

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

Meeting at Lewis University 11/16/2012

Approved 12/7/12

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)
James Betts (Monmouth College)
Jonathan Boehning (Kaskaskia College)
Lane Crothers (ISU)
Steve Depasquale (at-large, Kankakee Community College)
Marie Donovan (at-large, DePaul)
Judith Gouwens (Roosevelt)
William Hamps (Black Hawk College)
Lyle Hicks (Danville Area Community College)
Lisa Hollis-Sawyer (NEIU)
Andy Howard (IIT)
Les Hyder (EIU)
Calvin Jarrell (SIUE)
Allan Karnes (SIUC)
Barb Mackey (Lewis University)
Donna McCauley (Moraine Valley Community College)
Duce McCune (Eureka College)
Patricia McNicholas (Robert Morris University)
Douglas Okey (at-large, Spoon River College)
Devi Potluri (Chicago State University)
Steven Rock (WIU)
Aida Shekib (GSU)

From IBHE: Ocheng Jany, Allan Phillips

Representatives/Institutions not present:

Dawn Allred (MacMurray College)
Len Bogle (University of Illinois Springfield)
Rick Deutsch (John A. Logan College)
Jason Evans (Prairie State College)
John Frendreis (Loyola University)
Daniel Kies (College of DuPage)
Larry Modaff (Waubansee Community College)
Pam Moriearty (Lincoln College)
Phyllis Sander (Shawnee Community College)
Shawn Schumacher (at-large, Devry University-Addison)

Abbas called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Members introduced themselves. Barbara welcomed us to campus and introduced Dr. Jeanette Mines, Academic Associate to the Provost. Mines noted that Lewis' president has served in that capacity for 25 years. Lewis is a Catholic and Lasallian university with multiple locations. They serve 4,600 undergraduates (30% are minorities) and 1,900 graduate students; 1,300 live on campus. Mines provided a history of the institution. Substantial program areas include nursing, criminal justice, and aviation.

Abbas announced that we will meet with the IBHE staff at our December meeting. It is hoped that Governor Edgar will join us; Representative Biss is also a possibility. Ocheng added that Interim Executive Director Harry Berman may attend. The search for the Deputy Director for Academic Affairs is going well; there are two candidates left in the pool (both women). Academic Affairs is now fully staffed. The new IBHE division, Private Business and Vocational Schools will be self supporting; fees will be charged for approvals, renewals, changes, etc. Information on the December meeting has been sent to us electronically. Our proposal to establish a faculty fellow program at IBHE may be delayed by the change in executive directors.

Allan indicated that for the Executive Director position, a national search firm will be used; they are waiting for approval to do this. The time frame is 4-6 months with someone in place by July 1. Les asked whether FAC will be represented on a search committee; Allan answered that this is unknown; the Board may act as the search committee. It doesn't hurt to ask; the Board may be receptive to our input.

Caucuses met. Giselle reported that Morraine Valley and Spoon River have new presidents. Several community colleges are in contract negotiations. There is concern about the impact of a possible increase in the minimum wage, especially in downstate regions. Four of their institutions will be rotating off FAC. They discussed having alternates for the at-large representatives, communicating beyond ourselves, having campus tours at the end of our meetings rather than in the middle, possible speakers in college and career readiness and articulation, and the push for certificate programs. Abbas added that certificate programs at the U of I go through a rigorous review process.

Aida and David indicated that the Public Caucus is looking at the value of higher education and the synergy between higher education and society. How can we show the benefits and make the public understand them?

Marie said that her caucus also discussed alternates for at large representatives and the need to assure institutional support for these. They'd like to know more about the new IBHE division; perhaps someone could address this at our December meeting. MAP funding was also brought up.

Steve R. gave a brief update on the MAP Task Force, which met the day before. They are still trying to find consensus and running scenarios. They are supposed to finish their report by the end of the year.

In response to a question, Alan Phillips doesn't expect major changes in performance based funding for FY14; the committee is gathering data. Amounts will be kept small until the longitudinal data system is up. This year's amount was ½ of 1%; it might be 1% for FY14. They are trying to make sure that the legislature doesn't impose their own allocation method. Current criteria will remain; some others may be added.

Phillips presented "The Future of Higher Education: Issue, Policy, and Trends". This was a sobering look at the current situation and possible future in our field. Abbas will distribute Phillips' PowerPoint slides.

Following lunch and a campus tour, we were informed that many did not RSVP that we were coming to the meeting. This is not fair to the host. Please respond to requests for confirmation of attendance.

Giselle felt that students seem resistant to online textbooks. At our March meeting, we'll be joined by a publisher or two and talk about costs, adoption deadlines, the minimum numbers needed to put books online, having both online and hard copy options, the degree to which classrooms have internet access, dealing with students who lack funds for any type of textbook, whether faculty authors need to use publishers (given their markup), renting options, international editions, and custom publishing.

There was a consensus that we need to reach out to legislators, specifically, House and Senate committee members dealing with pensions, health care, and appropriations, those without a university in their district, new legislators on higher education committees, and those who have been hostile to higher education. Abbas will talk to Candace and Jonathan for recommendations. Les added that Chapin Rose has been a friend of higher education. Donna noted that Senator Maloney suggested keeping lines of communications open to everyone.

The minutes from November 16th were approved.

The idea of a pool of alternates for at large community college and private university FAC representatives has advantages. IBHE would send a letter to those selected and request institutional support. The letter should indicate how the institution would benefit and the person's time commitment. If an alternate is replacing an at large representative at a meeting, they would have voting privileges. Alternates could be appointed to have staggered terms. There was a consensus that this idea be pursued, with a pool of three alternates for the three Private Caucus at large members, and two alternates for the two Community College Caucus at large members. Steve and Les will prepare bylaw language for us to vote on next meeting.

Allan talked about the background and some of the problems of the new IBHE division. He raised the question of whether vetting these types of programs is appropriate for IBHE and the staffing required.

Since there wasn't time to ask Alan Phillips questions on his presentation, this can be done at our December meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that Abbas draft a letter to Carrie Hightman offering FAC's help in the search for an Executive Director. Abbas will also pursue the faculty fellowship idea with the interim Executive Director.

Thanks were extended to Barbara and Lewis University for hosting.

Adjournment was at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rock
FAC Secretary