

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE  
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HE.14.01 Report on the September 20, 2013 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 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) on Friday September 20, 2013 with 31 member institutions present.

The entire morning program was dedicated to a public symposium titled, Delivering Higher Education in Five Years from now. The program began with Chair Aminmansour welcoming the audience to the event followed by remarks from Dr. Charles Tucker UIUC Vice-Provost and Dr. Harry Berman Executive Director of IBHE. Symposium speakers were Dr. Lynne Haeffele, Senior Policy Director for Education, Office of the Illinois Lieutenant Governor; Dr. Sylvia Manning, President of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC); Dr. Mike Baumgartner, Vice President Finance and Special Projects, Complete College America and Dr. Nicholas C. Burbules, Gutgsell Professor, Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership and Director of Ubiquitous Learning Institute, College of Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. An [article in the October 3, 2013 edition of Inside Illinois](#) covered the symposium. The symposium was attended by about 120 people including officials from the University of Illinois, State of Illinois and others.

Chair Aminmansour called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. After introduction of members present, Aminmansour reported that on his recent activities as Chair including a redesign of the [Council's web site](#). FAC Vice Chair Marie Donovan reported that she had been in contact with the IBHE Student Advisory Committee (SAC) in order to establish a line of communication between our Council and SAC and that a member of SAC has agreed to join our next FAC meeting.

The Council held a discussion with Melissa G. Madsen, Chair of the UIUC Council of Academic Professionals (CAP) titled *Academic Professional Exemption Authority, Civil Service Audit Process - - Implications for Faculty*. Other guests for this portion of the meeting included Deborah Stone of UIUC Director of Academic Human Resources and Richard Atterberry, former UIUC CAP Chair. The Council followed up with questions for the guests. FAC Members agreed to discuss the issue with their campus HR offices and continue their discussion at the next FAC meeting.

Malinda Aiello, IBHE Assistant Director for Private Business and Vocational Schools discussed Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) panels and encouraged public and private university faculty to step forward to serve on panels in different disciplines. She emphasized that active (not retired) faculty are preferred for filling these positions.

Ocheng Jany, IBHE Associate Director for Academic Affairs reported on the progress in the process of accepting and review of applications for the IBHE Faculty Fellows Program that was originally recommended by the Council.

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 private/independent institutions caucus discussed implications of shifting student access and affordability, the increase in adjunct professors, and inviting David Tretter, President of the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities to meet with the caucus at the next caucus meeting. The community college caucus considered whether schools should have a full time theatre faculty member or a part timer, that many students cannot have a rigid course schedule, and the use of development courses versus competency pinpointing. The public universities caucus discussed promoting the IBHE Faculty Fellowship and possible topics for the current year.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the Council approved the minutes of its June 14, 2013 meeting at Lincoln College.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM. The next IBHE-FAC meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2013 at Chicago State University

Respectfully submitted

Abbas Aminmansour