Ms. Jacqueline Agee, Chair, convened the 802nd Regular Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:01 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in the Board Room of the College.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present
Ms. Jacqueline Agee, Chair  
Mr. Marc Wiley, Vice Chair (left at 6:10 p.m.)  
Dr. Ronald White, Secretary  
Mr. Christopher Baikauskas (left at 6:10 p.m.)  
Ms. Joelle Mulhearn  
Mr. John Stanfa  
Ms. Camiella Williams (left at 6:10 p.m.)  
Mr. Hector Guevara, Student Trustee

Table Participants Present
Dr. Terri L. Winfree, President  
Ms. Patricia Gallagher Trost, Board Recorder  
Dr. Marie Hansel, Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Dr. Thomas Saban, Vice President, Finance and Administration  
Mr. Craig Schmidt, Vice President, Community and Economic Development  
Dr. Gregory Thomas, Vice President, Student Affairs and Dean of Students  
Mr. Mohammed Lakhani, Del Galdo Law Group  
Mr. Andrew Schott, Faculty Representative (arrived at 5:05 p.m.)  
Ms. Cheron Ricks, Support Staff Representative

Table Participants Absent
Mr. Anthony Dickerson, Student Representative

Administrators Present
Ms. Carolyn Ciesla; Dr. Stefanie Coleman; Mr. David Cronan; Ms. Carol Fawcett; Ms. Deborah Havighorst; Ms. Janice Kaushal; Mr. Timothy Kosick; Ms. Marina Krtinic; Mr. George Pfotenhauer; Ms. Debra Prendergast; Mr. Felix Simpkins; Mr. Elighie Wilson; Mr. Chris Zorich

Faculty Members Present
Dr. Craig Mulling; Ms. Valerie Nicholson; Dr. Patrick Reichard; Ms. Cydney Williams

Staff Members Present
Ms. Crystal Alston; Mr. William Berkley; Mr. Jeff Boyd; Mr. Mike Manderino; Ms. Carolyn Ostroski; Ms. Kimberly Pedersen; Ms. Andrea Small

Others
Ms. Ambrea Gale, student; Ms. Elexis Irvin, student; Ms. Rita Kruse, Government Finance Officers Association; Ms. Caitlin Marshall, student; Ms. Dasia McByrd, student; Ms. KellyAnn Rinearson, student; Ms. Tiffini Swopes, student; Ms. Mariah Trimble, student
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ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
There was none.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Presentation of Government Finance Officers Award
Ms. Rita Kruse, Finance Manager for the City of Geneva, Illinois, presented the Government Finance Officers Award to the College.

Introduction and Recognition of Women’s and Men’s Basketball Teams
Mr. Chris Zorich, director of athletics announced that the women’s and men’s basketball teams finished a great season. The men’s team began the season playing against police officers in a game to raise funds for Tim Jones, the Park Forest police officer who was injured in the line of duty. Mr. Zorich thanked Trustee White for practicing with the team and participating in the game.

Mr. Mike Manderino, men’s basketball coach thanked Mr. Zorich for his support. He also thanked Ms. Barb Graf, administrative assistant; Mr. Chris Kuchta, coordinator, sports information; and Mr. Jeff Boyd, enrollment and academic advisor who all do a wonderful job. Mr. Manderino coaches basketball, but he also teaches values and character traits such as responsibility, cooperation, perseverance. During any basketball season those things are exposed—either they have them or they do not have them. If they do not have them, a coach goes to work on developing them. One of the things the team demonstrated this year was perseverance. The first half of the season was shaky; the team had several injuries and illnesses. They got it together in the second half of the season and due to the players’ perseverance, the team ended up with a 9 and 5 record in conference which put the team in third place. Mr. Manderino is proud of the team for sticking with it through some tough times. He introduced several players: Chris Winters who plays center and is one of the team’s all-conference players. He is also an excellent student with a 3.3-3.5 grade point average and he’s going on to a four-year school next year. Brody Love who came to Prairie State out of the military will be coming back next year. Kyle Owen was also an all-conference player along with Dwayne McNutt. It has not always been smooth for Mr. Owen, but Mr. Manderino never gave up on him and neither did Mr. Zorich nor did the institution give up on him. Mr. Manderino hopes that Prairie State will continue to give second chances.

