

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**  
**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
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HE.13.05            Report on the January 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 Loyola University in downtown Chicago on Friday January 18, 2013 with 31 member institutions present. Special guest of the meeting included Dr. John Pelissero, Provost of Loyola University Chicago; former Illinois Senator Miguel del Valle, Chair of the Illinois P-20 Council and David Tretter, President of the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities.

Chair Aminmansour called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. After introduction of members present, Dr. John Pelissero, Provost of Loyola University Chicago and a former FAC member welcomed the group. Provost Pelissero noted that there are about 675 full time faculty at Loyola with a student/faculty ratio of 14:1. Loyola had about 15,800 students enrolled in fall 2012 and it now has the most racially and ethnically diverse student body in its history. Dr. Pelissero touched upon some of the challenges facing higher education today and wondered how ready we are to face these challenges.

Chair Aminmansour reported on his discussions with the IBHE Executive Director on the subject of establishing IBHE Faculty Fellows program. He noted that the idea is create opportunities that benefit the research and scholarship of the interested faculty while helping IBHE gain more insight on research topics of high priority. Aminmansour noted that Executive Director Berman is in discussions with his senior staff and will get back to him once he has new information.

Allan Karnes noted that IBHE has secured approval on the hiring of a search firm and anticipated that the next steps in conducting the search will begin in the near future.

The three caucuses of the Council (four year public universities; community colleges and private/independent institutions) met separately and reported back to the Council. Community college and private institution caucuses have come up with a slate of names for election as Alternates to At-Large members for those caucuses. Elections will be held at the next FAC meeting.

Special guest and former Senator del Valle, Chair of the P-20 Council addressed the FAC and articulated this to the P-20 Council's goals including obtaining 60% of the Illinois population having post-secondary credentials by year 2025. FAC members noted that education should be viewed as a continuum and added that college readiness is a considerable issue for our institutions. FAC members offered senator del Valle to work with his council in accomplishing their mutual goals. Chair Aminmansour asked del Valle if he would consider including an FAC representative attending P-20 Council meetings as a non-voting member. Senator del Valle agreed.

After lunch, the third special guest David Tretter, President of the Federation of Independent Colleges and Universities, addressed the Faculty Advisory Council and spoke about the considerable contributions of his organization's member institutions to higher education in Illinois. Tretter held a question answer session with FAC members following his presentation.

Steve Rock, FAC representative on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Monetary Award Program (MAP) task force gave a final update on the work of the group. He noted that task group had not been able to reach a consensus on a solution on some of the problems facing MAP funding and distribution. Therefore, the Task Group's report will not reflect significant changes to the current status. Rock reported a number of suggestions he and others had made to the task group, but had not been successful in convincing the group to adopt those recommendations.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the Council approved the minutes of its December 7, 2012 FAC Meeting at Lewis University.

Under New Business, the Council discussed a number of potential names from the three caucuses for possible appointments to the IBHE Faculty Fellow Program Steering Committee. Final elections of the nominees are to be held at a future FAC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM. The next IBHE-FAC meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2013 at Kaskaskia College.

Respectfully submitted

Abbas Aminmansour