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HE.13.09 Report on the May 17, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The [Faculty Advisory Council \(FAC\)](#) of the [Illinois Board of Higher Education \(IBHE\)](#) held a regularly scheduled meeting on Friday May 17, 2013 at the Monmouth College with 26 member institutions present. Special guests from IBHE present at this meeting included Executive Director Harry Berman; Senior Associate Director for Research, Analysis, Policy Development and Publications Karen Helland; Deputy Director for Advancement, External and Government Relations Jonathan Lackland; Associate Directors for Academic Affairs Debbie Meisner-Bertauski, and Ocheng Jany.

Chair Aminmansour called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. After introduction of members present, Professor David Timmerman, Dean of the Faculty at Monmouth welcomed the group to his campus. Timmerman noted that enrollment at Monmouth had dropped to 600 in the 1990s. However, because of expansion and improvements since then, current enrollment at Monmouth is at 1300 with 95% of students coming from Illinois. He added the goal is to reach an enrollment of 1500 in the future. Every student at Monmouth takes a common course every year.

Aminmansour reported that he had attended the IBHE's Performance Based Funding Steering Committee meeting on May 8th. He noted that a refinement subcommittee of the group is working on developing ideas for possible changes in the criteria/metrics with an eye on maintaining quality.

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 following members have been elected by their respective caucuses as Caucus Chairs for the 2013-14 academic year: Shawn Schumacher of DeVry University (private institutions caucus); Sonya Armstrong of Northern Illinois University (public universities caucus) and Steve Depasquale of Kankakee Community College (community colleges caucus).

IBHE Deputy Director for Advancement, External and Government Relations Jonathan Lackland noted that SB 1900 (open access of faculty publications) has passed the Illinois House and Senate and that if signed into law, a task force would look at implementation. IBHE would report on how campuses comply. Lackland added that a textbook affordability resolution has been drafted. The situation and details are uncertain. IBHE will have a role in this issue.

IBHE Executive Director Harry Berman and Senior Associate Director for Research, Analysis, Policy Development and Publications Karen Helland reported on the progress in establishing an IBHE Faculty Fellows Program originally recommended by the Council. The idea will be presented to the Board over the summer with an implementation target of Spring 2014, if possible. The Council will have three representatives on the Steering Committee overseeing advertisement and selection of the fellows.

FAC Members received a tour of the new Center for Science and Business building at Monmouth after lunch.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the Council approved the minutes of its April 2nd meeting. Further, Council officers for the 2013-14 academic were elected (Abbas Aminmansour: Chair, Marie Donovan: Vice Chair, and Steven Rock: Secretary). The election of the Caucus Chairs was affirmed by the Council. Nominees for participation in the IAI panels include: from the Privates (Cyrus Grant, Dominican, Computer Science; Sujin Huggins, Dominican, Sociology), from the Community Colleges (Douglas Okey, Theater; Lyle Hicks, Business, Sally Mullan (panel TBD); Eric Gorder, Joliet, Visual Arts), Publics (Steve R., Social Science; Aida Shekib, and Les Hyder).

IBHE Associate Director for Academic Affairs Debbie Meisner-Bertauski and Dr. Brenda Klostermann, Associate Director of the Illinois Education Research Council (IERC) provided background, history, purpose, components, who is included, and next steps relative to the High School to College Success Report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM. The next IBHE-FAC meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2013 at the Lincoln College.

Respectfully submitted

Abbas Aminmansour