

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

Meeting in Springfield 12/7/2012 Minutes approved 1/18/2013

FAC members/alternates attending and their institutions:

Dawn Allred (MacMurray College)
Abbas Aminmansour (UIUC)
Sonya Armstrong (NIU)
Gisele Atterberry (Joliet Junior College)
Deb Augsburg (Lewis University)
David Bardack (UIC)
Daniel Beach (at-large, Dominican University)
James Betts (Monmouth College)
Jonathan Boehning (Kaskaskia College)
Len Bogle (University of Illinois Springfield)
Steve Depasquale (at-large, Kankakee Community College)
Rick Deutsch (John A. Logan College)
Marie Donovan (at-large, DePaul)
Gary Drew (Black Hawk College)
Mike Gizzi (ISU)
Lyle Hicks (Danville Area Community College)
Lisa Hollis-Sawyer (NEIU)
Andy Howard (IIT)
Les Hyder (EIU)
Allan Karnes (SIUC)
Donna McCauley (Moraine Valley Community College)
Patricia McNicholas (Robert Morris University)
Pam Moriearty (Lincoln College)
Douglas Okey (at-large, Spoon River College)
Devi Potluri (Chicago State University)
Steven Rock (WIU)
Andy Schott (Prairie State College)
Shawn Schumacher (at-large, Devry University-Addison)
Aida Shekib (GSU)

From IBHE: Ocheng Jany, Alan Phillips, Jonathan Lackland, Daniel Cullen, Eric Fisher, Rashid Robinson, Stephanie Bernoteit, Debbie Meisner-Bertauski, Tracy Goodall, Harry Berman, Gailyn Draper, Emily Chase, Shawna Mayer

Representatives/Institutions not present:

John Frendreis (Loyola University)
Judith Gouwens (Roosevelt)
Calvin Jarrell (SIUE)
Daniel Kies (College of DuPage)
Duce McCune (Eureka College)
Larry Modaff (Waubansee Community College)
Phyllis Sander (Shawnee Community College)

Abbas called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. He mentioned that Governor Edgar would not be attending. There are plans to invite Representative Biss to an upcoming meeting. Tracy Goodall was recognized. Tracy is the IBHE Support Staff who works closely with Ocheng to serve the FAC. Abbas did write a letter to the IBHE Chairwoman indicating FAC's interest in participating in the search for a permanent IBHE Executive Director; no response has been received so far. Allan indicated that the goal is to have someone in place by July 1. Suggestions for speakers for our January meeting are solicited.

Responding to a question, Lackland speculated on what may come up in the lame duck session regarding pensions. The state of the negotiations between AFSCME and the State were noted; there is uncertainty about this as well.

Caucuses met. Aida reported that they discussed pensions and the latest legislative proposal. Shawn reported that their caucus was joined by Eric Fisher. Dave Tretter will come by today and meet with the caucus at lunch. They continue to support the idea of a faculty fellowship at IBHE and developing it further. Abbas indicated that he had a conversation with the IBHE Interim Executive Director, Dr. Harry Berman, who is supportive; they will follow up. Giselle reported they discussed ethics issues and nepotism (as they are no longer considered state employees—Ocheng suggested contacting ICCB) for assistance with the issue, health insurance issues, possible pension funding shift to districts, and the amendment to the FAC bylaws.

Meisner-Bertauski, IBHE Associate Director with primary responsibilities for P-20 and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) talked about higher education, the Common Core Standards, and college readiness. They are looking for ideas on the Common Core Standards and what colleges and universities are doing in this area. Cullen, the IBHE Interim Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, indicated that aligning the educational sectors is of interest along with an assessment tool. Pam noted that two of her faculty participated in the Science standards and asked about research on the effectiveness of Dual Credit. Les added that we've found in the past that community colleges have not always provided oversight in Dual Credit. Cullen responded that standards and oversight have been ramped up by ICCB.

Meisner-Bertauski stated that the Dual Credit Quality Act has tightened up the requirements. Sonya felt that alliance initiatives are a positive development. (Elgin was cited as a good example along with ISU). Andy S. indicated that Prairie State is aligning with high schools on reading and writing. Dawn asked about changes in assessment in this area; it was speculated where this might go. Andy H. inquired to what degree a high school teacher understands college expectations. Meisner-Bertauski answered that the new standards are narrower and deeper, and more in line with college expectations. Robinson added that expectations of high school students are constantly changing.

Lackland, IBHE Deputy Director for External Relations, went over some of the bills in Springfield and elements of the recent legislative proposal about pensions. David asked about the higher education budget; Lackland stated "expect cuts". Phillips reported that

over the last 15 years, funding for higher education (net of pension contributions) is down 27.5%. \$1.6 billion has been approved for capital projects but the money has not been appropriated nor bonding authority granted. Delayed payments to higher education total \$888 million. Overall, the state owes \$7.5 to 8 billion in bills. FY14 issues include: pension and Medicaid costs have increased more than tax revenues so more budget cuts are needed, there will be some changes in the performance funding formulas for state universities but it will stay the same for community colleges, budgeting for results will be a focus, the fiscal cliff if it materializes, would lead to a \$1 billion cut to the state, and the longitudinal data system is progressing.

Interim Executive Director Berman commented on the changed status of higher education in the U.S. versus the rest of the world. He highlighted the link between education, our economy, and our security. He noted a carved phrase in the 1900-era conference room at Western Illinois University that reads “Education is the Chief Defense of Nations”. The Public Agenda is our master plan along with the 60% by 2025 goal. Program approval guidelines need to be taken to the next level. Performance based funding is an iterative process. He is supportive of our faculty fellowship proposal. There is a lack of understanding of what faculty do and our diversity. Allan mentioned that the current situation may cause our best faculty to leave the state. Berman felt that we have to keep getting our message out. Les added that the quality of our higher education system will decline over time. Mike stated that Illinois institutions are being priced out of the market. It’s good to have someone with an academic background serving as Executive Director of the IBHE.

After lunch, Cullen told us that implementation of changes in the program approval process are continuing. He described the Midwestern Student Exchange Program where out of state students are charged no more than 150% of the in-state tuition rate; Illinois is a member and Lewis & Clark and Greenville Colleges have signed on. Since Illinois is now a full participant, it is required that information about this program be sent to all high schools. We will be sent more details about this program. IAI panels are short of faculty, particularly from 4-year institutions. Academic Affairs has taken over the new Private Business and Vocational School (PBVS) sector (which awards less than associate degrees) as of early 2012; examples run from dog grooming to LPNs. It is uncertain at this time how many institutions or credentials come out of that sector. The search for the Deputy Director of Academic Affairs is slow.

Bernoteit mentioned a partnership with ISBE looking at standards for evaluation of teachers and principals. Fisher had an issue as a program reviewer in Academic Affairs: unconventional names of programs. He could use help in setting guidelines for “boutique” degrees.

The minutes from our November meeting were approved. The changes to our bylaws adding alternates for at-large positions were approved. We expressed a strong preference to John F. (Loyola) that our January meeting be at the downtown campus.

Under new business, the letter from the Presidents and Chancellors to the legislative leaders and Governor was distributed. The Public Caucus would like us to endorse it. It was so moved along with agreement to suspend the rules to allow for its consideration. If approved, our endorsement would go to the legislative leaders, the Governor, the IBHE, the Presidents and Chancellors, and our Faculty Senates. The motion passed.

The IBHE staff was thanked for hosting the meeting. Adjournment was at 2:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rock, FAC Secretary