

NCMC Board Of Trustees Meeting Report

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A long time instructor has submitted his letter of retirement at North Central Missouri College.



The board of trustees last evening accepted the resignation of Eddie Koenig as criminal justice instructor effective June 27th. Koenig has been employed as a full-time instructor at the college the past 20 years. Trustees accepted two other resignations. One is from Callie Hunter as the skills lab / simulator coordinator in allied health. The other comes from Cathy Smith as academic advisor with the Upward Bound program.

Trustees approved employment of Suzanne Carlson of Afton in southwest Iowa as full time nursing instructor beginning April 1st for the Maryville site. Hired for clinical positions in the NCMC nursing program, which are part-time, were Jessica Gilgour of Breckenridge for Trenton and Cathy Adkins of Albany for the Bethany site.

College President Neil Nuttall announced North Central will hold two graduation ceremonies May 10th. One is at 9 o'clock in the morning and the other at 1 o'clock.

Two speakers are to be announced soon. The college will host a brunch for honor graduates between the two ceremonies. The afternoon event is for graduates of the various allied health programs while the morning ceremony involves everyone else.

The decision to have two ceremonies is aimed at accomodating an increasing number of family members and friends planning to attend graduation at Ketcham Community Center. KTTN will be making plans for live video streaming of both NCMC commencements on our kttn.com website.

Doctor Nuttall told Trustees the Missouri house passed its state budget which includes three percent additional appropriations for community colleges and for the universities. The house version of the budget, he said, also includes a ten million dollar equity fund for community colleges that he noted have 43 percent of the students, but receive only 20 percent of the states' higher education funding.

The board approved purchase of 30 personal computers and five monitors to be placed in career centers at Chillicothe and St. Joseph. The purchase comes through C-D-W-G of Vernon Hills, Illinois. The cost of more than 19 thousand dollars will be covered by funds through the Workforce Investment Act.

Trustees agreed for the college to apply for a grant seeking supplemental funding for Green Hills Head Start amounting to over 122 thousand dollars.

It's intended to restore government funds lost last year due to federal sequestration of five and a quarter percent. The additional money is to be earmarked for salaries including a one point three percent cost of living raise for staff. It'll also go for adding back some, but not all, of the 40 child slots eliminated last year. Head Start Director Bev Hooker told Trustees the target population of Head Start children coming from low income eligible families just isn't there as much as it used to be. Some of the supplemental funds will address what Ms. Hooker called facility issues and perhaps to add a staff position with all actions based on the community-needs assessment.

Trustees also met last evening in closed executive session.