

Prairie State College Board of Trustees

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Board Workshop held January 16, 2018

Proposal presented for \$4.00 per credit hour increase for each of next three years. Tuition freeze for students who plan to attend full-time. College to expand marketing in the community, continue working with counselors and College recruiters at the high schools on a regular basis and speaking in the community at events to describe the College's offerings. This was the first Board Workshop and appreciation was expressed for the opportunity to share Board activities in an open forum.

Consent Items given approval:

- A new certificate program for **Information Technology, Junior Programming** which requires IT Orientation, Intro to Operating Systems, and Intro to Programming (C++ or JAVA).
- **Robotics Technician Certificate** in a new program designed to prepare people to be robotics technicians/operators/programmers. Growth in this area is projected to be higher in demand and has already greatly increased in the past 18 months.
- **Community Service Officer Training Certificate** to provide support in crime prevention, investigation, and response where full police powers are unnecessary and assists police officers in upholding law and order. This certificate will ladder into other certificates and degrees in Criminal Justice.
- **Mechatronics Technician Certificate** which emphasizes programming and operation of both mechanical and electrical components with instruction in machine tool operation and applications, mathematics and drafting/CAD, robotics, PLC controls and programming.
- **Tenure** given to Professor of Communication Dana Trunnell. She has made significant contributions to College committees as well as coaching the speech team. Several communication courses have been added to the curriculum including an intercultural course taught this past fall.
- **Retirement** was given for Professor of Nursing Linda Zroskie after 40 years of active teaching and Professor of Business Joseph Berlinski who is completing 20 years of teaching at PSC.

Action items given approval:

- **Final reading of Board Policy** was given for Board Officers and Responsibilities of the Chair, Discipline of Students, and Academic Code of Conduct in preparation for re-accreditation in March.
- **Bid for Digital Panoramic X-Ray unit** from Dental Equipment and Supply in the amount of \$23,000.
- **Purchase of 31 PC systems with warranties for the Health Tech Lab Room** which is a multi-use room for the College Information Technology courses from CDW-G under Illinois Community College System Procurement Consortium in the amount of \$15,451.44.
- **Purchase of Virtual Host Server** with warranties from CDW-G under Illinois Community College System Procurement Consortium in the amount of \$26,349.51 for reliable student recordkeeping.
- **Purchase of Information Technology Resources (ITR) Cooling Unit** to replace 20 year old unit no longer reliable at estimated cost of \$105,600.

Other agenda items were tabled and will be presented at the February Board of Trustees meeting due to the extreme cold. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.