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HE.14.02 Report on the October 18, 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 Chicago State University on Friday October 18, 2013 with 30 member institutions present. Special guest of the Council included Dr. Wayne Watson, Chicago State University President; Dr. Angela Henderson, Chicago University Provost and Dr. Richard Darga, Chicago State University Dean of Library.

Chair Aminmansour called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. After introduction of members present, Chicago State University President Wayne Watson welcomed the Council to his campus. President Watson opined that a revolution is needed in education. He noted three items as significant challenges for higher education: pensions; performance-based funding and as well as affordability of higher education for the middle-class and the poor.

Chicago State Interim Provost Angela Henderson drew attention to the need for quality, access, affordability, student success, accreditation, crisis management, diversity, technology, remediation, and non-traditional students in higher education. A question/answer session followed the remarks by President Watson and Provost Henderson.

Dr. Richard Darga, Chicago State's Dean of Library and Information Sciences observed ten trends in academic libraries as follows: using data to demonstrate value; data curation; digital preservation; using the latest technology along with supporting online programs; information technology including social media; mobility; patron driven acquisition; scholarly communication; staffing including the need to hire tech savvy employees, and user behavior/repurposing space. A question/comment period followed Dean Darga's presentation.

Council representative on the MAP Advising Group, Steven Rock, gave a presentation on the group's activities including ongoing discussions on increasing retention and graduation of MAP recipients.

Council members received a tour of the state-of-the-art archiving facility of Chicago State University library following lunch.

The three caucuses of the Council (four year public universities; community colleges and private/independent institutions) met separately and reported back to the Council. Topics addressed by caucuses included the following: pensions; dual credit; quality of instruction at high school level, affordability; accessibility; common core; student debt; possible brain drain due to the state's fiscal crisis.

The Council conducted a discussion on topics of interest to the group and established priorities for the year. The group agreed to pursue the following areas: affordability (MAP, student debt, performance based funding); faculty quality (pensions, work environment, tenure/classification) and Common Core Standards / Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). It was noted that quality should be an integral part of all areas.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the Council approved the minutes of its September 20, 2013 meeting at UIUC. In addition, the Council held a discussion on the exemption authority for public universities to hire academic professionals. The Council voted unanimously instructing the Chair to send a letter to the Executive Director of the State Universities Civil Service System (SUCSS) reiterating the Council's position that our public universities should maintain the exemption authority to hire academic professionals and to request faculty representation on SUCSS' stakeholders' task force. The Council also directed the Chair to solicit opportunities for Council representatives to participate in the search for the IBHE Executive Director.

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM. The next IBHE-FAC meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2013 at MacMurray College.

Respectfully submitted

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