MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 525
JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE

1.0 Call to Order
The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College Illinois Community College District #525 held at, Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Road, Board Room, Joliet, IL was called to order by Chairman Wunderlich at 5:32 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

1.0.1 Trustees
Maureen Broderick (joined meeting 5:40 p.m.)
Patty Deiters (joined meeting 5:43 p.m.)

Roll Call
Present: Jake Mahalik
Alicia Morales
Dan O’Connell
Mike O’Connell
Bob Wunderlich

Student
Trustee Present: Alonso Rodriguez

Welcome
Chairman Wunderlich welcomed the guests to the Joliet Junior College regular monthly Board meeting.

Pledge
Vice President Galick led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.1.1 President Mitchell requested that Dr. Randy Fletcher come to the podium. Dr. Fletcher indicated that he is pleased to present the Fall 10th Day Census Report to the Board this evening. The information being shared this evening is 10th day statistics, but registration is still open, so things will most likely change. The final number will be reported to the Board at the end of the fall semester. The power point presented consisted of: trend data analysis information for headcount, FTE and credit hours; headcount is down by less than 200 students; while our headcount is stable we are seeing students enroll in less credit hours which affects the FTE trend which is downward; we see fairly even trending in our traditional age students, but are seeing declines in our age 25 and over students; we are seeing a rise in enrollment for female students versus a decrease for our male students; ethnicity remains fairly constant but we have seen definitive increase in the Hispanic population over the past five years; three-quarters of our students are traditional age while the remainder are ages 25 plus; and 70 percent of our population is part-time and we would like to bring that down to 65 percent. Dr. Fletcher highlighted a proposed flexible scheduling product using targets and results thus far in this program. We are seeing growth in Romeoville above our benchmarks. Trustee Broderick commented that regarding the medical assistance program, do we have any courses in cardiac ultrasound. It was indicated that we currently have courses in this area. Chairman Wunderlich discussed the fact that community colleges have seen increases in enrollment when the economy is down and decreases in enrollment when the economy is good. President Mitchell commented that we are looking to open an adult re-entry center in the spring to address the decline in enrollment in the 25 plus students. Trustee Mahalik asked how the accelerated programs
affect staffing and obviously the students like it, but have we done a poll to see how the students would like to see it offered. Dr. Fletcher commented that we are seeing students re-enroll in another eight week course after completing the first eight week course, so we are meeting a need. Trustee Mike O’Connell commented that the accounting Hybrid classes are very popular and notices that enrollment trends for Frankfort and Mokena are very low. Trustee Morales asked if there was anything different that the college was doing to increase enrollment in the Frankfort and Mokena area and what are we doing as a push for the late start classes. Ms. Rohder-Tonelli indicated that we are definitely seeing an increase in the digital areas and one of the big things we are doing is using the word flex in our marketing/advertising. We have increased our advertising in the digital areas for all age groups for flex late start and Ms. Rohder-Tonelli will be happy to share numbers with the Board in about two weeks. We will be using the term flex scheduling on our hard copy materials as well. Trustee Morales suggested doing something a little far from the norm, such as an individual in a costume promoting flex scheduling enrollment and late start classes. We can try to work a little smarter and maybe exploring a different way to get through to our students would be something to consider because the last thing we want to do is raise tuition and taxes. Ms. Rohder-Tonelli indicated that we are actually using a suggestion that Trustee Morales made concerning grassroots efforts which is a create your future box. We will be passing out information on the college to the community in an effort to get JJC data to the community and attract students from all areas of the district. We just kicked this effort off about two weeks age. Two of our deans who are in the audience took these boxes to Romeoville and distributed them and received positive feedback. We will continue monitoring this effort and research other ways to reach our communities. Trustee Morales stated that she has had requests to make financial aid easier and perhaps provide more assistance to our students. Dr. Farmer indicated that we already do this on campus and we also go to high schools to offer this assistance. Trustee Mike O’Connell commented that Ms. Vanderhyden had developed a career pathways program that would give our students information on a particular career as far as classes needed and starting salaries in their program of interest and wondered if that was still available. Ms. Rohder-Tonelli commented that we have HubSpot which is an area on the web page which has pages designed to show different careers and classes needed for theses careers. This has been received very well with our current and prospective students. This has created a phenomenal number of leads, which Dr. Farmer’s areas follow up on with the students. Trustee Broderick asked if we are subtracting classes as we add classes. Dr. Fletcher commented that each semester we review low enrollment classes. As far as programs being phased out, we also review these each year.

