

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

Meeting at Southwestern Illinois College, May 20, 2016

Minutes approved 6/21/2016

FAC members/alternates attending and their institutions:

Abbas Aminmansour (UIUC)
John Bennett (Lake Land College)
Paul Bialek (Trinity International)
Darcel Brady (Olivet Nazarene University)
Vicki Childs (UIS)
Diane Dean (ISU)
Marie Donovan (at-large, DePaul)
Stan Hatfield (Southwestern Illinois College)
Andy Howard (at-large, IIT)
Rick Jones (South Suburban College)
James Marshall (Illinois College)
Lucy Park (UIC)
Devi Potluri (CSU)
Steven Rock (WIU)
Shawn Schumacher (DeVry)
Paul Stoddard (NIU)

Representatives/Institutions not present:

Paulo Acioli (NEIU)
Daniel Beach (at-large, Dominican University)
Terry Clark (SIUC)
Dan Cortese (GSU)
John D'Anca (at-large, Oakton College)
Steve DePasquale (at-large, Kankakee Community College)
Hope Essien (Malcolm X)
Ellen Hay (Augustana College)
Luisette Hernandez (Daley College)
Matthew Hurt (Parkland College)
Irene Jacobsen (EIU)
Marjorie Johnson-Hilliard (Northwestern)
Alejandro Mayer (Midwestern)
Dawn Munson (Elgin)
Sara Ray Stoelinga (University of Chicago)
Raymond Torralba (Truman College)
Adam Tournier (McKendree)
Kevin Weston (Rend Lake College)
Susan Wiediger (SIUE)
Renee Wright (Triton)

Guest:

Matthew O'Brien (Bradley University)

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. Stan welcomed us to campus and introduced SWIC's president Dr. Georgia Costello. She noted that SWIC has other campuses and satellites in the area and suggested that faculty need genuine support from their administrations. At SWIC, the relationship between administration and the unions has been smooth over the years. It is good if administrators have had faculty experience. The community college system is like a family; graduates become part of the local tax base. Devi asked about enrollment and challenges. Costello indicated a 4-6% drop in the number of students although credit hours are flat. They are projecting that numbers will be down further. There will be no improvement without a reasonable state budget. There have been no layoffs at SWIC. A higher unemployment rate is correlated with higher enrollment. The dynamics of higher education are changing. Abbas inquired about the situation for students at satellite locations that are closing. Stan and Costello responded that students have access to other nearby locations and Metrolink passes are provided to students. Stan added that SWIC has a culture of being very fiscally conservative and have been able to maintain positions and give raises in most years.

Marie reported that the Association of American Publishers is looking forward to working with us on a future "university dialog". The State Board of Education has listened to concerns about licensing bands for teacher education at the K level and are making adjustments and waivers for downstate districts. Marie has conversed with Amy Sherman from CAEL (the group supporting prior learning assessment; often ex-military). They have received a grant to educate and train faculty at two sessions. They have reached out to us for this endeavor with a goal of informing and engaging faculty. Their focus is at the undergraduate level at the moment. The FAC can form a committee to shape the workshops. These would be one day sessions; one in the north part of the state and one in the south. The first would occur by the end of this year and the other before July 2017.

Candace Mueller mentioned that there were nine more days in the scheduled Spring legislative session. A \$397 million MAP FY 16 funding bill has gone to the Governor, but he is not expected to sign it. The Senate passed a bill that includes FY 16 funding at a parity level of 60% of FY 15 levels at public universities. This is not expected to receive a vote in the House. No progress has been made on an agreed upon FY 17 budget. SB 2505 has passed both Houses and will go to the Governor for approval. This bill requires public universities and community colleges to give students college credit for International Baccalaureate exams taken in high school that are at the 4 or higher level. The course credit requirement mirrors the law passed last session requiring credit for AP exams of 3 or higher.

Marie noted that the Senate Executive Appointments Committee is not likely to consider confirming the faculty nominee to the IBHE Board until later in the year, perhaps November during Veto sessions. That leaves time for input to Senate Committee members as well as other Senators.

Gretchen Lohman passed out RSVP forms for the June FAC meeting with the Board and an information sheet. She will email us about a search for faculty evaluators by ACE. She mentioned recommendations from the P-20 Council about Dual Credit credentialing and a high school scorecard for AP and Dual Credit. The affected state agencies need to work together on this. She will also send us a link on regulations and compliance requirements from the Dual Credit Quality Act; there is a need for regional authority and permission. Staff is working on program approvals for the June Board meeting.

Marie asked Caucuses to consider topics for our June lunch with IBHE members and how we want the physical set up. Gretchen suggested we include a background of the FAC for the many new Board members. Shawn thanks the nomination/election committee. Steve is working on the hosting schedule for the next academic year. It was announced that IBHE Chair Cross approved FAC participation on the Action Teams.

Caucuses met. Devi reported that Vicki will work on the prior learning assessment issue. He reviewed the situation at the various public university campuses. Suggested topics for the June meeting include: what is the FAC, what do faculty do, and we are here to help the IBHE. There is no need to discuss financing.

Andy was reelected chair of the Private Caucus. Marie, Shawn, and Adam are already working with CAEL and willing to continue. A suggestion for the June meeting was to have four tables with one for each topic: exodus of students from Illinois, FAC working more closely with the Board, MAP, and improved relationships between the state agencies. In Marie's remarks she could emphasize the need for the Board's role in advocacy and attracting students to Illinois. Since MAP is not under our control, that might not be a good discussion topic.

John suggested a set up for tables of six to eight with name tags and informal conversation. Marie could present FAC accomplishments with two or three targeted issues for discussion. We need data on the out migration of students. We could ask Chairman Cross about his views of advocacy and link to our interest in working with the Board. The Caucus will look for volunteers for prior learning assessment. It was mentioned that CAEL will have a conference in Chicago which is very expensive. Perhaps they could offer slots for faculty.

There was extensive discussion about concerns with the qualification of the new Board member in the faculty slot. Objections from many institutions and individuals would be appropriate since we apparently have until November to provide input. The person in this slot represents all faculty. There is another open seat on the Board that this nominee could be placed in. Students might be willing to lobby on our behalf. What are the consequences if we are successful and someone else (non-FAC) gets appointed? The press could be utilized to keep the issue on the radar over the next few months.

The minutes from our April meeting were approved. The Election Committee announced the officers for next academic year: Marie (chair), Shawn (vice-chair), Steve (Secretary).

Stan and SWIC were thanked for hosting. Darcel and Abbas were recognized as they are attending their last FAC meeting. Adjournment was at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rock, FAC Secretary