

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

Meeting at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, May 15, 2015

**Minutes approved June 19, 2015**

**FAC members/alternates attending and their institutions:**

Sonya Armstrong (NIU)  
John Bennett (at large, Lake Land College)  
Darcel Brady (Olivet Nazarene University)  
Vicki Childs (UIS)  
Dan Cortese (GSU)  
Lane Crothers (ISU)  
John D'Anca (at-large, Oakton College)  
Steve DePasquale (at-large, Kankakee Community College)  
Marie Donovan (at-large, DePaul)  
Stan Hatfield (Southwestern Illinois College)  
Matthew Hurt (Parkland College)  
Les Hyder (EIU)  
Marjorie Johnson-Hilliard (Northwestern, by Skype)  
Rick Jones (South Suburban College)  
Qiana Lewis (Daley College)  
Patricia McNicholas (Robert Morris University)  
Lucy Park (UIC)  
Steven Rock (WIU)  
Shawn Schumacher (DeVry)  
Sara Ray Stoelinga (University of Chicago)  
Raymond Torralba (Truman College)  
Kevin Weston (Rend Lake College)  
Susan Wiediger (SIUE)  
Amanda Winters (IBHE)  
Renee Wright (Triton)

**Representatives/Institutions not present:**

Abbas Aminmansour (UIUC)  
Daniel Beach (at-large, Dominican University)  
Terry Clark (SIUC)  
Hope Essien (Malcolm X)  
Ellen Hay (Augustana College)  
Andy Howard (at-large, IIT)  
Lisa Hollis-Sawyer (NEIU)  
Alejandro Mayer (Midwestern University)  
Duce McCune (Eureka)  
Dawn Munson (Elgin)  
Devi Potluri (CSU)  
Adam Tournier (McKendree)

**IBHE Staff Members present:**

Gretchen Lohman

Stephanie Bernoteit

Marie called the meeting to order at 9:14 am. Sue welcomed us to campus and introduced Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Parviz Ansari who is finishing his first year at SIUE. Ansari noted our commonalities: offering quality education and dealing with budgetary issues. We need to be strategic with our decisions. SIUE has 14,000 students, is affordable, and has a high ranking in various surveys. They have 28 2+2 programs with community colleges. Sara asked about challenges in putting together 2+2 programs. Ansari suggested focusing on specific programs which are enhanced by transferability; these need to be seamless and advising is critical. Faculty collaboration on both ends is essential. We do this to give students options. Marie inquired whether there were any Dual Credit efforts. Ansari responded yes and these require thinking and planning and need to be nourished and monitored. Who is going to do this and own it?

Sue introduced Sharon Locke, Founding Director of the Center for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Research, Education, and Outreach. Locke described the organizational structure. They have two Faculty Fellows each year plus a grant that provides ten to twelve summer internships that are open to Freshmen and Sophomores from SIUE and community colleges. The Center provides assistance to enhance the competitiveness of grant proposals by focusing on broader impacts. It offers K-12 programs such as the Teen Science Café. Steve R. noted that China and India seem to be in the forefront of STEM education. Can the US catch up? Locke indicated that US STEM education is more holistic; we do a good job of integrating fields. Marie asked about the Maker movement; Locke noted that this is moving forward. Pat wondered about gender issues in STEM. What is the breakdown in high schools? Locke answered that there is a pretty equal balance in the Teen Science Café as well as the youth leadership teams. The role of mentors is important.

Candace Mueller from IBHE provided a legislative update. The budget for FY16 is (theoretically) due at the end of May. No one is sure what is going to happen. Democrats won't go along with Rauner's proposed 31% budget cut to higher education. A procurement reform bill for higher education may emerge. There could be changes to Performance Based funding for the percentage that is carved out of the budget (currently 0.5% which IBHE recommends remain at this level in the absence of new funds) and the metrics used (IBHE is recommending these remain the same). IBHE is recommending a flat budget for higher education appropriations. Marie asked what we can do. Mueller suggested talking to our legislators. Steve R. noted that UPI has instituted a campaign to have students fill out postcards listing their home address ("Fund our Future") that will be delivered to their representatives and senators in the next week. At WIU, cards from over 1,000 students have been collected. Mueller also mentioned a bill (HB 3428) to require uniform credit acceptance for AP scores of 3 or higher. There is strong opposition from the public universities but support from ICCB. Dan inquired whether there will be any

extension in the implementation deadline of the Smoke Free Campus law. Mueller indicated no. There was a question on Rauner's promotion of investment in community colleges; he (and the IBHE) recommend flat funding.