Ms. Maria Anna Rafac indicated that she is happy to be here this evening and thanked the Board for the opportunity of presenting this evening. One of the things that we have been working on through task forces is strengthening education and communities through collaboration. The power point consisted of the following: We are part of the South Metropolitan of Higher Education Consortium; Identification of partners and participants in the group; Will County Regional Sustainability Network members, goals, mission and vision; Greenest Region Compact 2; GreenTown Will County event on October 26, 2018. Ms. Samantha Bluemauer commented that there will be a conference on October 26, 2018 and will be held at the Renaissance Center. There will be a host of information and programs available on sustainability information and methods to introduce and sustain our environments. Ms. Jennifer Gavin indicated that the keynote speaker at this event is Dr. Debra Rowe who is a leading advocate for sustainability and education for sustainable development. Ms. Gavin commented that the Board of Trustees are invited to the elected officials breakfast the morning of October 26th and this breakfast is by invitation only. Trustee Morales commented that she would really be interested in attending the event; however, the board will be attending a conference out of state at that time.
1.2 A moment of silence was observed for members of the College family, students, community leaders, or relatives thereof, who had passed away since the last meeting. Chairman Wunderlich asked that former mayor of Naperville, George Pradel, be added to the moment of silence as well.

1.4.1 The proclamation designating the week September 23–29, 2018 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week was read by Michelle Smith, Director of Workforce Development. Chairman Wunderlich asked that former mayor of Naperville, George Pradel, be added to the moment of silence as well.

1.4.2 Dr. Mitchell indicated that this evening we have a student present to read the Disability Employment Awareness Month proclamation, Mr. Mason Patterson. Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College approve the proclamation designating October, 2018 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Illinois Community College District 525. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Broderick, Deiters, Mahalik, Morales, Mike O’Connell, Dan O’Connell and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Rodriguez favored the motion.

1.4.1 Dr. Bob Marcink, President of the Faculty Union, thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them this evening. Dr. Marcink commented that the Faculty is continuing to work with administration concerning a few issues with open communication. Dr. Marcink stated that we had an update from the VP’s for the fall semester at the Romeoville Campus and the Faculty were very impressed with the facility. Some of the faculty has expressed an interest in teaching classes at the Romeoville campus. Dr. Marcink commented that on behalf of the faculty members of the college, prayers and best wishes go forward to those individuals that will be affected by the terrible storm hitting the Carolina’s tomorrow.

1.4.5 Ms. Laurel Dieskow commented that she would like to thank the Board for the approval of the proclamation for Adult Education. This is a wonderful program for our college and the community and the faculty that teach these classes should be recognized and commended for the outstanding job that they do.

1.5.1 Trustee Mike O’Connell moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on August 8, 2018 be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Mike O’Connell, Broderick, Deiters, Mahalik, Morales, Dan O’Connell and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Rodriguez favored the motion.

1.6 Ms. Tenn stated that she had not received any additional further communications.

1.7 We have four requests to speak to the Board this evening. Mr. Glenn Wood, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum and Instruction for Plainfield School District 202, stated that he would like to comment and share the position of district 202 school board and our superintendent on dual credits fees. We are opposed to the fee, but we are really thrilled with the partnership that we have had with Joliet Junior College and working with Dr. Naze and Dr. Fletcher has been very beneficial. Dual credit course work for high school students has been shown to improve every outcome such as grade point average,
attending college, and getting jobs are examples. We do not support the fee on dual credit classes for our students because it could be a barrier. This is the reason that we are vehemently opposed to adding a fee for our dual credit students.

