



Illinois Community College Faculty Association

Friday, August 23, 2024, 8:30 – 10:00 am, Via Zoom

Members Present: Julia DiLiberti, Carla S Presnell, Mary Rojas-Carlson, Joseph Przybyla, David Lewis, Terri Birch, Patrick Moore, and Hong Fei

I. Call to Convene.

II. Meeting Minutes:

Two minutes are tabled for approval by the next meeting, giving members a chance to read them if they haven't.

III. President and VP Report by Julia and Mary About Conference:

The t-shirt options were discussed. Choices include long and short sleeves, zip and hoodies, logo, color, and half-zip.

Julia will send speaker biography and the program. The program will be sent to Nancy Chen by the next meeting. Hotel rooms on-site are full already.

Mary is doing a lot of work on social media promoting our conference. She is making a promoting video.

There was an issue with one grant winner being unable to present as required and that the grant's coordinator was working out various options for him about extending his project or reimbursement for the grant. David and Joe will provide some round-table topics to fill the 20-minute slot. In future, the grant winners will be announced to their college presidents.

Next EC meeting will be on September 13, still the 2nd and the 4th Fridays. We will try to use other platforms instead of Zoom. Mary will lead the Google Meeting to host.

Jeremy and Jean-Marie from Heartland will try to set up a time for a zoom recording about Dual Credit next Tuesday. Everybody can join. We should participate if the schedule allows, to provide or listen to faculty perspectives. We should consider doing the same with the current two-tier problem in the legislature.

Julia will make a statement on AI after the conference.

IV. ICCB Liaison to ICCFA Patrick Moore:

Conversation about the House Bill 5020 for dual credit is still ongoing. Anyone interested in attending the Forum for Excellence we host each year; it will be in East Peoria this year on September 10. Patrick and the Associate Director of Dual Credit and Concurrent Enrollment will be presenting on the first day. We will discuss the landscape of dual credit. We will look into some previous legislation related to 5020. If it is not recorded, Patrick will at least give us a copy of the speech. Will let Jeremy and Jean-Marie know.

Patrick likes us to know that he is on top of our suggestions. He is discussing with the ICCB administration on the strengthening of ties or connections between ICCB and the faculty association. Also discussed is the increase of our representation on the board. The discussion is ongoing.

V. Treasurer's Report and Scholarship Coordinator Report by Carla:

No change of balance from the last meeting.

Email from our bank suggesting opening a money market account to maximize return. Mary and Carla will act on it when they visit the bank next time.

Scholarship forms will be sent out soon. We will forward the form to our faculty. The deadline is September 30.

Some colleges have never paid their dues. But this year we collected the highest number of dues, a successful year.

VI. VP for Legislative Affairs Joe:

Joe shared ICCTA's legislative activities with notable highlights as the following:

HB3519 (similar HB3520, SB3627, SB3628) - Tier II Pension Benefits - Reduces final rate of earnings period to highest 5/10 consecutive years of employment (instead of current 8/10), increases pensionable earnings limit to Social Security Wage Base, allows retirement at 60 w/20 yrs of service credit or 67 with 10 yrs...Rules Committee 4/19/24.

HB4358 - Amends the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act - Provides that each public college or university shall develop and implement an evidence-based, comprehensive, campus mental health and suicide prevention plan. Rules Committee 1/16/24.

HB5452 - Amends the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act - All higher education institutions shall include info on protection against retaliation in their sexual violence policies. Rules Committee 4/19/24.

HB5568 - Higher Ed In-state tuition - Beginning 2025-2026 academic year, individuals should be considered an IL resident until/unless that individual establishes residence outside of the State (with some provisions). Rules Committee 4/19/24.

HB5798 - Tier II Hypothetical SS Benefit - If an eligible Tier II member would receive a pension benefit that is less than the eligible Tier 2 member's hypothetical Social Security benefit, then the eligible Tier II member's pension benefit must be increased to the amount of the hypothetical Social Security benefit plus \$1. Requires this determination to be made on an annual basis and the amount of the pension benefit to be adjusted annually. Rules Committee 4/2/24.

SB3667 - Amends Public Higher Education Act - Governing board of each public institution of higher education shall provide free date rape drug testing kits to students. Senate Assignments 5/3/24.

HB4873 - Tier II Pensions Omnibus - Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) During the period of the DROP member's participation in the DROP (not to exceed 5 years), the applicable pension fund or retirement system shall transfer, and the State Treasurer shall credit into a notional account on behalf of the DROP member, an amount equal to the monthly amount of retirement annuity the DROP member would otherwise be eligible to receive if the DROP member had retired on the date of the election under this Section. Rules Committee 4/19/24.

VII. Adjourned.