merit Award and First Place Professional Division Membership Award for the North Central Region.

In addition to the chapter awards, Adviser Dr. Tina Dierkes was also recognized for the Adviser Wall of Fame. At the national center, the FBLA-PBL Adviser Wall of Fame recognizes advisers and state chairs with 20 or more years of service to FBLA-PBL. In addition to years of service, a minimum of five other criteria must be met to obtain this recognition.

Over 1,700 students, advisers, and guests from colleges and universities around the country attended the conference. Students competed in scholastic events, participated in workshops, and elected their 2015-2016 national officers. SWIC students competed against 30-50 other entries in each event.

Southwestern Illinois College
Faculty Professional/Scholarly/Service Activities

May and June 2015
(and earlier items not included previously)

Presented by Julie Muertz, Dean of Health Sciences and Homeland Security

Diane Dodd, Coordinator, Respiratory Care Program, and John Bast, Respiratory Care Program Instructor and Clinical Coordinator, attended the Masimo EMMA Capnograph in-service at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL on June 3rd.

Diane Dodd, Coordinator, Respiratory Care Program, attended the Clinical Management of Asthma in-service by the Association of Asthma Educators in Maryville, IL on June 8th.

Van Muschler, Director of Police Academy and Administration of Justice Coordinator, attended the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board meeting in Chicago, IL on May 26th & 27th.

Van Muschler, Director of Police Academy and Administration of Justice Coordinator, coordinated and assisted in classroom instruction of the Illinois Training and Standards Board's Basic Arson class in Joliet, IL on June 3rd-5th.

Southwestern Illinois College Faculty Professional/Scholarly/Service Activities

January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015

Presented by Amanda Starkey, Interim Dean of Math & Sciences, to the Board of Trustees

Robin Anderson, Associate Professor of Mathematics

- Attended the Joint Math Meeting (JMM) of the American Mathematical Society (AMS) and the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) in San Antonio, Texas, from Friday, January 9 to Tuesday, January 13, 2015. There were over 5,000 mathematicians in attendance.

Sister John Baricevic, Adjunct Instructor of Mathematics

- Presented the first Math Chat of the Spring 2015 semester entitled "Counting Like a Computer" on March 11. Approximately 80 students came to learn about binary arithmetic and its application to technology.

Joy Branlund, Professor of Earth Science

- Volunteered as a supervisor for the Fossil competition (both middle and high school levels), at the Regional Science Olympiad competition at SIUE on February 14.
- Attended on March 20 the annual Illinois Association of Geoscience Instructors meeting in Springfield, Illinois. This year the meeting was also a National Association of Geoscience Teachers' sponsored workshop, "Building Strong Geoscience Departments."
- Participated, on March 27, in a SAGE (Supporting and Advancing Geoscience Education in Two-Year Colleges) workshop, "Best Practices to Improve Preparation of 2YC Students for Transfer," at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, Illinois.

Brett Egger, Associate Professor of Biology

- Celebrated Darwin Day by presenting "The Human Body; Unintelligently Designed" to an audience of nearly 200 SWIC students on February 13. The students enjoyed his knowledge and humor as he gave examples of interesting human biological quirks.

Chris Farmer, Associate Professor of Mathematics

- Served as a panelist for the "Questions about Math? A Panel Discussion," the last Math Chat for the Spring 2015 semester on May 7. Approximately 80 students took advantage of this opportunity to ask questions about why students must take math, whether or not math can be used to predict a stock market crash, and the value of string theory.

Tim Grant, Associate Professor of Mathematics

- Presented a Math Chat on the 8th of April entitled "Stories from the History of Mathematics." Over a hundred students and faculty attended this lively presentation of interesting anecdotes and characters from the mathematical past.
- Served as a panelist for the "Questions about Math? A Panel Discussion," the last Math Chat for the Spring 2015 semester on May 7. Approximately 80 students took

advantage of this opportunity to ask questions about infinity, the Riemann Hypothesis, and applications of mathematics.