Dr. Dan McDonnell, Director of High School Curriculum for Plainfield School District, shared his personal story of attending a community college due to very tight financial constraints in his family. Had it not been for the lower costs associated with a community college, he would have been hard pressed to attend college. He feels that he is here tonight to represent students such as what he experienced, to pay it back for them. Dr. McDonnell indicated that it is more than the $80 fee because there is also a book that has to be purchased from the high school for approximately $100 which now brings the cost up to $180 per class. We currently have students that the school has to buy their books. We feel that by charging this $80 fee it is shutting the door for these types of students to begin college. Currently there are thirteen states that are starting or initiating some type of free tuition or free community college classes, which breaks down barriers for students that want a college education. It appears as if we are not moving in this direction, rather moving away from this initiative. Currently in Illinois there are 48 community colleges and 32 of those 48 community colleges do not charge for dual credit. Some ideas that will help with matriculation are coming out and talking to all students about the benefits that JJC can offer, rather than the regular recruiting visits. Simple comparisons of costs to attend JJC for two years and then attending Illinois State University for two years versus attending a four year university, could be the trigger that makes the student realize that they need to attend a community college to save money while getting a quality education. Sharing remediation rates permitted them to start a 098 math class to bring you college ready students.

Dr. James Mitchem, Superintendent of the Valley View Public School System, addressed the Board concerning the opposition to the proposed dual credit fee. Dr. Mitchem indicated that the current narrative concerning the fees for dual credit courses feels disingenuous. When this idea was originally proposed the fee was in the amount of $160 for dual credit courses to begin immediately with little to no thought of impact to the students affected. There was no provision for low income students or CTE students. We were told that the dual credit program produced over $250,000 in revenue for JJC and the purpose for the added fee was to support other programs. As a result of the considerable pushback, the fees structure and narrative has changed. Dr. Mitchem stated that he feels the intent of the added fee is aligned with the original reasoning which is to increase revenue for the college’s other programs. At the August JJC board meeting, which was attended by one of his colleagues, it was requested that future conversations about the dual credit fee proposal involve all stakeholders. To his knowledge, since the last meeting the conversations that have taken place were individual meetings with Dr. Mitchell and the superintendents. In our large district of Valley View, the Superintendent looks at items from a very macro level. The group of people that should have been brought to the table should have been the dual credit advisory board. This group represents every district, with boots on the ground, regarding dual credit. All processes and changes to the dual credit program have gone through the dual credit advisory board since 2012. The dual credit advisory board has not met since April or May of 2017. Students across the state who live in the more affluent districts have the opportunity to access dual credit courses for free. Naperville central district has 70% white and only 11% free and reduced lunches and is served by the College of DuPage dual credit courses are free. Oak Forest district is 61.3% white and 29.7% with free and reduced lunches and served by South Suburban Community College, dual credit courses are free. Kankakee high school students with 47.4% with free and reduced lunches and is heterogeneous and is served by Kankakee Community College, dual credit courses are free. Valley View’s district has
over 60% low income students and is ranked as the most diverse district in the state. We have two high schools and we work with outside sources to provide monies to help our students with all costs which provides them opportunities that they otherwise would not be able to pursue. What will the message be when we contact our outside sources to solicit dollars for dual credit courses, which is a program that already receives local, state and federal funding? Valley View district has two high schools - Romeoville High School and Bolingbrook High School. Romeoville High School has received an award from JJC for the last three years for sending the highest number of students to JJC. This added fee will reduce this number. When the dual credit fee was brought to the superintendents the second time, we were told that the reason was that JJC wanted to increase the matriculation rate from 27% to 50%. Again this was not the original message. This is a rigorous target that to his knowledge has never been met and he applauds this target, but why didn’t JJC reach out to its partner schools to share this goal. Romeoville High School’s matriculation rate is 39%, one of the highest. Why weren’t they asked what they were doing to put information of JJC’s programs in front of their students and how students that thought they might not have an opportunity to attend college were being encouraged? Once again, why was this proposal not brought to the group of people who are the face of the JJC partnership, which is the dual credit advisory board? He is unsure of what is included in the agenda item 4.6 because there is not a description of the information on the web site other than approval of the dual credit fee. He received an email from JJC stating that CTE students would be excluded from the fee for one year as this is a pilot program with a goal to increase matriculation rates. Dr. Mitchem’s question is how will you know that in one year. The revised cost is now $80 per class. In the last five years, JJC’s tuition has increased 35% and does not include fees. The three year plan on JJC’s website states that tuition will be increased by 4% in 2020 and another 5% in 2021. In the three year plan brought to the board in January and the budget passed in June, it estimates the income from dual credit to be over $800,000. To his knowledge it does not include the monies received from the federal Perkins grant, the state CTE grant, or the state apportionment that allows JJC to count in their numbers the dual credit students who are in the high school classrooms using their teachers and with supplies and textbooks using the high school district funds. His question is why is there a need to levy a fee for a program that according to a presentation to the superintendents by JJC, the dual credit program cleared over $250,000. When JJC was asked if they would consider permitting Valley View to seek dual credit opportunities outside of our region, the answer was no.

