



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

**September 18, 2009**

**Illinois State Board of Education**

10:00 AM – Meeting called to order

**Members and Guests Present:**

Judy Brown, Joel Green, Dora Welker, Barbara Hagler, Josh Brown, Janice King, Julie Chadd, Ryan Brown, Patrice Boyles, and Chris Merrill

**Welcome and Introductions:**

C. Merrill distributed the agenda (packet) to the Council.

The Council welcomed Ryan Brown to the meeting (Ryan was present to co-deliver his 2008-09 Awards for Innovation presentation).

**Illinois' Sixteen Career Clusters:**

C. Merrill presented the Council with the Sixteen Career Clusters document that was developed for Illinois. C. Merrill informed the Council that each of the 73 AVC/EFE Directors in Illinois would be receiving a packet of ten in the mail. C. Merrill also noted that the cluster documents are posted on the Council's website for download. Council members suggested that additional cluster documents be sent to Illinois guidance counselors, IACTE conference members, cooperative education teachers, and to each CTE state professional organization. C. Merrill informed the Council he would investigate how much it would cost (dependent upon Council's budget) to run an additional print of the clusters for these organizations as well as for other organizations the Council felt needed to have hard copies. J. Green noted that the career clusters needed to be a focus area of pre-service CTE education. The Council discussed adding a "companion" to the career clusters in the form of a podcast, which would be linked on the Council's website. The Council suggested using at least one educator from that particular cluster with experts in the cluster field. C. Merrill noted that he would investigate the best approach for completing the podcasts. The Council also suggested adding supporting links for each cluster on the website. J. Green suggested contacting the Illinois Career Resource Network to see if they would link our website from their site.

**Updates from ISBE and Council Members:**

Council representatives provided oral updates on activities happening at each campus.

D. Welker provided the Council with (1) a letter that Dr. Koch sent to the Illinois General Assembly regarding the education budget; (2) information on the 2011 fiscal year hearings; (3) Illinois programs of study guide; (4) Illinois Curriculum Revitalization Project; and (5) information relating to the dual credit, forum of excellence, connections, and CTE administrators conferences.

Note: The updates D. Welker provided were extensive. Council members not present at the meeting who are interested in obtaining the written documentation that D. Welker distributed are encouraged to contact her directly.

**2008-2009 Awards for Innovation Presentations:**

Drs. Josh and Ryan Brown, Illinois State University delivered a PowerPoint presentation  
*"How STEM Teachers Integrate Concepts of Pedagogical Content Knowledge"*

Dr. Barbara Hagler, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale delivered a PowerPoint Presentation  
*"Effective Assessment Strategies for Career and Technical Education"*

**Presentation and Discussion of 2009-2010 Goals:**

C. Merrill presented the Council with the 2009-10 goals. The main discussion point based on the goals was the creation and distribution of a position paper on CTE. J. Chadd volunteered to start the paper and distribute it to Council members for their input.

**2009-2010 Awards for Innovation Proposal Selections:**

C. Merrill informed the Council that five proposals were accepted for funding during this fiscal year's budget (Chicago State University, Northern Illinois University, (2) Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign).

**Next Meeting and Adjournment:**

The next meeting date is TBA, but it will take place in December via electronic means. C. Merrill informed the Council that he would set up the electronic meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM.