AGENDA ITEM #VIII-D-3
MARCH 19, 2013
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

SECOND READING – TUITION

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT: It is recommended that Board of Trustees considers for the second reading an increase in the in-district tuition rate from $105.00 per credit hour to $120.00 per credit hour and in the senior citizen rate from $79.00 to $86.00 per credit hour effective Fall semester of 2013. The formulas for figuring out-of-district and out-of-state tuition remain unchanged. These rates will be calculated after Fall 2013 tuition rates at community colleges contiguous to Highland have been determined.

BACKGROUND: In 1995, the Board of Trustees agreed in principle to follow a general approach of setting the tuition and fees for in-district students at a rate approximating the state average tuition and fees rate charged by other Illinois community colleges. For FY’13 (the current year), that rate is $114 per credit hour. A $120 tuition rate coupled with our technology fee ($11) and activity fee ($5) will likely be higher than the overall state average tuition and fee rate in FY’14. The Administrative Rules of the Illinois Community College Board require that the out-of-state tuition rate be set at a minimum of 1.67 times its in-district tuition rate. The out-of-district tuition rate is calculated at 1.5 times the highest in-district rate of our contiguous districts.

Early budget projections that include continued decreases in property tax values and state support indicate that this recommended increase in tuition may require the College to adopt a deficit budget in FY’14, to be offset by a planned decrease in the Operating Funds fund balance.

BOARD ACTION: Approved as amended 3/19/13