Ms. Tammi Conn, Director of Career and Technical Education with the Valley View School District thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak to them again this evening. Since the last meeting, she prepared a survey for the students currently enrolled in or have the opportunity to be enrolled in the dual credit program. Of the 300 students that took the survey, 80% or 240 students applied for dual credit. When asked if the $80 dual credit fee would change their minds, 64.5% or 194 students indicated that it would definitely change their minds on dual credit; 18.1% said that they would take the $80 and would take the AP course which was only an additional $14. Another question was what does dual credit mean to you. One student responded that it provides them with an opportunity for college credit which opens doors for the future. Another student commented that it would give them credit at JJC where they intend to go to college. Another student stated that they are going to JJC and it allows me to get ahead on my credits. Another survey question was what does having college credit before graduating high school mean to you. Some of the responses were: it means a lot because once I begin college, I won’t be as worried because I know that I can do it; it means that I am preparing myself for college before I enter; it is an opportunity to earn college credit that I wouldn’t have otherwise; it means that I can handle college courses; I am proud that I
Chairman Wunderlich stated that he received an email from Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant who is in favor of the dual credit program but was not in favor of the $80 fee for dual credit and would like to see it lower. Chairman Wunderlich thanked the speakers for addressing the board this evening.

Closed Session
Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College go into closed session (6:36 p.m.) under open meetings act 2 (c) 1 and 2 (c) 11. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Broderick, Deiters, Mahalik, Morales, Dan O’Connell, Mike O’Connell and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Rodriguez favored the motion.

Return to Open Session
Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik to return to regular session of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College at 7:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Broderick, Deiters, Mahalik, Morales, Dan O’Connell, Mike O’Connell and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Rodriguez favored the motion.

1.8 Agenda
Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik that the agenda be approved with agenda item 4.6 pulled for discussion. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Morales, Dan O’Connell, Mike O’Connell, Broderick, Deiters, Mahalik, and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Rodriguez favored the motion.

4.6 Dual Credit Fee
Trustee Morales indicated that she wanted to mention that obviously we have had quite a bit of feedback on this agenda item. Trustee Morales commented that she also spoke with Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant and she mentioned that she was not in favor of the proposed fee. Also, she is not sure that we communicated well with those involved. Trustee Morales stated that she is against tuition increases and asks staff to see if there is a way to do things differently to go out into the community to increase our enrollment. It was stated that we started with asking a fee of $160 for dual credit courses, but we are proposing half of the original amount, $80. Schools do charge for AP courses and we have been giving this service away in the past. However, Trustee Morales asked if there was a better way to get everyone to the table as that seems to be a problem stated in regard to charging the fee, even though she understands President Mitchell has been meeting with superintendents. Trustee Morales asked why the high schools are not pushing their students more to attend JJC as it is a very affordable, high quality education. We want your high school students and need to make sure the faculty of JJC and the high schools are encouraging these high school students to attend JJC. Chairman Wunderlich stated that this agenda item was on the board agenda for the August board meeting. Chairman Wunderlich received a few phone calls concerning this issue and agreed to strike it until Dr. Mitchell could meet with two high schools out of the 17 high schools in our district who were opposed to the fee for the dual credit courses. Dr. Mitchell did meet with these high schools and Chairman Wunderlich asked her to give everyone an update on the meetings. Dr. Mitchell stated that decision made for tuition increases and this dual credit issue, etc. is always a very difficult decision for us to make at JJC. When we had to raise the tuition $19 per credit hour due to lack of state funding, we agonized about this necessity. Once we received some state funding, we rebated back to our students $12 per credit hour. So, just as we rebated back the $12 per credit hour tuition to our students, this is an investment for the students and we want them to come to Joliet Junior College. The meetings for dual credit fees began in March with a second meeting with the superintendents held in April. Following these meetings a sub-group
chaired by myself, was created to identify a third option with the following members: Dr. Cheryl McCarthy, Dr. Todd Wernet, Dr. Mark Mitchell and Elizabeth Kauffman. After this revised proposal was developed, an email went out to all of the superintendents and we had support from 15 of the 17 superintendents on this dual credit fee. The two schools districts that did not support the fee were Plainfield and Bolingbrook. Dr. Mitchell indicated that she reached out to these two schools and some of the concerns that she heard were the fee for the free and reduced lunches students and the CTE students. These items have been addressed and the students in theses areas will not be charged, so please know that we have listened to you and have taken action and revised our initial proposal. Dr. Mitchell commented that this is very difficult and when we charge fees we do so with reluctance. We do have an amazing foundation department who awarded over $600,000 in scholarships this past year. We are invested in our students and we do listen and are looking for a one-year pilot on this fee and will assess the results and work with the high schools and come back to the board of trustees and the superintendents.

