



Illinois Community College Faculty Association

Friday, May 9th, 8:30 – 10:00 am, Via Zoom

Members present: Carla Presnell, Mary Rojas- Carlson, Joseph Przybyla, Jeremey Bachelor, Jean-Marie Taylor, Dave Lewis, Patrick Moore and Brian Messner

Welcome and Introductions

- Mary Carlson welcomed attendees and introduced new ICCB Director of Academic Affairs, Brian Messner.
- Brian shared his background in higher education from Lincoln Christian University and Lakeland College.
- All board members and attendees introduced themselves.

President's Updates (Mary Carlson)

- **Technology Update** - Plans to improve communication include maintaining a current contact list of faculty association reps. Brian Messner will be confirming an updated list from ICCB.
- **ICCFA Logo Review** - Student-designed logos were presented. Mixed feedback; Logo #5 was the most liked but still had critiques (some thought it looked like a nuclear symbol or houses). Consensus: keep the current logo, but student designs may be used for social media or alternate branding.
- **Social Media Policy Discussion** - Discussion about appropriate uses of social media for: Faculty surveys (e.g., course cap comparisons) and Dissertation surveys. Concern about overuse of social media; suggestion to start a quarterly newsletter instead for aggregated content. Newsletter could include legislative updates, faculty surveys, and announcements. Need to create a stronger data base of emails before developing a quarterly newsletter.
- **Meeting Frequency** -Proposal: Move from biweekly to monthly or as-needed summer meetings. Tentative July meeting planned for the 18th. Fall meetings may occur every three weeks or as needed depending on legislative or organizational needs.

Legislative Updates (Joe Przybyla)

- **Legislation status:** Community college bachelor's degree bill is stalled, facing opposition from university leadership.
- Tier II pension reform is also stalled.
- A bill prohibiting AI-taught courses is moving.
- Requirement for mental health professionals at all colleges under discussion (funding concerns).
- Board discussed a potential role in educating faculty and the public through social media or quarterly newsletter email campaigns.

Vice Presidents Report (Jeremy Bachelor)

- Heartland's tentative contract includes a faculty-led AI oversight committee.
- The committee ensures awareness and oversight before implementation of AI-related policies.
- Emphasis on including adjunct faculty in decision-making.

Treasurer's Report (Carla Presnell)

- Dues received from Carl Sandburg and Black Hawk.
- Current balance: \$102,732.61.
- Updates pending on scholarship recipient photos and bios.

ICCB Liaison (Patrick Moore, ICCB)

- Brian Messner will be taking over for the role of ICCB Liaison.
- IAI panels are seeking new members (particularly in high-vacancy disciplines).
- Panels meet once per semester; most sessions are at ISU.
- Encouragement to share recruitment info on social media and email.
- Possibility for adjunct faculty to participate— Adjunct faculty not able to participate in IAI panels.

Adjournment