



Illinois Community College Faculty Association

Friday, March 8, 2024, 8:30 – 10:00 am, Via Zoom

Members present: Julia DiLiberti, Carla Presnell, Mary Rojas-Carlson, Joseph Przybyla and Hong Fei

I. Call to convene.

II. Housekeeping Items and Ideas

Julia and Mary floated around ideas about the conference theme and will call for suggestions on our Facebook page and website.

Brian Caputo, the president of COD, supports our use of the campus meeting center for our conference. It contains 4 break-out rooms and the main venue. It was after a ton of leg work on part of Mary, we will save substantially comparing to local hotels. The date is tentatively set as Nov 8, 2025. For a \$500 technology fee, we can have a support person at the meeting the whole time to trouble shoot. Some art appreciation activities were planned for Thursday. We will post a Save-The-Date notice on social media.

Fei was tasked to make an appointment with Carmen to learn website editing. And all of us are tasked to locate faculty dual credit action leaders in our colleges. We will run a forum discussing dual credit topics. We will also reach out to Jake and Michael for Blackhawk and other colleges. Joe suggested the special topic of career & tech teaching where a master or BA degree may not be needed, but certain faculty threshold must come from faculty input.

Mary will load pictures from the conference to the social media, tagged as “look how much fun we had” advertising. She also put out calls for faculty to join the board. Carla is talking with Ryan Hawkins, CFO and Board of Trustee of IECC. He is great at helping our cause and spreading our message.

Julia asks for input in ideas to celebrate April the Community Colleges Month.

III. Treasurer’s Report and Scholarship Report by Carla, Secretary’s Report and Grant Report by Fei

The dues are coming in. The current balance is expected to be in the \$81000 range. Carmen’s payments are currently by invoice. When we have a chance to meet her, we can discuss our previously approved payment schedule.

Will continue to use Eventbrite for conference registration. Payments are expected.

Will continue to support PTK with a \$500 donation. Carla may be able to attend the banquet. She will ask trustee members about our role in supporting PTK because on our own, we do a lot in granting scholarships and other ways to support students.

Scholarship application will start soon. Deadline is set for September 15, with rooms for notifying students and parents before the Nov 8 conference.

The grant application forms may not be sent widely. Fei will re-send using the state-wide list. We will not use regional coordinators anymore.

Joe moved to approve the minutes in February. It is proved.

IV. Joe's Report as the VP for Legislative Affairs:

1. House Bill 2602 [IL HB5020 | 2023-2024 | 103rd General Assembly | LegiScan](#)
Allowing concealed carry on campus. Julia suggest that we make a statement opposing it.

2. House Bill 5020 [HB5020 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY \(ilga.gov\)](#)

Endorsing the framework of dual credit academic credentials. Fei will forward it to Zack Petrea for his lead on the topic as chair of faculty association. He replied:” as I am no longer on the HFA leadership. Jeremy and Sharon are copied here, and I believe that they are already working on a union position statement and may be interested in working with the ICCFA. I’ve also copied Cherie here as she is taking over the dual credit coordinator position that I have had the last 4 years.”

And from Jeremy: “Heartland Faculty Association are extremely concerned about the proposed changes to HB5020 and have been working on a draft letter in opposition.”

V. Adjourned.