



## Faculty Advisory Council Illinois Board of Higher Education

### MINUTES

17 June 2022

Lincoln Trail College

11220 State Highway 1

Robinson, IL 62454

(Zoom option)

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Antonou (Univ of St. Francis); Cynthia Boyce (Lincoln Trail College); Amy Carr (Western Illinois Univ); Julie Clemens (Illinois Central College); John Cooksey (Truman College); Marie Donovan (DePaul Univ); Andy Howard (Illinois Institute of Technology); Dan Hrozencik (Chicago State Univ); Pratima Jindal (Waubensee Community College); Jim Kulich (Elmhurst Univ); Nataka Moore (Adler Univ); Ken Nickels (Black Hawk College); Lucy Park (Univ of Illinois – Chicago); Linda Saborío (Northern Illinois Univ); Patricia Saleeby (Bradley Univ, at-large); Shawn Schumacher (DeVry Univ); Pete Seeley (Benedictine Univ); Dana Trunnell (Prairie State College); Lichang Wang (Southern Illinois Univ Carbondale); Larry White (Eastern Illinois Univ); Sue Wiediger (Southern Illinois Univ Edwardsville)

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Bialek (Trinity International Univ, at-large); Sarah Bilderbeck (Rend Lake College); Lane Crothers (Illinois State Univ); Gene Dunkley (Greenville Univ); Joao Goebel (National Louis Univ); Rick Jones (South Suburban College, at-large); Laura Laskowski-Ferrell (Saint Xavier Univ); Jennifer Martin (Univ of Illinois – Springfield); Gay Miller (Univ of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign); Linda Monge (Frontier Community College); Laura Murdaugh (Kishwaukee College); Kate Perkins (Highland Community College); Mike Phillips (Illinois Valley Community College); Brian Vivona (Northeastern Illinois Univ)

IBHE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Delaney, Public University Faculty Representative; Stephanie Bernoteit, Executive Deputy Director of Academic Affairs

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

FAC Chair – Shawn Schumacher called the meeting to order at 9:07a.m.

Introductions and welcome

#### II. REPORTS

FAC Chair – Shawn Schumacher: Julie Clemens and Paul Bialek will present their equity, racial justice and diversity working group paper at the next June IBHE meeting. Please join the meeting if you are available. For modality and additional information, visit the [IBHE website](#). FAC officer elections were finalized, and Andy Howard will report out on the results during our business meeting. Members were reminded to provide any amended information to the caucus membership list so that we can update our listserv with the IBHE. In the second or third week of July,

the executive committee will hold a transition meeting to discuss the next academic year. Working groups were asked to finalize their work and prep for next year.

FAC Vice Chair – Linda Saborío: 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 or Shawn by July 15. We plan to send out a tentative meeting venue schedule by the end of July.

IBHE Board Member – Stephanie Bernoteit: Stephanie reported on a few bills that were passed by state legislators, including HB 4201 (resource navigators for students) and SB 3991 (college savings plans). The next IBHE meeting is scheduled for June 29 at 1:00pm; some items on the agenda are grant initiatives and an update on the consortium on the early childhood education workforce; one broader impact of the early childhood consortium is how to provide working adults access to higher education. Details regarding the Higher Education Funding Commission are available on the IBHE website. Invitations have been sent to higher ed institutions rotating on the council for the next academic year. Manuel Rodríguez from Parkland College will be joining us; other institutions are in the process of electing a representative.

IBHE Board Member – Jennifer Delaney: Jennifer reported on upcoming partnerships with state agencies. The IBHE reps asked Jennifer about the Faculty Fellows Program and whether there was any conversation about reinstating it. Stephanie stated she is unsure about the funding source for the program and will follow up with us.

- III. GUEST PRESENTATION: Erin Volk, Director of Instructional Services at Lincoln Trail College, presented on “Building Relationships in Lincoln Trail College’s Dual Credit Program.” Topics covered were the importance of orientation for dual credit students and parents; the need for greater transparency in course and program options; the significance of IAI codes and articulation agreements; and the tracking of high school courses to monitor quality. There was discussion about the implementation of ADA-IAP accommodations in the dual credit courses and the impact of early college credit hours on general education course offerings.
- IV. GUEST PRESENTATION: Adam Connolly, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Jackie Acosta, Vice President of Enrollment Management, from Ruffalo Noel Levitz presented on “The Current Landscape of Higher Education: Recruitment and Retention.” Topics discussed were the demographic cliff and decline in the number of graduating high school students; graduate student enrollment efforts; average tuition and fee charges (compared 4-yr to 2-yr and private institutions); understanding the needs of today’s students; the top three factors impacting student institutional choice; student satisfaction; strategies for retention, success, and completion; and predictive modeling and retention planning efforts. Their

PowerPoint presentation will be shared with the FAC and will include additional slides (i.e., demographics).

V. BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business: Approval of minutes from the May 20, 2022, meeting. Election results were reported by Andy Howard; the incumbents Shawn Schumacher (Chair) and Linda Saborío (Vice Chair) were reelected, and Amy Carr was elected to serve as Secretary. The performance-based funding group postponed the approval of their paper until fall.

VI. CAUCUS REPORTS:

Publics: Reps were asked to provide any updated information to the membership list. The caucus plans to ask their institutions for specific data on the number of dual credit hours posted for incoming students (primarily freshmen but also transfer students).

Privates: Private caucus elections resulted in the two at-large positions being retained by Adler University and Trinity International University. Our many thanks to Andy Howard and Patricia Saleeby who will be rotating off the FAC. The group elected Paul Bialek to serve as their chair and Pete Seeley as alternate chair. Next year, the group plans to broaden their self-advocacy role.

Two-year institutions: Dana Trunnell reported for the Two-Year Colleges Caucus. The caucus discussed dual credit / early college courses and their financial impact on higher education institutions. The updated membership list will also be distributed.

VII. WORKING GROUP REPORTS:

Equity, Racial Justice, Diversity: Julie Clemens and Paul Bialek will present their paper at the June IBHE meeting; next year, the group plans to develop further one or two points discussed in their paper; they propose to invite the IBHE Diversity Director to their working group in the fall.

Student Debt/College Affordability: The working group is looking at 2-year institution tuition and how to apply that same cost to 4-yr institutions with any promise program; they plan to draft a white paper that will compare current promise programs across various states and provide specific recommendations for Illinois.

Dual Credit/Online Learning: The working group will be designing and developing a survey related to the "Students' Bill of Rights" for the fall term. The working group also will be inviting Senator Scott Bennett to meet and discuss dual credit in Illinois higher education.

Performance-Based Funding: The working group will present their revised paper for FAC approval in the fall.

Student/Faculty Mental Health: The working group plans to redeploy their faculty mental health survey in September to include new members and those who were not able to complete the original one; they plan to submit an IRB to allow for wider distribution of the survey; their recently approved paper will be posted to our FAC website.

High-Impact and Adult Learning: Group decided on a more specified title for their working group, "Prior Learning Credit Practices and Policies in Illinois." They plan to assess faculty perspectives on competency-based learning.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: meeting was adjourned by FAC Chair Shawn Schumacher at 2:47pm.