In the IBHE report, Gretchen reminded us that the IBHE offices have moved. There is a new system for reviewing program applications which is being tried and analyzed. The IBHE Faculty Fellows Committee should consider possibly revamping the application schedule; new members are needed from each of our caucuses. Eric Lichtenberger has been hired as the new Deputy Director for Information Technology and Institutional Research. Academic Affairs is updating institutional profiles using a different categorization; it includes data on default rates. Gretchen's contact email is:

[lohman@ibhe.org](mailto:lohman@ibhe.org).

Marie reported that Amy Sherman from CAEL (Council for Adult and Experiential Learning) asked if FAC would be willing to be supportive of their grant to look at prior learning credit practices. A proposed letter to be sent by the Responsible Budget Coalition (RBC) was distributed. John B. noted that FAC is (or was) a member. Caucuses will consider this.

Caucuses met. Vicky indicated that the Publics voted to have FAC endorse the RBC letter and have Marie investigate our current status in this organization. Both John B. and Candace Mueller felt the revenue and spending points in the letter were reasonable. For the Faculty Fellows Committee, Sonya will be the representative, with Vicki and Dan alternates. Sue will move forward with the FAC paper on specific cases of the harm of budget cuts that Devi had been working on.

Shawn reported that the Privates Caucus considered: rotational issues, Dual Credit, AP Credit, the need to separate budget and pension issues, putting together a symposium (possibly at our September meeting) on excellence in education, and working with the other caucuses on impacts from budget cuts.

John D. stated that the Community College Caucus nominates Matt Hurt for the Faculty Fellows Committee. The Caucus supports the RBC letter. There is a question whether high school Dual Credit is truly equivalent credit and there is a need to work towards that goal. Steve D. will continue as an at-large caucus member. Sonya noted that the most recent issue of "New Directions for Community Colleges" was about Dual Credit.

Following lunch, there was a presentation by Eric Lichtenberger (currently) from the Illinois Education Research Center (IERC) titled "Thinking Longitudinally While Focusing on Policy". He described the IERC which began in 2000, is housed at SIUE, and is the research arm of the P-20 Council. He covered data sources (current and future) and limitations of current reporting requirements. They have followed the 2003 high school graduation cohort over their next 7 years, including reverse transfer students. There have been several research findings and policy implications. College readiness and ACT benchmarks are also of interest. Stephanie confirmed the success of students who didn't meet the four ACT benchmarks but enrolled in highly selective institutions. Marie

asked if majors have been looked at. Eric answered only for degree completers. John B. wondered how the ACT thresholds were set. Eric responded that there have been some issues with this, but it overall makes sense. Sue inquired about the difficulty in tracking students who transfer. Eric state that the higher education component of the Illinois Longitudinal Data Study will improve this.

The minutes from our April meeting were approved. The election of FAC officers for next year was affirmed. Steve R. suggested we not take a position on the bill involving uniformity of AP credit; it is minor issue in the scheme of things and we should focus on more important problems. Sue noted our institutions and courses are different. John B. added that these courses across our campuses should be IAI equivalent. Pat indicated that many of the Privates are not part of IAI and don't currently accept AP credit. Steve D. worried that this could be the start of a slippery slope. Matthew found that the bill language limited the impact to public universities and community colleges. It was noted that students with a score of "3" constitute a very small set. The group decided not to pursue the issue.

We voted to support the RBC letter; Marie will send copies to us. In June, we will further discuss the idea of a symposium at our September meeting. Lane will be in Helsinki next year as a Fulbright. We need to deal with our website issues. Details on the June meeting at Dominican were passed out with a reminder that the hotel rates are only valid until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. SIUE and Sue were thanked for hosting. The meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rock, FAC Secretary