Trustee Mike O’Connell stated that he is a big proponent of dual credit programs and looks at it as recruiting tool. This program is a win for the students, a win for the college and a win for the high schools. His understanding is that both the college and the high schools get reimbursed from the state and thought that the reimbursement took care of our costs. Trustee Mike O’Connell commented that he did speak with Dr. McCarthy and she told him the same thing that 15 out of 17 high schools were okay with the fee proposed for the dual credit courses. Trustee Mike O’Connell would like to recommend that part of the written agreement is that it is a one-year pilot program and will be reviewed at that time. Dr. Mitchell commented that this will not start until the fall of 2019 and she will make sure that the proposal includes the written statement that it will be a one year pilot program and will be re-evaluated at that time. Trustee Broderick indicated that Dr. Mitchell stated that this information should have gone through the dual credit advisory board and wondered why it was not filtered through them. Dr. Fletcher commented that they met in the fall of 2017, but have not met yet in 2018. Trustee Broderick commented that she would like to suggest that before the board approves this recommendation, it should be run through the advisory committee for dual credit. Trustee Morales agreed with Trustee Broderick’s recommendation on the review of the fee recommendation going through the dual credit advisory committee. Dr. Mitchell indicated that the challenge with that suggestion is that the high schools are already preparing marketing materials for the fall of 2019. Even though we did not meet with the advisory board we did meet with the superintendents and have approval from 15 of the 17 high school districts. Trustee Morales asked if after the initial meeting with the superintendents was there an opportunity for them to come back and discuss the proposed fee change with their counselors. President Mitchell stated that she cannot speak to that question. Trustee Mike O’Connell commented that from what he heard this evening, the dual credit textbook would have to be purchased by the Plainfield students regardless of whether the $80 fee was imposed and now that we know there will not be a fee for the students that qualify for free or reduced lunches and those students in the CTE programs, this should ease the burden. There was a concern voiced for some of the students that may not qualify for the two examples above being able to afford the $80 fee. Trustee Deiters stated that if the family is above the $54,000 income level, they will have to pay the $80 fee. Trustee Dan O’Connell asked if we were not to act on this proposal until the next meeting, how would this effect us moving forward. Trustee Broderick indicated that she was at a luncheon and Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant pulled her aside and expressed her concerns on the proposed fee, just as she has done with Trustee Morales and Chairman Wunderlich. Dr. McDonnell indicated that it was their district’s understanding that dual credit made $573,000 and the college costs were approximately $300,000, which leaves a plus amount of $273,000 after expenses. This added $80 fee would be
added to the already good profit of $273,000 which is part of the challenge for the Plainfield school district. We feel that this is just not fair as our district covers the cost of all of the teachers, the building, the insurance and utilities. JJC transcripts the grades, but they send the form to the high school and they complete the form and return it to the college. Dr. McDonnell stated that he and his district do not understand the need for the college to charge this fee. If the college were losing money on this program our district would understand the need to charge the fee. Trustee Mike O’Connell stated that he was unaware of these statistics and asked what colleges were currently charging fees for the dual credit program. Dr. Fletcher stated that Moraine Valley charges a dual credit fee of one credit hour. Next year that will be $150. Senator Bertino-Tarrant is in the process of drafting legislation and ICCB has indicated that as a result of this drafting there will be a recommendation on a standard charge for the dual credit program and will be coming forth this academic year. We are attempting to stay out in front of the fee structure before it is proposed by the state of Illinois. She is proposing that dual credit be offered to high school students with a limit of 60 credit hours. Under this proposal, 60 credit hours is our entire associate degree which could be earned while in high school. ICCB and other state community colleges are coming forward with the concern that this would be an entire degree at no cost. Trustee Broderick stated that Moraine Valley states that dual credit fees are free or at a reduced charge and College of Dupage indicates that it is free. Dr. Fletcher stated that Moraine Valley charges a flat $150 course fee and COD is free. We are aware of what the other community colleges charge. Trustee Morales asked how much JJC receives from the Perkins grant for dual credit. Dr. Fletcher stated that the Perkins grant is a post secondary grant and does not underwrite the cost of post secondary education. Trustee Morales indicated that she’s asking because it was indicated by one of our speakers. Dr. Fletcher commented that