Dr. White thanked Mr. Manderino for allowing him to practice with the team whenever he could.

Mr. Jeff Boyd, women’s basketball coach thanked Dr. Terri Winfree, Dr. Gregory Thomas, and the Board for inviting the team to the meeting. He thanked everyone for the support given to the team this season. It meant a lot to them to see the support. This was an exciting season. The team won 9 of their last 11 games they played, and, in the playoffs, the team was 2 and 1. The team played in the Region 4 championship game where they placed second in the region and were 19-13 for the season. At the end, the team consisted of seven players. Mr. Boyd referred to them as the “magnificent seven.” Out of the seven players, three of them are going to continue their education at a four-year institution. Ambrea Gale will be graduating this spring with a degree in pre-nursing and will be going on to Indiana University this fall; Dasia McByrd already has her A.A.S. in Automotive Technology from Prairie State and is on track to graduate with an A.A. in Sociology. Ms. McByrd made the second team all-conference and the all-tournament team. Elexis Irvin will be transferring to either Murray State, Cal College, Western Illinois or Central State University. She was a first team all-conference player, and a member of the all-region and the all-tournament teams. There are four players returning who will give the team a great start for next season: Mercedes and Mariah Trimble, Tiffini Swoopes, and Caitlin Marshall. Ms. Marshall was named to the second team all-conference and the all-tournament teams.
Mr. Boyd thanked everyone for supporting the team’s fundraisers. He thanked Ms. Deb Havighorst, executive director of institutional advancement and the Foundation and Ms. Kathleen Kane, administrative assistant for celebrating the accomplishments of the team. There were refreshments, the team watched games, Dr. Winfree was serving, and faculty and staff stopped in to congratulate the team.

Dr. White thanked the coaches and added that he is very proud of all the athletes.

**Sabbatical Presentation – Dr. Patrick Reichard, Professor of English**

Dr. Reichard, professor of English and faculty advisor for the Skyway Creative Writing Competition updated the Board on his recent sabbatical. The sabbatical gave him a greater appreciation for what students go through at Prairie State because he was a full-time employee, taking evening classes and working on the weekends to further his education, and being a parent. When his students complain about these things, he can now understand what they are going through. Dr. Reichard took his sabbatical last summer and fall to work on his dissertation. He wrote a series of non-fiction essays called the “Sophia Poems” which is a misnomer since there is only one poem. Dr. Reichard needed the time to step away from his teaching obligations to work on his academic work. It was necessary and very helpful to have the time. One of his writings was submitted to a literary magazine and was accepted for publication by a small magazine in California. One of his defense committee members got him in touch with an editor in New York City to see if they will publish the whole book.

Dr. Reichard thanked the College for this sabbatical opportunity and he hopes this remains in place for future faculty. He believes that all faculty members at some point in their career should take a sabbatical and step away from their teaching obligations to recalibrate their careers. It was very helpful to him.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Stanfa asked that Item 4.2 (Course Fee Changes) be pulled from the Consent Items.

*Ms. Mulhearn moved and Mr. Wiley seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the following items of consent:*

**Minutes**

*That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the 801st Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018; as presented.*

**Bills Payable – FY2018**

*That the Board of Trustees approves the FY2018 List of Bills Payable for February (including trustee and employee travel expenditures), as indicated in the enclosure.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

- Ms. Agee: Aye
- Mr. Baikauskas: Aye
- Ms. Mulhearn: Aye
- Mr. Stanfa: Aye
- Dr. White: Aye
- Mr. Wiley: Aye
- Ms. Williams: Aye
- Mr. Guevara: Advisory (Aye)

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.*
Course Fee Changes
Ms. Mulhearn moved and Mr. Wiley seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the following course fee changes:

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Mr. Stanfa asked why the increase was so high. Dr. Hansel responded that in 2013 the fees were lowered because it was thought it would be a better plan to raise the tuition than the fees. The Biology fee was $17, which amounts to about $27,000 per year. One dead cat costs $35; each student gets a dead cat. The College spends about $10,000 on dead cats. The models are about $9,000 each. All the Biology fees have been spent as of February 28, 2018 and there is still the summer semester. The College is in deficit spending. The fees were much higher in 2013 than what the College is asking for today.

