Dr. York welcomed guests and allowed a time for comment. There were no comments from the audience.

Reports

Dr. Frank Barbre, ICCTA Representative, reported that Mr. Jim Ellis attended the ICCTA meeting and provided the following report. The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its June 6, 2015, annual meeting at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Conference Center in Schaumburg, Illinois: Learned that the Illinois General Assembly has gone into extended session. Creating the state’s Fiscal Year 2016 budget will remain the top priority of lawmakers this summer; Received updates on FY 15 budget cuts, pension reform, procurement mandates, limits on executive compensation, attempts to limit local control, GED testing changes, Illinois Veterans Grants, and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Were briefed on activities of the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, and the Association of Community College Trustees; Were informed that the Illinois Community College Board recently conducted a targeted site visit at the College of DuPage on credit hour enrollment claims. A report is expected to be issued shortly; Acknowledged former ICCB board chair Guy Alongi and retiring ICCB faculty representative Tom Pulver for their service to the Illinois community college system; Elected ICCTA’s 2015-2016 officers by unanimous ballot; Congratulated the nominees and winners of ICCTA’s alumnus, faculty, business, service, education, and student leadership awards, who were honored at the association’s June 5 luncheon and banquet; Recognized ICCTA’s 2014-2015 officers, regional chairs, committee chairs and organizational liaisons; Reported that participants gave high marks to ICCTA’s June 5 “Community College Today” orientation session for new trustees, as well as the “Community College Tomorrow” panel discussion with Illinois Secretary of Education Beth Purvis, Illinois Department of Employment Security director Jeff Mays, ICCB acting chair Dr. Lazaro Lopez, and Presidents Council chair Dr. Tom Choice; and thanked ICCTA’s 2014 convention sponsors. The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Rice reported we are still waiting on news from the State on the FY 16 Budget. It has been noted that State payments could be late in the future. He noted the Federal Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education has provided a summary of its FY 2016 funding bill. He said this is an ongoing, fluid process at present but the key elements related to higher education reflect over $1 billion reduction in the following areas:
a. $300 million rescission of Pell Grant funding for FY 2015.
b. $29 million cut to Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants
c. $40 million cut to Federal Work Study
d. Adult Basic Education (ABE) State Grants are reduced by $29 million
e. ABE national leadership is cut by $6 million
f. Funding to support Perkins Career and Technical Education research is reduced by $3 million
g. CTE state grants are level funded
h. Funding for all programs supporting Minority Serving Institutions is reduced by 3 percent
i. Competitive grants under the First in the World program are eliminated
j. Child Care Access Means Parents in School is also eliminated under this bill
k. TRIO and Gear Up presently will receive level funding

He noted that regarding the Southeastern Illinois College FY2016 budget, at present we believe we may be on target to present the Board with a black budget. However, much will depend on State news and how the formula distributes available funds. The work thus far has been challenging, but we can report that aside from two grant positions that were not kept beyond September of 2015, no institutional positions were RIFed this year, an action that has not occurred in some years. He said he commends everyone who helped contribute ideas and made sacrifices to make this happen. He reported SIC currently supplies Rend Lake College (RLC) and Shawnee Community College (SCC) with SPAN since they cannot sustain a full-time Spanish instructor. RLC had been buying PHYS seats from us until our instructor accepted a job at RLC, so now we will buy seats from them at present. We are also entertaining sharing services with unfilled support positions at regional colleges that have similar needs. Such sharing is similar to a SICCM model without added bureaucratic and facilities cost.

The administrative cabinet presented brief reports.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the consent agenda which included the July 7, 2015 regular and closed session minutes, destroying tapes of the January 2014 closed session, the Treasurers report and the May bills which totaled $1,354,126.88 that included $676,059.88 in payroll (April bills were approved at the May 26, 2015 meeting).

