

Report on IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Meeting

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The Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) held a regularly scheduled meeting at the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) on Friday June 17, 2011 with 30 member institutions present. IBHE staff members present included George Reid (Executive Director), Ocheng Jany (Associate Director Academic Affairs), Bob Blankenberger (Deputy Director, Academic Affairs), Alan Phillips (Deputy Director, Planning and Budget), Davis Knopp (Assistant Director, Academic Affairs) and Allison Witt (Assistant Director, Academic Affairs).

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Chair Aminmansour and Dr. Lynn Pardie, UIS Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, welcomed the group. Provost Pardie spoke about the strengths of her campus as well as the challenges currently facing UIS.

Dr. George Reid, Executive Director of IBHE, attended his first FAC meeting since his appointment in January and shared his vision and plans with the group. He offered a progress report on the Illinois Public Agenda. He also noted that a Steering Committee will be formed in the near future to implement legislative mandate to IBHE to establish criteria/metrics for Performance-Based Funding of higher education in Illinois. He committed to appoint an FAC member to this group.

In a panel discussion, State Representative Naomi Jakobsson (Chair of Higher Education Committee and Member of Appropriations for Higher Education Committee); George Reid (IBHE Executive Director) and Michael Andrechak (Associate Provost for Budgets and Resource Planning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) addressed the challenges facing higher education today. Subjects of discussion included fiscal challenges, future of the States pensions program, P-20 education and MAP funding.

Results of the recent elections for the upcoming year's FAC officers were announced as follows: Abbas Aminmansour of *Illinois* (Chair), Marie Donovan of DePaul (Vice Chair) and Steven Rock of Western Illinois University (Secretary).

The three Council caucuses (Publics, Privates and Community Colleges) met separately and reported on their discussions to the entire Council.

In other business, the group reviewed and tentatively approved three position statements prepared by the Council pending editorial changes to be made by drafters of the documents. The statement subjects are: online education, articulation / remediation and participation of faculty in review of proposals to close units and programs at member institutions.

The Council held a discussion on the recent appointment by the Governor of a faculty member from a public university to the Illinois Board of Higher Education and considered possible roles/relationships for this member relative to the Council. It was agreed that this individual may remain as a member of the Council, will share the views/advice of the Council to the Board and will participate in the votes of the Board by reflecting the views of the faculty to the best of his/her ability.

The Council took care of other routine business such as approval of minutes of the previous meeting. The meeting adjourned at about 3:30 PM. The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Western Illinois University on September 16, 2011.

Respectfully submitted
Abbas Aminmansour