Ms. Agee stated that these are classes that not every student has to take. If a student is taking these classes, they are choosing to take these classes for their degree. Ms. Mulhearn asked if the College has the number of students who dropped out of a program because of fees. Dr. Hansel said the College has not seen that. Dr. Winfree added these are disposable items that are used for these classes no matter what college a student attends.

Ms. Agee added that the Board needs to keep in mind that their job is not to determine if these fees are acceptable or feasible for the College. They have done that. The Board’s job is to make sure they have done their job. These fees would not be proposed if it was somehow going to hurt students. Mr. Stanfa stated that he sees these fees and they are tripled. He now has a better understanding. Ms. Mulhearn asked if the students would know ahead of time about the increase in fees. The fees are listed in the schedule and online. Dr. Hansel, Dr. Debra Prendergast and faculty looked at what it costs for a science student. They would like the students to have their own specimen and they need to be competitive when they go or to other programs at other colleges. Ms. Mulhearn expressed her concern about not losing students due to the increase in course fees. Ms. Agee added that if a student is unable to afford the fees, they could apply for a scholarship. Financial aid and grants also cover fees. Mr. Wiley said that when it comes to financial aid, this would add on to what they are going to be paying. Dr. Hansel added that these fees are per course and not per credit hour. Mr. Baikauskas asked when the fees would go into effect. It will be the fall semester.
Ms. Agee told Board members that when they receive their board packets and have a question on something, they should contact Dr. Winfree or Dr. Hansel. They are more than welcome to contact them ahead of time.

Ms. Agee asked what would happen if the Board does not approve the course fees. Dr. Prendergast said they would have to borrow from another line item or students would need to share a specimen. Dr. Prendergast added that it is more than just cats. These are consumables items as well as the models. Models have been refurbished, but that can get costly. Some specimens have a very short shelf life.

Ms. Agee asked Dr. Prendergast to explain to the Board how they arrived at the fees. Dr. Prendergast said they looked at what they needed in terms of moving forward to provide for the students and to look at some of the models. Some are getting old. They did some estimating in terms of pricing, but this also allows the College to purchase more updated and more realistic models in addition to consumables. Dr. Prendergast said they have been working on this probably since 2013. If something was needed, she did some budget adjustments to make sure the students had what they needed.

Mr. Stanfa asked what is meant by models. Models include parts of the body such as the ear, arm, nose, etc. They fall apart. Some of them are at least 40 years. Some of them have been refurbished but they are getting to the point where they cannot be refurbished anymore. Mr. Stanfa asked if they would be okay for a few years with these course fees. Dr. Prendergast stated they would be.

Ms. Agee added that the College wants to attract students to attend Prairie State for these classes. When they leave here, they want the students to be prepared. Ms. Mulhearn's biggest reservation is as long as the College is not losing students over course fees.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

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The vote being three (3) Ayes, four (4) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion failed.

ACTION ITEMS

Bid Recommendation – Fall 2018 Schedule
Ms. Mulhearn moved and Mr. Wiley seconded that the Board of Trustees awards the bid for the Fall 2018 course schedule to the lowest responsible bidder, Woodward Printing, in the amount of $20,477 plus $511 for an additional 4 pages (if needed); $916 for an additional 8 pages (if needed) and $176 per thousand for additional copies (if needed).
Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

- Ms. Agee: Aye
- Mr. Baikauskas: Aye
- Ms. Mulhearn: Aye
- Mr. Stanfa: Aye
- Dr. White: Aye
- Mr. Wiley: Aye
- Ms. Williams: Aye
- Mr. Guevara: Advisory (Aye)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Budget Transfers – February 2018
Ms. Mulhearn moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the budget transfers for February 2018, as indicated in the enclosures.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

