



Faculty Advisory Council Illinois Board of Higher Education

MINUTES

20 May 2022

Venue: Illinois Association of School Boards
2921 Baker Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703
(Zoom option)

Approved June 17, 2022

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Antonou (Univ of St. Francis); Paul Bialek (Trinity International Univ, at-large); Cynthia Boyce (Lincoln Trail College); Amy Carr (Western Illinois Univ); Julie Clemens (Illinois Central College); John Cooksey (Truman College); Lane Crothers (Illinois State Univ); Laura Laskowski-Ferrell (Saint Xavier Univ); Joao Goebel (National Louis Univ); Andy Howard (Illinois Institute of Technology); Dan Hrozencik (Chicago State Univ); Pratima Jindal (Waubensee Community College); Jim Kulich (Elmhurst Univ); Jennifer Martin (Univ of Illinois – Springfield); Nataka Moore (Adler Univ); Laura Murdaugh (Kishwaukee College); Ken Nickels (Black Hawk College); Lucy Park (Univ of Illinois – Chicago); Mike Phillips (Illinois Valley Community College); Linda Saborío (Northern Illinois Univ); Patricia Saleeby (Bradley Univ, at-large); Shawn Schumacher (DeVry Univ); Pete Seeley (Benedictine Univ); Lichang Wang (Southern Illinois Univ Carbondale); Larry White (Eastern Illinois Univ); Shelly Goebel-Parker (Southern Illinois Univ Edwardsville)

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Bilderbeck (Rend Lake College); Marie Donovan (DePaul Univ); Gene Dunkley (Greenville Univ); Rick Jones (South Suburban College, at-large); Gay Miller (Univ of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign); Linda Monge (Frontier Community College); Kate Perkins (Highland Community College); Dana Trunnell (Prairie State College); Brian Vivona (Northeastern Illinois Univ); Kate Perkins (Highland Community College)

IBHE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Delaney, Public University Faculty Representative; Jaimee Ray, Senior Associate Director of Legislative Affairs

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

FAC Chair – Shawn Schumacher called the meeting to order at 9:03a.m.
Introductions and welcome

II. REPORTS

FAC Chair – Shawn Schumacher: The next IBHE meeting will be held on June 29 at 1:00pm. For modality and additional information, visit the [IBHE website](#). The Illinois Commission on Equitable Public University Funding met on April 22, 2022. Additional information is available on their [website](#). Invitations have been sent out to several higher education institutions to serve on the FAC next year. A response is requested by September 2022. Official Illinois state identification cards will no longer be issued

to FAC members as in the past. At our June meeting, Adam Connelly, VP Enrollment Affairs for Ruffalo Noel-Levitz, will be joining us to discuss enrollment trends, demographics, retention and more. Email Shawn any questions you have for Adam Connelly before the June meeting. The FAC was reminded to vote on the incoming Executive Committee members before the next meeting.

FAC Vice Chair – Linda Saborío: Our FAC June 17 meeting will be held at Lincoln Trail College in Robinson, IL. Information regarding lodging and the Thursday dinner will be sent out in the next few weeks. The FAC meeting dates for the 2022-23 academic year have been set and will be shared with members. If you are interested in hosting a meeting (either virtually or in person), contact Linda.

FAC Secretary – Melette Pearce: (via Linda) FAC members are asked to provide Melette with any updated information to the membership list.

FAC Legislative Liaison – Mike Phillips: No report on new bills because legislation is out of session. Suggestion was made to ask our reps about where they stand in terms of state support for higher education.

IBHE Senior Associate Director of Legislative Affairs – Jaimee Ray: All bills passed were sent to the governor. HB 5464 will have a press release – this bill addressed student protection issues, equity gaps, and much more.

IBHE Board Member – Jennifer Delaney: Provided feedback to the equity group. Encouraged the FAC to develop a more formal mechanism for higher education policy design and development with the IBHE. How can the FAC influence topics moving forward?

III. GUEST PRESENTATION: Dr. Xiaodan Hu, Assistant Professor, Higher Education and Student Affairs and Community College Leadership Program Coordinator at Northern Illinois University presented on “Current Research on Dual Enrollment: What Do We Know?” Topics covered were: Dual Enrollment Participation and Access; Dual Enrollment Outcomes and Impacts; Dual Enrollment Design and Implementation; Dual Enrollment Teaching and Learning; Dual Enrollment Equity and Justice. Her slideshow presentation will be posted on the FAC canvas site.

IV. BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business: Approval of minutes from the April 22, 2022, meeting.

New Business: The Equity, Racial Justice, and Diversity working group paper titled “Advancing Equity in Illinois Higher Education” was brought forward for approval and the floor was opened for discussion. One idea brought forward was the lack of reference in the paper to indigenous populations and equity; a suggestion was made to add a footnote explaining the exclusion. An amendment was proposed to include the words “Working paper” in the title, given that the paper will be used as a starting point for further research. The vote on the amendment was not approved

(Vote tally: Yes – 6; No – 16; Abstain – 0). Another topic brought up for discussion was the issue of language and equity, especially among underrepresented groups. Additional wordsmithing was suggested, and the working group agreed to a number of the edits. There was some urgency to approve the latest iteration of this paper so that it could be presented at the June IBHE meeting. Equity paper was approved with minor revisions to be made under the charge of Julie Clemens (Vote tally: Yes – 16; No – 6; Abstain – 0)

- V. GUEST PRESENTATION: Senator Scott Bennett spoke with the group about higher education funding, outmigration, and student financial support. Regarding funding, he mentioned the idea of increasing state appropriations but with the caveat that universities set up mechanisms to address some of the criticism regarding higher education in the state of Illinois (i.e., demonstrate how state appropriations are geared toward the classroom experience). He spoke about a guaranteed tuition rate for years one through five and how this often translates into greater rates in year one to offset higher costs in year five. One idea he proposed for incentivizing students to stay in-state is reduced or zero cost for textbooks. If members would like to contact Senator Bennett, his email is senatorscottbennett@gmail.com
- VI. CAUCUS MEETINGS: Caucus groups did not meet due to time constraints. Shawn will try to provide some extra time for caucus groups at the June meeting.
- VII. WORKING GROUP REPORTS:
Equity, Racial Justice, Diversity: nothing further to report after the discussion over the approval of their working group paper.
Student Debt/College Affordability: Discussed both the Nevada and Tennessee Promise programs as models for Illinois. Group plans to draft a white paper and create a presentation to share with IBHE next academic year. They proposed reaching out to Senator Laura Murphy to invite her to a future FAC meeting (possibly June). The group has shifted their focus to statewide funding programs directed at two-year institutions only (with a 3-yr max for funding). Need to research impact this would have on 4-year institutions and liberal arts programs.
Dual Credit/Online Learning: The Working Group will continue to focus on developing a survey to identify continued needs.
Performance-Based Funding: received feedback from FAC members and discussed edits to their working group paper. Plan to bring forth a revised draft at the June meeting for discussion and approval.
Student/Faculty Mental Health: Group will resend the faculty mental health survey in Qualtrics so that individuals without access to the Canvas survey can complete it.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT: meeting was adjourned by FAC Chair Shawn Schumacher at 2:45pm.