



**Illinois University Council for Career and Technical Education**

**January 4, 2010**

**Winter Meeting – Teleconference Minutes**

**Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM**

**Members and Guests Present**

Peter Linden, Chris Merrill, Dora Welker, Joel Green, Judy Brown, Tom Haynes, Steve Parrott, Mark Williams, Janice King, Corey Flournoy, Julie Chadd, Josh Brown, Kristy Morelock, and Patrice Boyles.

**Approval of September 18 Minutes**

Motioned to approve by Janice King and seconded by Julie Chadd.

**Updates and Announcements**

Patrice Boyles mentioned that the Chicago Public Schools is eliminating CTE classes as part of the restructuring. Chris Merrill informed the Council that he would contact the two CPS representatives to discuss their plans and reinforce the need for CTE education.

Dora Welker explained the FY 10 and 11 budget hearings for CTE; the current position is positive for Illinois to receive CTE funding. Council members, however, were encouraged to contact their state legislature representatives to reinforce the value in funding CTE for Illinois.

Dora Welker and Steve Parrott provided an update on a recently released program entitled “Race to the Top”. Both Welker and Parrott informed the Council that they would send out written information related to the project.

Chris Merrill reported that 1000 of the sixteen career clusters documents with updated Illinois seal and disclaimer and been printed and mailed to the 73 EFE/AVC Directors in Illinois. Merrill also mentioned if any Council member would like additional hard copies to contact him.

Chris Merrill informed the Council that he is working with the marketing department at ISU to arrange the development of the sixteen career clusters podcasts. C. Merrill hopes that this project can be completed by March and rolled out at the Connections Conference.

Joel Green is contacting the Illinois Career Resource Network to see if they would link our website from their site; sixteen career clusters.

Chris Merrill asked each Council member teaching a cooperative education course to send him the details for the Council’s website.

Chris Merrill informed the Council that financial support would continue for Council members and their CTE students to attend the Connections Conference.

Chris Merrill discussed the Connections Conference meeting agenda and informed the Council that all five "Awards for Innovation" winners were slated for presentations. Merrill also informed the Council that when the final version of the Council registration form was available from the Connections Conference staff, that he would distribute electronically.

### **2009-10 Goals**

As part of the goals for the Council, Julie Chadd volunteered to draft a white paper on the importance of CTE for Illinois. The Council thought that if this paper could be finalized before the Connections Conference, that a copy could be distributed to each attending member of the conference.

### **The meeting concluded at 10:00 AM.**

*New business not reported during the teleconference was an email from Barbara Hagler before the start of the meeting informing Chris Merrill that she could not attend the teleconference because she was called to the residence of where her father lives. A house fire was discovered and her father had passed away inside the house. Council members are encouraged to keep Barbara and her family in their thoughts and prayers.*