- Ms. Agee: Aye
- Mr. Baikauskas: Aye
- Ms. Mulhearn: Aye
- Mr. Stanfa: Aye
- Dr. White: Aye
- Mr. Wiley: Aye
- Ms. Williams: Aye
- Mr. Guevara: Advisory (Aye)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Tuition Rate and Fee Changes
Dr. Winfree explained that this recommendation is for an increase in the tuition rate and technology fee. The College followed a similar process as in the past. An expanded college-wide Budget Council reviewed the increase. Dr. Saban and a number of administrators held two different student forums to discuss the increase. Included within the packet is a list of Illinois community colleges with recent tuition and fee trends along with a summary of how students with financial aid would be affected.

Ms. Agee said that instead of making a motion and then having a discussion, she suggested the Board discuss the tuition and fee increase before a motion is made. She recalled that last year the motion ended up being different from the original motion. Dr. Winfree said that last year one of the trustees increased the original tuition proposal because he wanted the students to be more prepared, and have quality faculty, quality equipment, and to be successful.

The College is not-for-profit; it is here to cover the costs and to give the students a quality education. It includes equipment, professional development for the faculty so they are on the cutting edge. New equipment was added to the music production program and there were students who already graduated and came back to take classes again because now the College has the equipment they needed to learn on.

Many people put in a lot of work into the recommendation. The recommendation would not be made if it were an inappropriate increase. If the students chose not to attend Prairie State, even with this increase, it is still far less expensive than any other option that they have. Dr. Winfree believes the College is where
it needs to be with this recommendation. The recommendation is at a 4% increase; there are other colleges that may be slightly less in the dollar amount, they are 5% or 6% increases. Prairie State has not had a tax referendum because the K-12 districts depend on local tax dollars as well. Looking at the list of community colleges, their tuition is lower because they have gone out for a referendum. Ms. Agee added that if the College went out for a tax referendum, it would ask for more money out of property taxes. About 20 years ago, the College had the highest tuition rate in the state.

Ms. Agee said that over the years the Board felt that higher education is not a right where taxpayers should be responsible for someone’s higher education. Taxpayers are already paying taxes for K-12 schools. Higher education is a choice, not a right.

Dr. Winfree said that there were two student forums. Dr. Saban said about 15 students attended the first forum and about 20 students attended the second. He explained the tuition and technology fee increases to the students; however, they were concerned about other things. They understood why the College needed the additional funds to operate the College. The students wanted the parking lot repaired, a cafeteria, and more information about the programs offered. Dr. Saban added that the ability to raise tuition is critical when you are evaluated by outside organizations such as Moody’s. The reason they upped the College’s credit rating and took off the negative outlook, because they see that Prairie State can raise tuition. The College cannot control the property taxes and do anything about state politics. If there is no way to control resources and revenues, the College will not be able to sell any bonds.

Ms. Mulhearn noted that if a Prairie State student decided to go to another community college, they would be out of district and pay a higher rate than if they attended Prairie State with the increase. She is concerned that there were only 35 students in attendance and wanted to know if there could be more. Ms. Mulhearn said that she feels it is important that the College be on the cutting edge with its programs. She commends Dr. Reichard for taking a sabbatical to better himself.

Mr. Stanfa asked the number of students who attend the College. Dr. Winfree said about 4500 to 5000 students. He said that is down from previous years. Currently, the College is 1% up from last year. Dr. Winfree added that in 2008, 2009, 2010, the enrollment was high due to the economy. When people are not working, they return to school. The district high school class sizes are smaller. The budget was based on less enrollment than last year. Dr. Winfree said there will be a dip in the enrollment again when students can drop during week 12.

Mr. Wiley stated that enrollment is around 5000 and that Dr. Saban had to track down 35 students to attend the forums. The issue he is having is that many of the students are first time students attending College. They could be first generation and they may not be aware of this type of process. He has an issue of balancing the budget on the backs of the students. Dr. Saban added that this also accommodates the agreements the Board made with the unions.

