

**ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Meeting at Monmouth College 5/17/2013 Summary Draft Minutes Approved 6/13/2013

FAC members/alternates attending and their institutions:

Abbas Aminmansour (UIUC)
Sonya Armstrong (NIU)
Gisele Atterberry (Joliet Junior College)
David Bardack (UIC)
Daniel Beach (at-large, Dominican University)
John Bennett (at-large alternate)
Jim Betts (Monmouth College)
Len Bogle (University of Illinois Springfield)
Amy Carr (WIU)
Rhonda Comrie (SIUE)
Steve Depasquale (at-large, Kankakee Community College)
Marie Donovan (at-large, DePaul)
Bill Hapes (Black Hawk College)
Andy Howard (IIT)
Dan Hrozencik (Chicago State University)
Les Hyder (EIU)
Dan Kies (College of DuPage)
Duce McCune (Eureka College)
Patricia McNicholas (Robert Morris University)
Larry Modaff (Waubansee Community College)
Pam Moriearty (Lincoln College)
Douglas Okey (at-large, Spoon River College)
Steven Rock (WIU)
Shawn Schumacher (at-large, Devry University-Addison)
Brice Seifort (Monmouth College)
Aida Shekib (GSU)

From IBHE: Ocheng Jany, Harry Berman, Jonathan Lackland, Debbie Meisner-Bertauski, Karen Helland

Representatives/Institutions not present:

Dawn Allred (MacMurray College)
Jonathan Boehning (Kaskaskia College)
Richard Deutsch (John A. Logan College)
John Frendreis (Loyola University)
Judith Gouwens (Roosevelt)
Mike Gizzi (ISU)
Lyle Hicks (Danville Area Community College)
Lisa Hollis-Sawyer (NEIU)
Allan Karnes (SIUC)
Barbara Mackey (Lewis University)

Donna McCauley (Moraine Valley Community College)
Phyllis Sander (Shawnee Community College)
Andy Schott (Prairie State College)

Abbas called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Jim introduced David Timmerman, Dean of Faculty at Monmouth College. He said that Monmouth's enrollment in the early 1990s fell to 600 and the facilities were underutilized. There has been a substantial expansion and improvement since then. Current enrollment is 1300 students with a goal of 1500. Every student takes a common course each year. 95% of students come from Illinois. A new science and business building has just been opened. Areas of distinction include: quality of facilities, traditional liberal arts, elementary and secondary education, business and accounting, and a focus on the integration of disciplines.

Abbas attended the recent meeting of the Performance Based Funding Steering Committee. The percentage of the higher education budget being allocated this way may be a bit higher than the one-half of one percent in the current fiscal year. A Refinement Subcommittee is looking at additional metrics, such as number of first generation students and quality of education. Our June meeting will be at Lincoln College. A symposium on the future of higher education over the next five years will be the focus of our September 20th meeting at UIUC; a number of speakers have been scheduled. Suggestions for additional participants are solicited. We could brainstorm some ideas, questions, and issues to bring up at the symposium at our next meeting, as well as agenda items for the next academic year.

Ocheng announced the hiring of two staff in Academic Affairs as assistant directors; they are now fully staffed. Letters have been sent out to institutions rotating onto FAC in the fall requesting the selection of representatives and alternates.

Caucuses met. From the Private Caucus, they will be bringing forth two names for IAI panels. They also discussed the Faculty Fellowship program, our June meeting, and reelected Shawn as Caucus Chair. The Public Caucus further considered the benefits of higher education and the use of social media to disseminate. Other topics included: compiling the historical achievements of FAC, the financial aid situation (need and access versus merit and success), and the pension legislation. Sonya was elected as chair for the next academic year. The Community College Caucus elected Steve D. as next Caucus Chair. They have some IAI nominations and discussed faculty required office hours, their difficulty in attending mid-May FAC meetings, the adjunct faculty situation relative to the health care law and how different campuses are dealing with it.

Jonathan Lackland of IBHE noted that SB 1900 (open access of faculty publications) has passed both the House and the Senate; if signed into law a task force would look at implementation and IBHE would report on how the campuses comply. A textbook affordability resolution has been drafted; the situation and details are uncertain; IBHE would have a role. HJR 33 passed the Higher Education Committee. A pension showdown is likely. As to the budget, some extra state dollars have been announced. The Senate is more supportive of education than the House. A cost shift of the normal

pension costs to institutions over a 13 year phase is supported by the presidents and chancellors of the public universities and community colleges.

The proposal to establish an IBHE Faculty Fellow Program was discussed. Karen Helland would be the IBHE administrative contact. A spring 2014 start date was anticipated with proposal submissions by the end of this September. IBHE would contribute a \$2500 stipend per semester along with travel expenses to IBHE meetings. Dr. Brenda Klostermann from the Illinois Education Research Council (IERC) provided some background on the Council, noting it is the research arm of the P-20 Council. Harry Berman suggested that proposed research topics could align with IERC interests and the goals of The Illinois Public Agenda. The fellowship should be mutually beneficial for the faculty member, their institution, and the IBHE. There will be one fellowship per year to start. The Fellow should be on a full time current faculty member, rather than a retiree. Publicizing the opportunity to faculty would need to be done; a web site with information would be important. The freedom to publish results and conclusions was raised as a concern. It was also noted that given the timing of sabbatical applications, a September application date could be problematic for some. Berman was thanked for his support. A motion to approve the Faculty Fellow Program was offered and passed. The FAC members on the Steering Committee will be Shawn, Bill, and Aida.

After lunch, a tour of the new Center for Science and Business building was offered.

The minutes of the April 2nd meeting were approved. There was affirmation of the officers elected for next academic year. The election of the Caucus Chairs was affirmed. Nominees that will be put forward for IAI panels include: from the Privates (Cyrus Grant, Dominican, Computer Science; Sujin Huggins, Dominican, Sociology), from the Community Colleges (Douglas Okey, Theater; Lyle Hicks, Business, Sally Mullan (panel tbd); Eric Gorder, Joliet, Visual Arts), Publics (Steve R., Social Science; Aida Shekib, and Les Hyder).

Pam will distribute information about the June meeting shortly. Rooms will be blocked off at the Hampton until June 3rd and the hotel will need to be contacted directly at 217-732-6729 (mention FAC).

Information was provided on the High School to College Success Report. Debbie Meisner-Bertauski of IBHE provided some background, history, purpose, components, who is included, and next steps. Educational sectors need to be working together to improve student success. Brenda Klostermann from IERC discussed that organization. A sample report for a specific institution of higher education was distributed and we broke into small groups to consider. Feedback and observations included: we need to find out why high school students are not taking certain courses, part time students need to be included, student's socioeconomic status should be considered, there needs to be a consideration of how to foster collaboration and the efficacy of particular interventions, the report should have an executive summary for a variety of audiences, who should use the information in the reports and how, there needs to be wide dissemination, and does

the choice of major relate at all to a preferred set of high school courses. Additional comments can be provided by email.

David suggested that we compile a list of FAC accomplishments over the years. He suggested that the officers put together a committee to do this. Bill recommended that we need to go back to our faculty senates when we seek volunteers and also provide them with FAC updates. Pat recommended that we put recent FAC activity on our web site.

Jim and Monmouth College were thanked for hosting.
Adjournment was at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rock, Secretary