

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
(Final; Information)

HE.13.03            Report on the November 16, 2012 meeting of the FAC to the IBHE.

The [Faculty Advisory Council \(FAC\)](#) of the [Illinois Board of Higher Education \(IBHE\)](#) held a regularly scheduled meeting at the [Lewis University](#) on Friday November 16, 2012 with 26 member institutions present. Special guests of the Council included Dr. Jeanette Mines, Lewis University's Academic Associate to the Provost as well as Dr. Al Phillips, IBHE Deputy Director for Planning and Budgeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Chair Abbas Aminmansour. Dr. Mines welcomed FAC members to her campus and shared some demographics about Lewis University with FAC members.

The three caucuses of the Council (four year public universities; community colleges and private/independent institutions) met separately and reported back to the Council. The public universities caucus reported that it is working on development of a document on the value of higher education for public dissemination.

Steve Rock, FAC representative on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Monetary Award Program (MAP) task force gave a brief update on the work of the group, which had met the day before. Rock reported that the task group is still trying to find consensus and running scenarios with assistance from the ISAC staff.

Dr. Al Phillips, IBHE Deputy Director for Planning and Budgeting gave a 90 minute presentation titled *The Future of Higher Education: Issues, Policy and Trends*. The presentation focused on funding for higher education including Performance Based Funding (PBF) as well as other relevant topics such as the role of MOOCs and online vs. hybrid education in the future. When asked, Dr. Phillips noted that he did not anticipate major changes in the PBF criteria next year.

After lunch, the Council held a discussion on the cost of textbooks and encouraged the Council Chair to plan a discussion with some major publishers at a future meeting, perhaps at the March FAC meeting.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the Council approved the minutes of its October 19, 2012 meeting at Danville Community College.

Under New Business, the Council held a discussion on the possibility of establishing Alternates for At-Large members of the Community College and Private Institutions caucuses. A draft proposed language for changing the Bylaws of the Council will be prepared by Council members Rock and Hyder for consideration at the next meeting. In addition, the Council encouraged its Chair to write a letter to IBHE Chairwoman and Executive Director and offer the Council's willingness and interest in participating, to the extent possible, in the upcoming search for a new Executive Director for IBHE.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM. The next IBHE-FAC meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2012 at in Springfield hosted by the IBHE staff.

Respectfully submitted

Abbas Aminmansour