there is a secondary grant which is done through TREES and is different that the post secondary grant. That grant helps with the costs of our CTE programs with instructional support, supplies and equipment. We receive about $500,000 but it goes across about 150 CTE programs. These are college courses offered in the 13 -15 years and are different that those offered in the high schools. There are costs associated with the dual credit and for the two plus years we did not receive apportionate reimbursement from the state, JJC was underwriting those costs with its own funds. The FTE for dual credit programs is two employees. One full time manager and two part time outreach specialists with 17 feeder high schools and will amass 20,000 hours in dual credit this academic year. Matriculation rates are at 27% across the board. That means we need to get out into the high schools and don’t have the manpower to do so and we need to evaluate the courses being offered through dual credit to ensure that they are the same as what is offered at the college campuses. There is a cost involved to insure quality because the foundation that we are setting forth in this college is excellence. Everything being offered at this college should be in this same vain of excellence and we need the staff in order to insure that module. Trustee Mike O’Connell asked if this means we will be adding more staff. Dr. Fletcher indicated that we have to add faculty into the classroom so that they can evaluate the course to insure that rigor is involved. The syllabus provided to the high schools has to be the exact same syllabus that is provided to our college students because learning outcomes must be the same. Trustee Mike O’Connell asked where the statistics came from. Dr. McDonnell indicated that he got the statistics from ICCB states that classes are reimbursed at $25.01 and he called or looked on the web site of all 48 community colleges to see what they charge for academic courses versus CTE. These statistics were provided to everyone in the meeting which were as of the end of last year. Chairman Wunderlich commented that we have a motion and a second and would like to call for the question with the understanding that we amend the motion to include that this is a one year pilot proposal. Trustee Dan O’Connell stated that he is wondering if this means we reassess the program or does it mean the program is over. Chairman Wunderlich commented that it is his understanding that it
means we reassess the implementation of the recommended fees. However, if ICCB mandates a certain fee for the dual credit program, we may not have to address this proposal. Dr. Mitchell indicated that we would be back in September of 2020 because the implementation of the fee would not start until fall of 2019. Trustee Dan O’Connell asked how far this will put us behind if we do not act on this agenda item this evening. He realizes that these are the only two high schools objecting to the proposed dual credit fee, but they are two large feeder schools for Joliet Junior College. Trustee Dan O’Connell commended Dr. Fletcher for all of the good statistics that he provided this evening. We have heard the concerns from the two high schools that have spoke this evening and perhaps we could take another look at the proposal and offer a lower fee. He would ask that these schools continue to recommend JJC to their students so that we can increase our matriculation rates and enrollment numbers. Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Fletcher indicated that if this were to be tabled until the October board meeting, we would not be able to begin the new fee structure until the following academic year. Trustee Mike O’Connell asked if the increased fee would permit Dr. Fletcher to have the staff and faculty that he needs to comply with ICCB mandate of same outcomes for dual credit and college courses. He would like to see a breakdown of the numbers. Dr. Fletcher commented that we would be happy to provide the power point presentation again to the Board which was given at the July 25th workshop. We will have to modify it because we have made additional concessions since that time. Discussion ensued on the placement of students from AP classes and dual credit classes into remediation courses upon entering JJC. This is an issue that also needs to be looked into. Dr. McDonnell stated that their students are required to take the same placement tests that JJC gives for English 101, so he does not understand how there would be remedial courses need, unless the student were to fail the dual credit class. Trustee Deiters called for the question to include the amendment that this is a one year pilot proposal. The motion failed. Ayes: Deiters, Dan O’Connell, Wunderlich. Nays: Mahalik, Mike O’Connell, Broderick. Abstain: Morales. Student Trustee Rodriguez favored the motion. The Board agreed to hold a special board meeting in approximately two weeks and to begin the meeting one hour later at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Mike O’Connell moved seconded by Wunderlich that the motion to amend board agenda 4.6 to include the verbiage of the understanding that the dual credit fee implementation was a one year pilot program be tabled until the special meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Mike O’Connell, Broderick, Deiters, Mahalik, Morales, Dan O’Connell and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Rodriguez favored the motion.

