

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

Meeting With IBHE Agency Staff, December 15, 2017

Minutes approved January 19, 2018

FAC members/alternates attending and their institutions:

Michael Bathgate (St. Xavier)
Paul Bialek (Trinity International)
Cynthia Boyce (Lincoln Trail College)
Amy Carr (WIU)
Xin (Jasmine) Chen (GSU)
John D'Anca (at-large, Oakton College)
Diane Dean (ISU)
Steve DePasquale (at-large, Kankakee Community College)
Marie Donovan (DePaul)
Doug Dowell (Heartland Community College)
Randall Egdorf (John Wood Community College)
Carol Gayle (Lake Forest College)
Shelly Goebel-Parker (SIUE)
Andy Howard (at-large, IIT)
Rick Jones (at-large, South Suburban College)
James Marshall (Illinois College)
Matt McCarroll (SIUC)
Ronda Mitchell (UIS)
Matt O'Brien (Bradley University)
Lucy Park (UIC)
Mike Phillips (Illinois Valley Community College)
Lanette Poteete-Young (Judson University)
Devi Potluri (CSU)
Linda Saborio (NIU)
Phillip Schaefer (Lincoln Land Community College)
Shawn Schumacher (at-large, DeVry)
Kevin Sullivan (Illinois Wesleyan)
Anthony White (Illinois Central College)
Larry White (EIU)
Susan Wiediger (SIUE)
Carol Wismer (College of Lake County)

Representatives/Institutions not present:

Paulo Acioli (Northeastern Illinois University)
Susan Grace (Wilbur Wright College)
Gay Miller (UIUC)
Adam Tournier (at large, McKendree)

Representatives from Illinois Community College Board:

Ashley Becker

Representatives from Illinois Board of Higher Education:

Malinda Aiello

Stephanie Bernoteit

Al Bowman

Eric Lichtenberger

Gretchen Lohman

Candace Mueller

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Marie Donovan. Marie introduced Dr. Al Bowman, Executive Director of IBHE who spoke on the effects of the recent budget impasse. He noted how aside from the obvious loss of students and damage to the reputation of the State, the budget impasse has required higher education in Illinois to reexamine the existing business model of higher education in Illinois. He pointed out how the change in our higher education business model started nearly twenty years ago. The outward migration of the Illinois population, the lack of financial support for higher education in Illinois, and our aging population all have contributed to this necessity of change. Over the past twenty years, we have witnessed the survival of the stronger due to cost controls and reduced debt burdens. In higher education, enrollment is king.....the loss of students goes directly to the bottom line.

He continued: Higher education needs a voice in the General Assembly. The days of obtaining more revenue through higher tuition are over. There are major changes in student expectations/employer needs, as well as campus operating costs, that require more funding to be met. This is the message that must be delivered to those who fund higher education.

Financially, the next few years in Illinois will be tight. The budget for the State of Illinois is currently \$1.5B out of balance. Eating up a large portion of the State budget is paying down some of the \$1.7B payments to finance SURS in '19. Higher education wants a \$1.9B increase in funding with a \$100M increase in MAP grant funding. MAP funding needs to be at \$1B level.....currently at \$400M. There is proposed a \$31M pick-up of Veterans grants.

Dr. Bowman accepted questions from members of the Faculty Advisory Council with responses as follows:

Q. Will appropriations drop due to the decline in enrollments?

A. Not anticipated.

Q. Is it the Governor's desire to close universities?

A. No, but he and the legislature are unsure of what exactly to do. We must stop this outward migration. 47% of 2016 IL high-school graduates enrolled in higher education out of State. Considering the average that the in-state student pays after grants, Illinois students pay less than they pay out of state. It is not more cost effective to enroll out of state. Yet we are failing at importing students.

