



## Illinois Community College Faculty Association

Friday, January 31, 2025, 8:30 – 10:00 am, Via Microsoft Team

Members Present: Julia DiLiberti, Mary Rojas-Carlson, Carla S Presnell, Joseph Przybyla, Terri Birch, Jean-Marie Taylor, Jeremy Bachelor, Melissa Grunow, Christine Brooms, Melanie Eddins-Spencer and Hong Fei

ICCB Faculty Liaison Present: Patrick Moore, Senior Director for Academic Affairs and Instruction

### **I. Call to Convene.**

### **II. President's Report by Mary:**

Discussed the lack of presentation at ICCB with Patrick. We seem not be able to get Craig Bradley to attend our meetings and to have some communication with us. Patrick promised to convey our concerns to the leadership and take it up with Brian Durham.

The 2025 Conference has been set at COD. Mary has started to contact vendors in preparation.

Mary will work with design students, involving them in designing or improving our logo and media materials. Joe asked about the analytics of the website for visits. Mary utilized her expertise in social media advertising in frequent refreshing our media presence, e.g. featuring one scholarship recipient at a time, to keep interest high. Jeremy pointed out that the ICCB link to ICCFA is not working (It actually leads to an old site that is not taken down in time). Patrick will ask the IT to make a correct link.

### **III. Vice President's Report by Jeremy:**

Jeremy will be the point person together with Mary in communication with ICCB. He will have a lot to report later.

### **IV. Treasure's Report and Scholarship Report by Carla:**

The balance as of 1/30/25 is \$82229.97.

Still working on preparing for an audit.

Dues invoices are ready to go.

We need to add the newly elected president onto our bank account. This endeavor usually requires each involved person to be present at U.S. Bank in Bloomington. Carla will contact the bank branch to see if remote meeting plus electronic signing would suffice.

Joe moved to remove Immediate Past President Julia DiLiberti from ICCFA's U.S. Bank account and add newly elected President Mary Rojas-Carlson to the account. Melissa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ICC and SWIC tied for most faculty attending the conference. The Executive Committee approved awarding a scholarship to both colleges. Carla emailed every attendee from both colleges to provide the criteria and to explain the process. SWIC has never responded. ICC did contact Carla to say they had selected a student.

The student candidates must meet our scholarship requirements: providing transcript, full time enrollment, GPA > 3.5, volunteer activities, and IL residency. Melissa volunteered to get in contact with the student, and work to provide necessary documents for the scholarship.

#### **V. Secretary's Report and Faculty Grant coordinator's Report by Fei:**

There is no meeting minutes to prove.

Sent out the first round of soliciting letters for grant application. There will be many reminders before the deadline.

#### **VI. Miscellaneous Discussion:**

Jean-Marie observed our meeting thus far had a strong student focus, and read Article II: Purpose from the Constitution:

##### ***Article II: Purpose***

*The Association shall represent the common interests of the faculties in Illinois community and junior colleges and shall be the voice of these faculties. It shall sponsor activities for innovative programs and professional development and disseminate information of concern to these faculties.*

She suggested that, given this scope, we should discuss our purpose and focus on the next meeting.

Julia suggested posting resources for undocumented students on our website to help the current vulnerable students for safety and protection. We decided to wait after colleges posting their statements about protecting all students, so that we can make a statement that is in-line with our college's statements.

## **VII. ICCB Liaison's Report by Patrick:**

ICCB will soon announce vacancies on the IAI panel. We will learn more during our next meeting on Feb 14.

ICCB will roll out a professional development series, with the first being about program review. It will be open to all faculty, limited only by the seating capacity. Q: How will faculty be notified? A: Information will be sent to colleges. Q: We never seem to receive ICCB's invitation to apply. A: This series is new. ICCB will try to reach faculty statewide.

## **VIII. Legislative Affairs Report by Joe:**

There is a flurry of bills on the floor. Some related to higher education and student welfare include the following.

HB17 CMS-RETIREE MEDICARE PROGRAM (REP. TRAVIS WEAVER)  
HB1304 LOCAL GOVT RECALL ELECTION (REP. DAN UGASTE)  
HB1581 EQUITABLE UNIVERSITY FUNDING (REP. CAROL AMMONS)  
HB1654 UNEMPLOYMENT INS-SCHOOLS (REP. JAWAHARIAL WILLIAMS)  
HB1859 COM COL-COURSE INSTRUCTOR-AI (REP. ABDELNASSER RASHID)  
SB2 PEN CD-TIER 2 BENEFITS (SEN. ROBERT MARTWICK)  
SB13 EQUITABLE UNIVERSITY FUNDING (SEN. KIMBERLY LIGHTFORD)  
SB293 MAP GRANT-TEACHER EXTENSION (SEN. SUE REZIN)  
SB1202 IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACT (SEN. ANDREW CHESNEY)  
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Description of the bills will be published on our website.

## **IX. Notice of Future Meetings and Future Committee Positions:**

Julia calls for the new EC members to consider roles for the next term of the Treasurer, and the current position of Grant Coordinator (Faculty Grant Coordinator is not an elected official so that one can immediately start if selected). Fei has been in the role of grant coordinator for 10 years now and a new generation of administrator to the grant will keep our program fresh and strong.

Mary announced that the ICCFA Executive Board meetings will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month. Before the meetings, Mary will send a reminder and an agenda.

## **X. Adjourned**