1.9
Consent Agenda

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mike O’Connell that the items identified as consent agenda items be approved.

2.1.1 President requests acceptance of retirement of registrar, registration
2.2.2 President requests acceptance of resignation of one full-time associate professor
2.4.1 President requests approval sick leave extension for one building service worker, facility services
2.4.2 President requests approval of sick leave extension for one groundskeeper, facility services
2.8.1 President recommends approval of workers compensation settlement case number: 30189395256-001
2.8.2 President recommends approval of workers compensation settlement case number: 30178039869-0001
2.8.3 President recommends approval of workers compensation settlement case number: 0028277522
2.9.1 President requests acceptance of classified staff report includes new hires, replacements and separations
4.1 The President recommends approval to pay the listing of bills for
the period ending August 31, 2018 as presented

4.2 The President recommends approval to award bids/contracts as follows:

4.2.1 Bid-Plain Copy Paper
4.2.2 Professional Service-Kluber Architectural & Engineering Services for HVAC Unit Replacement – Building S
4.2.3 RFP-Claims Administrator for Self-Insured Worker’s Comp
4.2.4 Sole Source-CAPERS – Maintenance Agreement
4.2.5 Sole Source-CollegeSource, Inc. – Transfer Evaluation System
4.2.6 Sole Source-Delta Control Chicago, Inc.
4.2.7 Sole Source-Illinois Heartland Library System-Online Computer Library Center

4.3 Treasurer’s Report
4.4 Financial Report
4.5 Board of Trustees approval of second amended Dresden Power Station Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement
8.13 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 2.01.15 Consensual Romantic or Sexual Relationships (new)
8.14 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 4.26.00 Public Performances by Students (modification Former #3.13)
8.15 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 11.03.00 Armed Officers (modification)
8.16 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 11.05.00 Medical Cannabis (modification)
8.17 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 11.06.00 Concealed Carry and Firearms (modification)
8.18 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 11.09.00 Firearms on Campus (modification)

The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Broderick, Deiters, Mahalik, Morales, Dan O’Connell, Mike O’Connell, and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Rodriguez favored the motion.

6.0 Trustee Broderick commented that the 911 ceremony that the college held was phenomenal and commended Chief Comanda for an outstanding rememberance. She, Dr. Mitchell and Kristi Mulvey attended a luncheon with Jennifer Howard, who is the Foundation’s President Elect board member. She has accomplished much in her life and will be a very good new Foundation President. Trustee Deiters inquired if the story had come out yet on our inspiring student, Sara Zarazua. Ms. Rohder-Tonelli indicated that the story has not been published as yet.

7. & 8. There were first and second board policy readings in the packet.

9.1 Trustee Broderick requested that Kristi Mulvey come to the podium to give the Foundation Report. Ms. Kristi Mulvey reported the following: Congratulations to the JJC Foundation Board President Elect Jennifer Howard on being named the 2018 Athena Award winner. Today some of us from foundation and college were present at the luncheon in her honor that was held at the Jacob Henry Mansion. Jen is a 1984 alum of JJC. The Foundation received a generous donation from Mr. Rich Chavez for $100,000. The funds will be used to set up the Richard Chavez Endowed Scholarship for Hispanic students that are interested in majoring in Education. We also received a $200,000 donation in memory of Mr. George Garden Zdralevich, one of the original owners of Merichka’s Restaurant in Joliet. That endowment will support scholarships for culinary arts students. Sponsorships are currently at $65,650 for the upcoming Haunted 5K run on
Sunday, October 21st. The Grants team’s projected goal for FY19 was $6,460,570. As of 9/11/18 they have surpassed that goal by $226,338. The Scholarship application program will go live on October 1st with scholarships that are available for Spring semester. The next Foundation Board meeting is next Wednesday, September 19th at 7:30am

