

Prairie State College Board of Trustee Meeting
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- Presentation of **FY2019 Budget** and passed unanimously by Board of Trustees
- **Walk of Hope** is scheduled for October 7. The purpose of the event is to secure volunteers and donations to support the Illinois Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society which enables student members experience in research and projects that promote scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship.
- The **John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award** was presented to Jackie Dennis, Professor and Coordinator of Information Technology in recognition of her innovation and leadership. Prof. Dennis expressed her appreciation for the College's support and the degree the whole school acts as a team.
- The **Pioneer Award** was presented to Dr. Christa Adam, Professor of Biology and Dr. Angela Hung, Assistant Professor of Biology. Recognition of the efforts on campus to manage Sustainability projects which include management of native plants and the butterfly garden. It was also noted that Professor Hung was able to participate in the "Professor at Sea Program" this summer. For two weeks, she was able to participate in research on the health of the environment through the NOAA activities in the Gulf of Mexico.
- **Designation of deputies** for the April 2, 2019 Trustee Election approved the appointment of Patricia Trost, Andrea Small, and Crystal Alston. They will be accepting nominating petitions from prospective candidates on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Petitions are accepted in the Office of the President beginning December 10, 2018 through Monday, December 17, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Monday, December 17, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Appointment** of Ezekiel Flannery as Assistant Professor of English as a Second Language with a more in depth emphasis on cultural uniqueness and diversity which goes beyond second language instruction.
- **Recommended changes on Board policy** in regard to offering flexibility beyond one semester if a temporary disability necessitates a student taking a medical leave of absence. It will allow students with a temporary medical disability the accommodation of taking a leave of absence without academic penalty.
- **Approval of the Agreement** between Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium in the Greenest Region Corps program. This supports and administers a meaningful and well supervised work experience for one AmeriCorps Member for the current term.
- **Approval of the following: Just A Dash Shorewood DBA Nourish Food Service;** Upgrading **Ellucian Web Portal Phase 2** which will address student registration and advising; **ADA Door Operators** that will allow doors giving greater access for the handicapped to the main building; purchase of **Core Network Switches** to enable upgrading campus wireless network as first step in upgrading to 10 GB for entire network.
- A **60th Anniversary Celebration** will be held on campus on Saturday, October 20 in the atrium.