Q. Will capital expenditures be revisited?

A. This will be reviewed.....there will be a capital bill.

Dr. Bowman's assistance was sought by the Faculty Advisory Council in two areas. In the area of dual credit, there are out of State operators operating in Illinois. We would like to see this area tightened so that Illinois is not continually losing students to these out-of-state dual-credit providers. The second request deals with the IBHE board. The Faculty Advisory Council continues to advocate for the empty faculty seat on the Board to be filled by the Governor. We have previously submitted three names with no success. Marie noted that the FAC was never opposed to the previous person appointed as the designated faculty member on the Board. Rather, we were opposed to the Governor nominating someone who was not a full-time faculty member at a public university. She also noted that the FAC is poised to resubmit names for consideration by the Governor at a moment's notice.

Dr. Stephanie Bernoteit thanked the faculty members for all that they do for students. She explained how during a recent P-20 Council meeting, it was pointed out that there is an educator shortage. The issue becomes how to fill slots vs. how to properly educate those filling the slots. This problem is not the result of ineffective educators. Teaching has become an unattractive field to enter. Educator preparation is the key. This shared responsibility has two major issues: engaging in partnerships and staying in the profession.

Discussion shifted to focus on the lack of consistency in the application of dual-credit. The objective is to have dual credit more accessible by students; however, such courses must be taught by qualified faculty. One suggestion is creating an endorsement on the current IL teaching licenses that is specifically for dual-credit. Adding the dual-credit endorsement on Secondary Education licenses may help clarify who would be qualified to teach the area.

Malinda Aiello was joined by Ashley Becker from ICCB in the discussion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative and dual-credit. Malinda provided an overview about the Illinois Articulation Initiative and then opened up for questions.

Next, dual credit was discussed by Ashley Becker and Gretchen Lohman. It was pointed out that high-school teachers must meet the minimum standards for two-year campus faculty qualifications. High-school and college teachers of dual-credit must all work together. The issue was discussed as to whether offering dual-credit courses at high schools has resulted in limiting the number of courses students take at their area community colleges. Members concluded that more research needs to be done to determine whether this is the case.

Malinda Aiello reported on changes in mathematics education in Illinois under Transitional Math (PA 99-0674). This new legislation requires that three different pathways will be available for students with high-school and community colleges working together. Additional information to be provided at the January 2018 meeting when Kathleen Almy from the Math Transitions Project at NIU will present to the FAC.

Caucuses met and provided the following synopses of their discussions:

Community Colleges The suggestion was raised of limiting the number of semester hours available for dual-credit to 9 with an overall qualifying maximum of 24 semester hours. Faculty need to realize that when they modify their syllabi to meet specific high-school requirements, they may be in violation of specific grants. The issue of grandfathering in teachers was discussed without resolution.

Public Universities Campus maintenance is an issue. SIUC is restructuring their academic departments; this will be on the agenda for learning more at our February 2018 meeting at SIUC. The public universities initially stayed away from dual-credit and will probably continue to stay away from this area. Dual-credit students can be immature and the public universities would prefer to work with other campus departments as different courses are being offered. The specific process employed will vary with each institution. Further discussion about dual credit will take place at the January 2018 meeting.

Private and Proprietary Institutions The quality of material and the instructor of dual-credit will vary. Intellectual diversity becomes the issue. How this should be addressed is a conversation to be brought before the full Faculty Advisory Council at the January 2018 meeting. Each member of FAC is encouraged to bring their institution's dual-credit policies with them to the January 2018 meeting, AND bring any candidates for Governor of Illinois to the meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 2017 meeting was made by Steve DePasquale. Motion seconded and approved.

New Business Mike Phillips informed all members of IFT that the endorsement session is open. Members should go to the web site. See Mike for the link.

Thanks was offered to Gretchen Lohman for coordinating and organizing the meeting, as well as to all staff of the Illinois Association of School Boards for their generosity in lending their conference room as well as in providing various meeting supplies.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip H. Schaefer, acting FAC Secretary

Next FAC Meeting : January 19, 2018 at Illinois College