9.2 ICCTA Report
Trustee Broderick indicated that she has nothing to report because the meeting is scheduled later this week. All Trustees are welcome to attend the ICCTA meetings.

9.3 Student Trustee Report
Student Trustee Rodriguez presented a power point and highlighted the following:
Welcome Week with OSA hosting numerous events; Mainstreet also hosted by OSA;
Collegiate Club Council met; 9/11 Tribute; Pizza with the Prez event; Pitch First Water Dunk game; classroom recruitments for student members to become involved will begin shortly; and he will be surveying students over the next two weeks on the dual credit gee.

9.4 Buildings & Grounds Committee Report
Trustee Mike O’Connell indicated that the committee met before the meeting tonight. Many of the items we discussed were already approved this evening. The steam pipe project is almost complete; we are replacing two roofs in Buildings K & B; and just a few minor items.

9.5 President’s Report
President Mitchell shared the following with the Board:
Over the past several weeks, Kelly Rohder-Tonelli and I have had wonderful visits with our local legislators, not only to thank them for their continued support, but to update them on our upcoming initiatives, seeking assistance. These include: continued dialogue for the BSN opportunity, a capital bill to support the City Center Campus, the possible reduction in the frequency of required master plan reports (saving colleges thousands of dollars over time), and concerns related to the new 3% rule and SURS retirement. Each of these initiatives have an effect on the financial operations and planning for the college as we go forward, and we value their input and guidance.

Another initiative for this year is to spend more time with our amazing students! On Monday I held my first of three “food themed” meetings this one, Pizza with the Prez. Although I believe the Pizza was a definite lure to get them there, I had great conversations with almost two dozen students. Their interests peaked on the use of the fitness center, food services on campus, the cyber café, academic interests, and others. Kelly and I are finalizing our notes and we will follow up with Cabinet and our teams to properly address and respond.

Thank you to Chief Pete Comanda and Ed Vasil for their wonderful work hosting JJC’s 12th annual Tribute to 9/11. At the service Pete and many of our community partners honored survivors, first responders and those who lost their lives in the 2001 terrorist attacks. A beautiful tribute.

On August 30th Officer Joe Eckols received a service award from the Joliet PD’s Special Operations Squad (SOS) which is their SWAT team. Joe has been a JJC police officer for 15 years and has served as a member of the squad for the past 9 ½ years, most recently passing the baton to Officer Jake Van Duyne. Being a member of this team involves a high level of discipline, commitment and physical fitness. It includes monthly training for responding to high stress situations such as hostages, barricaded subjects and serving of high risk search warrants in Joliet and surrounding municipalities. Joes’ contribution reflects positively on our own JJC police department and is an example of how our department works cooperatively with our neighboring agencies. Tonight I am
pleased to formally present Joe with his plaque. Officer Eckols thanked the Board of Trustees, President Mitchell and Chief Commander for the recognition and the opportunity to serve for the last nine and one-half years. There are four liaison operators on a SWAT team of 30 members which include himself, Crest Hill, Plainfield and Lockport. We work as mutual aid so if a crisis develops within the liaison, myself or Jake would be the liaison that knows the community.

Dr. Yolanda Farmer was appointed president for Illinois Community College Chief Student Services Officers Commission in July 2018. As president, she will serve as the voice and advocate for the chief student services professionals from the 48 community colleges in the state of Illinois.

On behalf of JJC I, too, would like to congratulate JJC Foundation President Elect, Jen Howard for receiving the 2018 ATHENA Award. Her story and commitment to family, friends, and the community are truly inspirational and we are fortunate to have her as one of our JJC alum!

Chairman Wunderlich indicated that he would like to thank everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting and to enjoy the nice weather as Labor Day is behind us.

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Deiters for the meeting to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.