Keven Hansen, Associate Professor of Mathematics/Department Chair

- Participated in the PARCC Higher Education Judgment Study in the Fall 2014 semester and will continue working on this project this summer. In the fall, participants provided input on the alignment of PARCC assessment items with college expectations. This summer the goal is to work on teams to establish benchmark scores on the PARCC assessments. Keven will be a part of the team assessing high school math (Algebra II).
- Attended two meetings – January 28 and May 7 – in Springfield for the Developmental Education Advisory Council to discuss improvements to developmental education. These meetings included representation from ICCB, IBHE, ISBE, and Illinois colleges and universities. Keven presented on the topic of proposed developmental initiatives from the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges (IMACC) and the Illinois Section of the Mathematical Association of America (ISMAA).
- Was elected to the Board of Directors of ISMAA, as the Director of Two-Year Colleges, at their annual meeting on March 27-28, at Northern Illinois University. He presented the seventh edition of the Mathematics and Computer Science Articulation Guide and a proposal to revise the geometry requirement in Illinois.
- Serves as Chair of the Curriculum Committee for IMACC. He facilitated the Department Chair/Lead Faculty Roundtable discussion regarding recent changes to the Articulation Guide and proposed geometry revisions at the Annual Meeting of IMACC on April 9-11, at Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois.
- Hosted the High School Math Department Chair Meeting on Saturday, April 18. Faculty representing area high schools joined in discussions about changes to COMPASS and placement processes, the PARCC assessments, and senior year math classes.
- Attended the Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education on June 1-3 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Sessions included information on data analytics, benchmarking, and using data to innovate, create and design.

Stan Hatfield, Professor of Earth Science

- Served as a community college representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He attended meetings on January 16, February 20, March 20, April 7, and May 15.

Philip Huling, Associate Professor of Mathematics

- Served as a panelist for the “Questions about Math? A Panel Discussion,” the last Math Chat for the Spring 2015 semester on May 7. Approximately 80 students took advantage of this opportunity to ask questions ranging from what sorts of jobs one could get with a math degree to whether it was possible that math would be different in another universe.
- Assisted the SWIC Math Honor Society with organizing the first annual Math Night. Approximately 25 students attended to participate in chess, dice games, Rubik’s cube games, an estimation jar, and a math competition. A movie about particle physics was also shown while students had pizza and snacks. Dr. Huling serves as the club sponsor.

- Attended the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges 40th Annual Meeting on April 9-11, 2015. Topics addressed at this conference included PARCC assessments, new curricular models, and state issues in education.

Garry Ladd, Professor of Health & Exercise Science/Department Chair

- Was recently named to the advisory board for the Master of Science graduate program in Exercise Physiology at SIUE. Dr. Ladd also serves on the advisory board for the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. In April, he took a group of students to SIUE for a presentation by the academic advisor for Kinesiology & Health Education as well as the department chair, undergraduate and graduate program directors. The group also toured the Exercise Biochemistry and Human Performance Labs and the Weight Management Clinic.

Michael McClure, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

- Attended the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges 40th Annual Meeting on April 9-11, 2015, at Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois. This conference focused on effective teaching strategies for mathematics, as well as state and national issues in mathematics education.

Dr. Maureen Mintzlaff, Adjunct Instructor of Health & Exercise Sciences

- Gave a presentation for AMSUS (Association of Military Surgeons of the United States) at the Society of Federal Health Professionals conference in Washington DC. The topic of her presentation was "Spirit and Intent of Motivational Interviewing: Translating this evidence-based practice into the health care setting."

Randi Papke, Professor of Biology

- Elected to the Edwardsville Watershed Nature Center Board of Directors in January 2015 for a 3-year term. Dr. Papke serves as the lead of the Education Committee which organizes monthly children's activities and coordinates with local school districts. She also participated in the Route 66 Festival in June on behalf of the Watershed.

Kurt Range, Associate Professor of Horticulture/Program Coordinator

- Assisted his students with organizing and operating another successful Plant Sale on April 24-26. Customers seemed happy as they left with wagons and carts filled with plants to brighten their yards or provide vegetables throughout the summer season.
- Hosted the Annual High School Horticulture Contest on March 23, 2015. More than 50 students from area high schools participated in the Horticulture Contest and the Agricultural Business Competition.

Joyce Ray, Professor of Mathematics/Outcomes Assessment Coordinator

- Traveled to Chicago for the 2015 Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting on March 29-31. She attended sessions on topics including assessment in the co-curricular areas, meaningful program and departmental assessments, and maintaining faculty interest in assessment of student learning.
- Attended the Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education on June 1-3 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Sessions included information on data analytics, benchmarking, and using data to innovate, create and design.

Melissa Rossi, Associate Professor of Mathematics

- Attended the Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting on March 29-31 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago. She participated in sessions where she learned how to better implement assessment of student learning, how to make students in large classes feel engaged in the classroom, and how to create efficient pathways for students in developmental education.

Carmen Shepard, Professor of Physics

- Volunteered as a supervisor for the Simple Machines and Complex Machines competitions as part of the Regional Science Olympiad competition at SIUE on February 14.

John Shively, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics

- Participated in the 40th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges on April 9 to April 11. Dr. Shively was an active member of this organization prior to his retirement and continues to be involved in its activities.

