

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

HE.14.08 Report on the April 1, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE.

The [Faculty Advisory Council \(FAC\)](#) of the [Illinois Board of Higher Education \(IBHE\)](#) held a regularly scheduled meeting at the College of Lake County with 32 members present. This is the special annual meeting at which the Council holds discussions with the Board over lunch.

Chair Aminmansour called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Given the short period of time between the previous FAC meeting (March 21, 2014) and today's meeting, FAC officers did not have any updates on activities.

Dan Cullen, the IBHE Deputy Director for Academic Affairs spoke about the new [Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers \(PARCC\)](#). He noted that the new assessment test is being field tested and spoke about the changes in the type of questions asked on this test as opposed to previous assessment tests. PARCC will be in place next year for students in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. He encouraged the faculty to offer insight into the process.

The Council held a discussion on what topics to discuss with the Board over lunch. The main topic was how the faculty can be more effective in addressing the problems facing higher education today. The Council particularly spoke about the state of the State's fiscal crisis and its worries about difficulty of recruiting and retaining quality faculty.

The Council had a lunch meeting with the Board. This was the first meeting with IBHE Chairwoman Lindsay Anderson and IBHE Executive Director Jim Applegate present. Council and Board members discussed their visions and subjects of mutual interest including topics mentioned above.

In other business, the Council approved minutes of the March 21, 2014 FAC meeting. The Council also discussed concerns over Illinois Board of Education (ISBE)'s Teacher Licensure changes and its effects on institutions with teacher preparation programs Illinois. This topic was discussed in details at the March FAC meeting. The Council will make final decision/action on this subject at its May meeting. The Nomination Committee updated the Council on soliciting nominations and holding elections for 2014-15 FAC officers.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM. Council members joined the Board meeting at 1:00 PM. The next FAC meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2014 at the DeVry University-Addison.

Respectfully submitted

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