Mr. Guevara stated that most students are concerned about tuition rates. They also want a cafeteria, the parking lot repaired, and they want the improvements right now. Dr. Saban said the Board has already approved the parking lot repairs and the repair of the pipe in the cafeteria. The students also said Prairie State has such a great story, but students do not know about everything at the College. Students do know that everything costs money.

Mr. Baikauskas said that he agrees with Mr. Wiley. He has an issue with passing the cost onto the students. Maybe there are some things that can be done to save money. Mr. Baikauskas said he will be voting no on the increase. Ms. Agee asked him what the College could do to save money. Mr. Baikauskas stated that last year the tuition was raised and the year before that, the same thing was done. Ms. Agee stated three years ago, the tuition was only raised slightly. Mr. Baikauskas asked how much is
in the reserves from last year to this year. Mr. Wiley said the reserves almost doubled. Dr. Saban asked Ms. Krtinic if she had the numbers. She explained that the ratio affects the ability of the College to borrow funds and receive grants.

Dr. Saban said that the net assets decreased by $797,000 even with the tuition increase.

Mr. Baikauskas reviewed the list of tuition rates and Prairie State is the highest listed on the attachment. Dr. Saban said that some of the colleges might end up being higher.

Ms. Williams said that she had an opportunity to talk to more than 35 students because they are the ones who sent her the tuition increase meeting that the Board did not get. They are the student leaders and they are not in favor of it. They are complaining that they have to pay $1000 for books; they are complaining that there are no classes and they cannot get to school because of transportation. She believes the Board needs to talk to the students to see exactly what they want because they cannot keep raising tuition and their needs are not being met. Ms. Agee stated that that is not the Board’s job to talk to students. The type of governance here is that the job of the Board is to let administration talk to the students and find out what is best for the students. It is the job of the student trustee to talk to the students and then bring it to the Board. Ms. Williams said that their complaints are not coming to the Board. Ms. Agee said that the student complaints would not come to the Board. Ms. Williams said the students have valid complaints. Ms. Agee added that a student complaint should not get to the Board; that is not their job. That is not the type of governance that this Board has. Ms. Agee said that the Board is here to govern administration and they are governing the students.

Dr. Winfree said that not one student has come to her office or stopped her in the hallway. She is on campus all the time and is out and about. Dr. Saban said the students will still get a financial aid refund, but it will be $84 less, but 70% of the students get financial aid and receive a refund. It was all explained to the students and fully disclosed. If this is too much, Dr. Saban would like to be able to settle on something. The College needs to get the bills out for fall and if the tuition is not accurate, it aggravates the students.

Dr. White suggested another attempt be made to talk to more of the students and find out how it does affect them. He does not feel 35 students was not representative of the student body. If a substantive attempt is made, and there is not a lot of participation, then there is nothing else to say.

Ms. Mulhearn asked if this could work with a lower number. Dr. Saban said he could make it work with a lower number.

Dr. White asked how the word was put out about the forums. It was on the website, on flyers posted, Twitter, and social media. Dr. White asked about their personal cell phones. The College does not use the PSC Alert system for anything but emergencies. It was advertised on social media. Dr. Winfree said she would love to see more students attend the forum. Ms. Mulhearn asked when the forums were held. Dr. Saban responded that they were held on Wednesday and Thursday so they could catch all the students.

Ms. Mulhearn stated that Trustee Mosby was all about the students. She asked what the outcome was from last year’s tuition increase. Dr. Winfree responded that the College is doing better than surrounding schools. Ms. Agee asked if the students complained. Dr. Saban said they did not. They understood it and know what they want – parking lot repair, cafeteria, and more marketing of the College’s programs.

Mr. Wiley said many students were not attending Prairie State last year. Dr. Winfree said that many of the students that attended the forums were second year students. Dr. Saban told the students that they
could stop in to see him if they had more questions. One student did stop in. Ms. Mulhearn is concerned
about the students who may have issues that did not attend the forum.