Jennifer Simonton, Associate Professor of Mathematics

- Coordinated the 36th annual WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) Regional Competition that was held on February 6 on the Belleville Campus. Approximately 300 students from 18 area high schools competed by taking written tests in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Engineering Graphics, English, and Mathematics. The schools and individual students with the top scores advanced to the next level of competition. Many faculty and students from the Math & Sciences Division assisted with the competition.

Cheryl Singsank, Adjunct Instructor of Health & Exercise Sciences

- Serves as the current President for Get Up and Go, a St. Clair County Health initiative. Ms. Singsank also recently attended a Yoga workshop in Yellow Springs, Ohio, led by internationally known yoga instructor Erich Schiffmann.

Cinnamon VanPutte, Professor of Biology

- Gave a talk to approximately 200 SWIC students in the Main Complex Theatre to celebrate Darwin's birthday on Friday, February 13. Her talk was entitled "The Human Microbiome." Students learned the connection between their gut bacteria and general health issues.

Bob Weck, Professor of Biology

- Organized Darwin Day activities on February 13 in the Belleville Campus Theatre. The day included birthday cake and three speakers from Southwestern Illinois College. Mr. Weck made one of the presentations; it was entitled "Evolution in the SWIC Curriculum." Over 200 students participated in the day's events.
- Observed Earth Day by coordinating efforts to clean trash from the stream on the west side of the Belleville Campus. On April 24, ten volunteers, including Biology faculty, Biology students and Sustainability Center staff filled 18 garbage bags with litter collected. The Physical Plant assisted in the cleanup. Unfortunately, there is plenty more work for another day.

IAI Panel Participation

Faculty members from the Math & Sciences Division have been very active with the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) Panels. These panels maintain the transferability and quality of courses for 2-year and 4-year institutions of higher learning throughout the state. Faculty participated in the meetings listed below in the Spring 2015 Semester:

- Physics Majors Panel – Carmen Shepard – April 21, 2015 – reviewed numerous physics courses to ensure they meet IAI course standards
- Biology Majors Panel – Bob Weck – March 20, 2015, at Heartland Community College, over 40 course submissions were discussed and voted upon
- Math General Education Panel – Keven Hansen – March 6, 2015, at Illinois State University Alumni Center – discussion about geometry requirement and other developmental requirements, as well as discussion about more than 50 course submissions
- Math Majors Panel – Tim Grant – April 16, 2015 – reviewed 40 new and ongoing courses
- Physical Science General Education Panel – Joy Branlund – April 24, 2015 – Dr. Branlund is Co-chair of this panel.
- IAI Steering Panel – Joy Branlund – April 30, 2015 – discussed Communication Panel decision to accept Technical Writing class and revision of Biology general education courses and descriptors; received updates from all panels, including new Early Childhood Education Panel; learned about IBHE’s role in the legislative bills regarding AP Credit and 2-year degree requirements for transfer; and heard updates on the progress of the approval of the new state-defined AS degree.

2 + 2 Transfer Agreements

Spring 2015 was a productive semester for Math & Sciences Division faculty who worked cooperatively with their colleagues from several 4-year universities to ensure that our students are able to transfer seamlessly. The following agreements were recently finalized:

- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
 - Biology – Ecology, Evolution and Environment
 - Biology – Genetics and Cellular
 - Biology – Integrated
 - Exercise Science
 - Mathematics – Actuarial Science
 - Mathematics – Mathematical Sciences
 - Mathematics – Statistics
 - Mathematics – Applied Mathematics
- Eastern Illinois University
 - Biological Sciences

Memo



To: Clay Baitman
From: Lynette Rienbolt
Date: July 10, 2015
Re: President's Report – June 2015

Selsius™ Corporate & Career Training delivered the following services for the month of June.

Career Training (Open Enrollment)

Driver Safety (instructor led) – 2 seminars, 30 participants
Driver Safety (on-line) –128 participants
Business Skills Training - 2 seminars, 26 participants
Software Training – 2 seminars, 2 participants
Industrial – 2 seminars, 5 participants

Corporate Training (Contract)

Business Skills Training - 0 seminars, 0 participants
Software Training – 0 seminars, 0 participants
Industrial – 7 seminars, 44 participants

Companies Served

Budnick Converting
Coatings Unlimited
Deli Star Corporation
Hubbell Wiegmann Company
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
International Paper Company
Madison County Community Development
Martin Steel Fabrication, Inc.
Prairie State Generating Company
Southwestern Illinois College
Trouw Nutrition
US Steel
USWA/USS Learning Center

Total - 15 seminars; 235 participants; 13 companies served