

# Report on IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Meeting

December 9, 2011

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The [Faculty Advisory Council](#) (FAC) of the [Illinois Board of Higher Education](#) (IBHE) held a regularly scheduled meeting at The President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center, Springfield, Illinois on Friday December 9, 2011 with 34 [member institutions](#) present. Guests of the council included IBHE staff Don Sevener (Deputy Director for External Relations), Bob Blankenberger (Deputy Director for Academic Affairs), Alan Phillips (Deputy Director for Finance and Planning), Ocheng Jany (Associate Director for Academic Affairs), Linda Oseland (Associate Director), Dan Cullen (Assistant Director for Academic Affairs), Allison Witt (Assistant Director for Academic Affairs), Candace Mueller (Assistant Director) as well as Elaine Johnson (Vice President for Academic Affairs, Illinois Community College Board) and David Tretter (President of the Federation of Illinois Independent Colleges and Universities).

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Chair Aminmansour. He reported on the meeting of the Performance Based Funding (PBF) Steering Committee earlier in the week and noted that the Committee is to submit its recommendations to the IBHE in advance of its February 7 meeting when the Board will approve its higher education budget recommendation.

The major item on the FAC's [meeting agenda](#) was discussion with the IBHE staff of [Performance-Based Funding](#) mandated by Illinois [Public Act 97-320](#) (HB1503). The bill requires IBHE to establish metrics for performance-based funding of state's public universities and colleges beginning with the fiscal year 2013. IBHE has established a [Steering Committee](#) on PBF which [meets regularly](#) to develop a set of metrics for PBF for consideration by the Board in time for next year's budget proposal to the State. The Council held a lengthy discussion with the IBHE staff involved in development of the Steering Committee's recommendations. In the end the Council decided to forward a new recommendation to the PBF Steering Committee for its consideration and inclusion in its recommendations to the Board. The Council's recommendation was to address quality assurance by adopting the ratio of tenure system faculty to non-tenure system faculty as a metric for evaluation (see attached letter).

In other business, the Council recognized Mr. Don Sevener, the retiring IBHE Deputy Director for External Relations. A resolution previously approved by the Council was read (copy attached) to Mr. Sevener for his distinguished service to higher education in Illinois. He was also presented with a plaque bearing the text of the resolution. Mr. Sevener was joined at the meeting by his wife. Ms. Keely Burton, the staff member who recently left IBHE was also recognized.

In the afternoon session, the Council caucuses met individually and reported back to the Council.

The Council covered other routine business including approval of minutes of the previous meeting and the IBHE staff were recognized for their hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM. The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Columbia College of Chicago on Friday January 20, 2012.

Respectfully submitted  
Abbas Aminmansour

Attachments

**Resolution of Appreciation from  
The Faculty Advisory Council of the  
Illinois Board of Higher Education  
For Don Sevener, IBHE Deputy Director for External Relations**

*Whereas*, Don Sevener has served admirably on the staff of the Illinois Board of Higher Education since 1997,

*Whereas*, Mr. Sevener served as the IBHE Deputy Director for External Relations since 2007,

*Whereas*, in his capacity as Deputy Director, Mr. Sevener did an excellent job as the public spokesperson for the Board, as the Board's chief liaison to the General Assembly, and as the interface between the Board and many other external constituencies,

*Whereas*, Mr. Sevener has been involved in all key initiatives and activities of the Board including the development of the Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success, budget issues and, the Board's legislative agenda,

*Whereas*, Mr. Sevener served as the Interim Executive Director of the Board in 2010,

*Whereas*, Mr. Sevener plans to retire at the end of the 2011 calendar year,

*Whereas*, Mr. Sevener has taught English at three higher education institutions and he is a former journalist,

*Whereas*, IBHE's Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) is the most comprehensive organization representing Illinois' higher education faculty from public and private institutions as well as community colleges,

*Be It Therefore Resolved* that, the Faculty Advisory Council of the Illinois Board of Higher Education offers its utmost gratitude to Mr. Sevener for his effective and sincere efforts to serve the State of Illinois, the Board of Higher Education and the higher education community,

*Be It Also Resolved* that, the Council wishes Mr. Sevener an enjoyable and well-deserved retirement,

*Be It Further Resolved* that the Council Chair forwards this resolution to the members of the Board of Higher Education and its staff.

This resolution was approved by the members of the Council on this day, Friday November 18, 2011.

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**Abbas Aminmansour, Chair**  
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January 3, 2012

Dr. George Reid, Chair  
Performance Based Funding Steering Committee  
Illinois Board of Higher Education

Submitted via email to: [Reid@IBHE.org](mailto:Reid@IBHE.org)

Dear Dr. Reid:

Happy New Year.

The Faculty Advisory Council of the Illinois Board of Higher Education respectfully offers the following metric for consideration by the Performance Based Funding Steering Committee in its deliberations to develop recommendations to the Board.

*We recommend that the ratio of tenure-system to nontenure-system faculty be used as a metric for performance based funding.*

Tenure-system faculty include tenure track (faculty on their probationary period to obtain tenure) as well as those who have already earned tenure. Nontenure-system faculty includes all other instructional staff. We believe this metric will contribute to maintaining quality in our institutions' accomplishing their missions.

We continue to offer our strong support for development of simple, rational, fair and practical criteria for performance based funding in Illinois.

Many thanks to you and the Steering Committee for your consideration and hard work on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Aminmansour".

Abbas Aminmansour, Chair  
Faculty Advisory Council, Illinois Board of Higher Education

cc: Alan Phillips  
Robert Blankenberger