Ms. Agee asked where are the students who are so concerned about the tuition increase. The Board is
voting on this tonight and they are not here. Why have they not reached out to the President’s Office or
Finance & Administration Office? Ms. Mulhearn asked if other Board members are hearing from so
many students, are they sending them to the right office to talk to Dr. Saban. Ms. Williams pointed out
that the Thursday tuition meeting was being held at the same time as the Black Student Union meeting
and they did not know there was a tuition meeting at the same time. It was also mentioned at the full “E”
Board meeting. She added that when she is on campus, students stop her and she has relatives who attend
the College who tell her. Ms. Williams said she could only speak about what she is hearing and fight for
those people. Ms. Agee asked if she sent them to see Dr. Saban. She said she did. Ms. Williams added
that they are trustees and that they should be checking in on the students periodically. Dr. Winfree does a
good job of checking on the students, too.

Mr. Wiley said that he sends students to get help from the Foundation office. He then hears back from
those parents and they tell him that they cannot afford transportation to the campus. The Board needs to
stop this. Each time the College raises tuition the other colleges are following. Mr. Wiley suggested that
the tuition not be raised at all. This one can be destroyed and then work on something else and bring it
back again. Ms. Agee does not feel that is necessary. Mr. Wiley said this is for the Board to talk about it.
Ms. Agee said the Board could hash out another number now. If it is not discussed now, how is anything
going to change?

(Mr. Wiley, Mr. Baikauskas, and Ms. Williams left at this time.)

The Board still has a quorum. Ms. Agee would like to hash this out. If the Board leaves, that is not
figuring it out. Ms. Mulhearn said the Board needs to find a way to provide an excellent education and to
be fiscally responsible for the College and students. She is concerned that there are so many students not
saying anything. She added that Dr. Winfree is very approachable and there are so many others students
can talk to here. She is disheartened by the low number of students who attended the forums. Mr.
Guevara said that students may not speak out to administration, but they do speak to him and they ask
where the money goes. They know about the parking lot and cafeteria, but they want to know how the
money is being used.

Dr. White said that when they speak to Mr. Guevara, he could share the information with the Board. He
would like to see another attempt to poll the students and to see if there are some other options.

Ms. Agee said that she knows that this is Dr. Saban’s dream amount for tuition, and asked what would be
lowest amount the College could use. He said $5.00 per credit hour would work. Ms. Agee suggested
$4.00 per credit hour and Dr. Saban said if that is what the Board passes, the College would manage. Dr.
White would prefer that the Board wait until next month. Mr. Stanfa asked if the College set up a budget
assuming that the Board would pass this rate. Dr. Saban said the College has board-approved
commitments that require this type of money such as the union contracts. Mr. Stanfa said the Board and
the College need to find a common ground.

Dr. Saban stated registration fall is just around the corner and that if the Board waits until next month, the
College will need to rebill students who register early. This becomes an issue with the Department of
Education and they cite the College as being out of compliance.

Mr. Stanfa said that everyone should work as a group on this. He added that the college experience is
usually more expensive that the cost of living raises. He is worried that the College is pricing itself right
out of the market. Ms. Agee added that 70% of the students are not writing a check to the College because they receive financial aid.

Governors State’s tuition is $427 per credit hour and if students wanted to go to another community college, they would be paying out of district tuition.

Dr. White would still like to wait until next month so the Board could have all the information that it needs. Ms. Agee asked what additional information is needed. He would like to see more students polled.

Ms. Kelly Ann Rinearson said that she has had a struggle with financial aid every year. She does not receive a refund check. She does not care about the cafeteria or parking lot. Ms. Rinearson works 40 hours per week. She cares about funding and excellent academics. Ms. Agee understands. She also went to school in the evening, worked full time and raised a family. In order for the College to keep in step with other colleges, it has to worry about the parking lot and cafeteria as well.

