



Illinois Community College Trustees Association

## **QUICK SURVEY RESULTS** **2020 Student Trustee Elections**

March 20, 2020

A total of 21 colleges/districts responded to ICCTA's Quick Survey on *2020 STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTIONS*.

**The COVID-19 pandemic has forced Illinois community colleges to restrict on-campus events and gatherings. How is your college planning to conduct the 2020 election for Student Trustee (whose term will begin April 15)?**

- Danville: The petition filing period is March 16 to March 20. The election is scheduled for April 7 and 8. Since students will not be on campus, we will conduct the election via email for this year.
- DuPage: The on-campus elections were held on March 11-12 before any action had taken place regarding the closure of the College of DuPage. The elections were held without incident.
- Elgin: Elgin Community College will continue with our online elections as we have previously.
- Harper: We are planning to host a virtual election. Candidates have been encouraged to create a virtual presence online. Candidates were also sent four questions to respond to through a 30 second video. Student Involvement is working with marketing to create an online campaign for all candidates.  
We are in the process of creating an election website to showcase the candidate videos, their personal statements, and their candidate photos.  
In addition, we are hoping to share the videos, statements, and photos on Harper social media. Student voting will occur through the Student Portal, as it has been hosted there for the past few years.
- Heartland: The election process was completed in early March, prior to our spring break and moving all of our courses to alternative formats.
- Illinois Central: We are planning on moving our election to an online-only format.
- Illinois Eastern: The student trustee election was held November 5, 2019.
- Illinois Valley: Students are currently on an extended Spring Break, but upon their return we plan to meet with the Student Government Association to discuss options which may include an electronic petition and election process. In terms of implementing an electronic process, our primary concern is ensuring validity of the results.
- Kaskaskia: We do not have a set plan; however we anticipate an electronic vote through Survey Monkey and will provide a space on our website for "a meet the student trustee candidates" and to post their campaign messages. Will be able to confirm this plan after next week.
- Kishwaukee: The week of 3/23-3/29 bio's will be sent to all students with the option to respond with questions for the candidates.  
Polling will be conducted via Survey Monkey to college student emails 3/30-4/2.  
On 4/3 the new trustee for FY 21 will be announced and available for the April Board Meeting.

- **Lake County:** A committee consisting of the current Student Trustee, students, club advisor, SGA Co-Advisor, Dir. Student Activities, and Dean will interview the candidates (already submitted their applications prior to COVID-19). Interviews will be conducted online, committee will deliberate and vote on a new Student Trustee.  
 Next week is our college's spring break, so this procedure will take place the week of March 30. However, given the difficulty of bringing the committee and student candidates together online, this may not be feasible, and may have to wait until our scheduled return to campus on April 13.  
 Due to having to transition to a new learning and campus environment and the challenges this presents, we are recommending postponing the start of the new Student Trustee term, to give colleges the time needed to conduct a fair, accessible and thorough process."
- **Lewis and Clark:** We have sent a message to the CSSO list serve in the hopes of understanding how others might also be handling this. We have discussed interviewing each student and posting the video and transcripts online, then sending out an email blast with the information and how to vote online to all students. We would send reminders about voting between now and the end of the election. We are open to what others are doing.
- **Logan:** John A. Logan College always conducts the student trustee election entirely online the first Wednesday in March, which is typically the week before spring break.
- **Morton:** MC plans to host a virtual Q&A with the candidates to introduce students to the student candidates and learn more about their goals. In addition, we will create short videos of the candidates to post on our student portal online. Voting will remain online as previous years and voting information will be shared with students via email, portal, and social media.
- **Prairie State:** We do have online elections, and would have to send the info via email to students. The issue is students turning in their packet to be approved to be on the ballot. At this time they are not allowed on campus.
- **Richland:** At RCC for the past 5 years we have held online elections  
 Application form are made in Microsoft forms and will be sent out by the end of the week  
 The applications will be due on Monday, March 30  
 Elections will be online on April 1-3 ending at 5pm  
 Since the elections are done online, the results are immediate
- **Sandburg:** We will be conducting our election online in April.
- **Southeastern:** Fortunately our new student trustee was elected before the COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Spoon River:** We conducted our student trustee election prior to our spring break (March 3&4). We created a online election portal for trustee bios to be shared and students voted online for the two days the elections were open.
- **Triton:** Our elections are held online. The restrictions to on-campus events will not impact the 2020 election of our Student Trustee.
- **Waubonsee:** We will be postponing until Fall.