On roll call the following members voted:

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All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action Items**
The following actions were taken:

A motion was made by Dr. Barbre and seconded by Mr. Morgan that the Board of Trustees approve the use of board restricted bond funds for the Carmi CDB project with the Board of Trustees Matching Funds commitment that were approved through the FY2015 RAMP in the amount of $496,000 at the July 9, 2013 board meeting to pay for expenditures related to the Carmi project.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Ms. Hughes that the Board of Trustees approve 2015-16 Cooperative Agreements that allow residents of the Southeastern Illinois College district to attend community colleges as an in-district student to pursue a career or occupational program not offered by Southeastern. The college has cooperative agreements with Rend Lake, John A. Logan, Shawnee and Kaskaskia community colleges.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis seconded by Ms. Hughes that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2017 Resource Allocation and Management Plan (RAMP) application which pertains to capital projects to be funded by the state.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Non-Action

Strategic Planning Report

Drs. Rice and Keating provided an update on strategic planning to the Board. The following is a brief summary of their report. This plan, while incorporating elements of the SIC Foundation, did not mirror what the Foundation of some years ago had fashioned. The Foundation had a separate plan (2006-2012) but was apparently abandoned by leadership given the purchase of the Foundation Center. The current Foundation sees the need for a strategic plan, and Dr. Rice noted he is working with Foundation officers at present to create ideas for consideration. The process and product may better mirror the College’s process to demonstrate stronger unity, consistency, and logical linkage between expressed needs and resources.

Dr. Rice reported the College’s Strategic Plan occurs on a five-year cycle. While sometimes schools complete one plan, spend one year to plan, and then create a new plan 12 months later, I would argue that it is prudent to not “take a year off” to plan. We will experience some overlap between our current plan’s expiration and the new plan being revised. The new planning typically includes:

1. Review of Mission, Vision, Goals, Values
2. Review of Board Goals
3. Review of Process Used to Create Plan
4. Review of Planning Format
5. Review of Calendar and Reporting Process
6. Review of Context/Environment
7. Review of Current Initiatives/Sub-Initiatives and Explore New Initiatives/Sub-initiatives
8. Approval by Body and Board
He noted planning has occurred annually and the operational plans for each academic year included in the current 2012-2017 Institutional Strategic Plan have been completed and are available on IntrinSIC. The 2014-2015 Operational Plan is nearly complete with progress reports, and will soon be finalized. However, at this point we are looking at the final two years of the 2012-2017 plan, and need to begin the process of preparing a new five year plan for 2017 – 2022. He stated we realize that this plan will be a critical piece that will be reviewed by our HLC Peer Reviewers as a part of their visit in 2018. In order to be able to devote the necessary time to its creation, this development process needs to begin early with the fall 2015 semester. This development of the new plan will be taking place in conjunction with the normal annual operational planning and reporting process and schedule.

Budget Report

Dr. Rice reported we are in the process of completing a draft of the FY16 budget and will need to schedule a meeting with the Board subcommittee on finance soon prior to presentation of the budget to the full Board in August. He noted we believe with the multitude of cost reducing strategies, we can be in the black unless variables for which we cannot account occur. We have reduced spending in student services, academics, organizational support, etc. to manage expenditure control. Multiple open positions have been frozen and difficult spending controls have been enacted. We are fortunate to have some one-time repayments from collaborative organizations, but those savings will not occur for FY17. As we work on this year’s budget, we are trying to be mindful of financial modeling into the future. He stated the challenge with the creation of this year’s budget is the unknown. The State has yet to resolve a budget for FY16, yet we are supposed to have a legal budget completed. We anticipate modest reductions based on reports from the ICCB, but until the legislature finalizes a budget, we will not know the impact on Southeastern Illinois College. As for local taxes, there will be negligible adjustments. Student revenue is expected to be the same.

Board Policy Revisions

The following two policies were presented to the Board as first readings for revision: Resident Status Policy 9002 is being recommended for revision per internal auditing and ICCB compliance. Credit Hour Definition Policy 9021 is being recommended for revision based on Federal compliance and Higher Learning Commission (HLC) adherence.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Hughes seconded by Mr. Dennison to convene into closed session per provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2, Section C, Sub-section (1) appointment, employment, and compensation of specific employees, (2) negotiations, (5) acquisitions of property, (9) student discipline, and (11) litigation. The closed session began at 6:59 p.m. A motion was made by Dr. Barbre and seconded by Mr Morgan to reconvene into open session at 7:31 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Mr. Ellis seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the following personnel items:

Approved the retirement of Gary Jones, Librarian, effective December 31, 2015; accepted the resignation of Dr. Richard Holland, Physics Instructor, effective July 31, 2015; approved the full-time bookstore position be reduced to part-time and approved a part-time bookstore position description; approved Cara Lehman as the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Career and Technical Education effective July 20, 2015 at a salary of $25,000; and approved adjunct instructors for fall 2015 semester.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan seconded by Dr. Barbre that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.