Ms. Agee asked Ms. Mulhearn if she would agree to an increase of $5.00 per credit hour. Ms. Mulhearn prefers $3.50 or $4.00 per credit hour. Mr. Stanfa asked if there is anything that could be cut in order to save some money. Ms. Agee said she asked the same question and was told they could cut tutoring, the career center, apprenticeships, development of new programs, faculty development, professional development, upgrading labs and undergraduate research.

Ms. Mulhearn said the Board votes on recommendations all the time that cost money and she is not sure people realize the correlation.

Ms. Agee asked Mr. Stanfa if he would be okay with $4.00. He said it is a little high for him and would prefer $3.00.

Dr. White would prefer to wait until next month to see what that would look like on paper for everyone, including what can be cut from the budget. Dr. Saban said the College is in the budget process now and these numbers were used as assumptions. Dr. Winfree explained that while going through the budget process, budget managers would add what they want.

Ms. Agee asked what programs the College was looking to add. Dr. Winfree responded Physical Therapy Assistant, Dental Assistant, Culinary Arts and others. Dr. White would like to see this type of information. Ms. Mulhearn asked for more of an explanation about the reserves and what it can and cannot be used for.

Mr. Schott said that Ms. Kelly Ann Rinearson participates in one of the college-funded activities, Model Illinois Government and is an outstanding member of the Senate.

Ms. Guadalupe Sanchez stated she participated in the tuition forums even though she has everything paid. However, the College needs to take into consideration all the students. She suggested that the forums be held for a week and possibly hold a forum on a Saturday. The College needs to spread the word about the forums.

Dr. White would prefer to wait, but could with $2.00 or $3.00. Dr. White said it is important to be sensitive to the students. Ms. Agee said that $3.00 would allow the College to still fulfill its obligations.

Dr. Saban suggested a $3.00 increase in tuition and no increase in the technology fee.
Ms. Agee moved and Ms. Mulhearn seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the following tuition rate changes beginning fall 2018 based on a $3.00 per credit hour increase for in-district students:

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Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

- Ms. Agee: Aye
- Ms. Mulhearn: Aye
- Mr. Stanfa: Aye
- Dr. White: Aye (with grave reservation)
- Mr. Guevara: Advisory (Aye)

The vote being four (4) Ayes, no Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Ms. Mulhearn said the Foundation could be very helpful to the students. They need to be encouraged to contact them.

**REPORTS**

President’s Report
The President’s Report is available in the packet.

President’s Cabinet Monthly Reports
Dr. Hansel, Dr. Saban, Mr. Schmidt, and Dr. Thomas were available for questions on their reports.

Monthly Financial Report
Dr. Saban reviewed the monthly financial report.

**ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Schedule for Future Board/College Events
The schedule is available in the packet.

ICCTA/ACCT Report
There was no report.

Prairie State College Foundation Report
The report is in the packet.

Faculty Report
Mr. Schott noted it takes a certain amount of courage to sit there and take it from whoever will give it to you. He does appreciate the fact that the Board is willing to take a stand, think about things and try to find some common ground and make sure that the right thing is done and to make sure it is the right thing. Mr. Schott was a community college student, came through a very poor district, and could tell you nightmares about the labs, but they did make an investment in the programs. He believes it has paid off for him.
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Support Staff Report
There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION
Ms. Agee moved and Ms. Mulhearn seconded that the Board of Trustees go into closed session for
"litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and
is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is
probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the
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Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

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The vote being four (4) Ayes, no (0) Nays; and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried, and the meeting
adjourned to Closed Session at 6:48 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:
Ms. Agee moved and Ms. Mulhearn seconded to return to Open Session at 7:02 p.m. All members voted
Aye and the motion carried.

Action As a Result of Closed Session, if necessary
Ms. Agee moved and Ms. Mulhearn seconded that the Board of Trustees give authority to administration
for settlement negotiations as discussed in Closed Session.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

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The vote being four (4) Ayes, no (0) Nays; and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Ms. Mulhearn moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All
members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Jacqueline Agee, Chair

Dr. Ronald White, Secretary

Patricia Gallagher Trost, Board Recorder