



Faculty Advisory Council Illinois Board of Higher Education

Meeting through Zoom for April 22, 2022
Minutes Approved on May 20, 2022

FAC members/alternates attending and their institutions:

Angela Antonou	University of St. Francis
Paul Bialek	at-large (Trinity International University)
Cynthia Boyce	Lincoln Trail College
Amy Carr	Western Illinois University
Julie Clemens	Illinois Central College
John Cooksey	Truman College (City Colleges of Chicago)
Lane Crothers	Illinois State University
Marie Donovan	DePaul University
Laura Ferrell	Saint Xavier University
Joao Goebel	National Louis University
Andy Howard	Illinois Institute of Technology
Dan Hrozencik	Chicago State University
Pratima Jindal	Waubensee Community College
Rick Jones	at-large (South Suburban College)
Jennifer Martin	University of Illinois – Springfield
Linda Monge	Frontier Community College
Nataka Moore	Adler University
Laura Murdaugh	Kishwaukee College
Ken Nickels	Black Hawk College
Lucy Park	University of Illinois – Chicago
Melette Pearce	Black Hawk College
Kate Perkins	Highland Community College
Mike Phillips	Illinois Valley Community College
Linda Saborio	Northern Illinois University
Patricia Saleeby	at-large (Bradley University)
Shawn Schumacher	DeVry University
Peter Seely	Benedictine University
Dana Trunnell	Prairie State College
Lichang Wang	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Larry White	Eastern Illinois University
Susan Wiediger	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

IBHE Members and Staff

Stephanie Bernoteit, Executive Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, IBHE
Jaimee Ray, Senior Associate Director of Legislative Affairs, IBHE

Representatives/Institutions not present:

Gene Dunkley	Greenville University
Jim Kulich	Elmhurst University
Gay Miller	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Brian Vivona	Northeastern Illinois University

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Call to order/ Introductions	9 a.m. (S. Schumacher) Welcome to all.
Executive Reports:	<p><u><i>Chair (Shawn Schumacher)</i></u> Welcome to our guest speakers. Our May meeting will be held in person in Springfield at the Illinois Association of School boards offices, located on Baker Street. A Zoom option will be available for those who are unable to travel. There has been a change in the June meeting. Typically, we would be meeting on Tuesday, June 7. However, IBHE will be holding their meeting later on June 28, which is beyond the time that the FAC would normally be meeting. The FAC reports were given in March rather than waiting until June. Our final FAC meeting for the 2021-2022 academic year will be Friday, June 17. Stephanie Bernoteit, the Executive Director of Academic Affairs, has taken over the role of our FAC liaison for the time being. She has been updated on our rotation process and how we'll be moving forward for the fall 2022 semester. The caucus issues for today's meeting will be related to academic freedom, caucus chair positions for the next year, and strategic enrollment plans.</p> <p><u><i>Election Committee Report (Andy Howard)</i></u> The committee consists of one member of each caucus. Linda Monge and Dan Hrozencik are serving with Andy. Currently, both our FAC chair and vice chair are willing to stand for re-election. Our secretary will be rotating off the council. Nominations for that position, as well as anyone interested in the position of chair or vice chair, will be open during the business portion of the meeting. These elected positions are one year in tenure and the terms technically begin in August so that new members can attend any executive meetings prior to the September meeting. As for the election process, once we have a slate of candidates for the three executive positions, each entity institution represented on the council will cast one vote (we don't need votes from both the primary member and the alternate). The voting is done by sending an email to the three members of the election committee. That allows each member of the committee to independently count the votes. If there are contested elections, the committee can get together to confirm the results. At the meeting after elections close, the new officers will be announced. There will be a transition meeting by the end of June as an orientation for the new officers.</p> <p><u><i>Vice Chair</i></u> Several hotels have been contacted and information will be emailed out regarding rates and reservations. The information can also be posted on the Canvas site. Restaurants have been contacted regarding the Thursday evening dinner. We will need to know the number of people attending. A poll will be sent out to get a more accurate idea of the number of people joining us Thursday for dinner, as well as the number who will be attending the Friday meeting through Zoom, as opposed to attending in person.</p> <p><u><i>Secretary (Melette Pearce)</i></u> The membership list is being updated. If anyone knows of an FAC member who is not part of the FAC Listserv, we need to know so that we can get you added.</p> <p><u><i>FAC Legislative Liaison (Mike Phillips)</i></u> Funding has been good and the increase in MAP grants will help. The Dual Credit bill that we've been watching has passed. The primary is Tuesday, June 28. Everyone is encouraged to mark your calendar and vote or vote early. Regional endorsement sessions are being scheduled, and it's important for people to attend those in order to ask questions and assess candidates' understanding of higher education issues.</p> <p><u><i>IBHE and FAC Liaison Report (Stephanie Bernotiet)</i></u> We are working on getting updated ID cards prior to the May meeting for the FAC members, which will help when making your hotel reservations. For those who work at public institutions, your faculty ID card should serve the same purpose. Regarding the Higher Education Omnibus Bill, we have embedded into that bill a provision that will call upon public institutions to develop institutional equity plans in alignment with the Higher Education Strategic Plan. It is specified for public institutions, but we know the commitment of our private institutions to this work, and we'll be inviting dependent institution to be part of this. We also have Academic Affairs staff embedded in the applications for institutions, both public and independent, that are seeking to offer new programs of study in Illinois. Additional discussion focused on the connections between degree program proposals and institutional equity plans related to the recruitment access progression and completion. IBHE would like to understand how we're seeing</p>

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	<p>connectivity between what is happening institutionally to close equipment gaps from the standpoint of faculty and the institution.</p> <p><u><i>IBHE Board Legislative Report (Jaimee Ray)</i></u> The Higher Education Omnibus Bill had to be amended. We worked with senate democratic leadership to take out some of the fees and fines included within the bill. Once that language had been removed, it passed out of the House with bipartisan support. An additional bill of interest concerns having each public university and community college designate a benefits navigator for students in order to be better direct students to campus and financial services.</p>
Guest Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federation of Independent Illinois College and Universities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Tretter, President <p>Presentation: “Illinois Higher Education Issues” – The presentation covered topics related to enrollments, funding, student debt, and other legislative issues related to higher education,</p> 2. National Louis University: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lisa Downey, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Educator Preparation • Sasha Villagrana-Frost, Project Director, HIS Teacher Pipeline Initiatives, Undergraduate College <p>Presentation: “Undergraduate Educator Preparation at NLU: Paving the Way for Emerging Latinx Teachers” – This presentation shared data and facts related to NLU’s work in supporting a community-centered Latinx teacher pipeline, degree pathways for their education programs, as well as their support model and prep activities for student success.</p> <p>Thank you to our guest speakers for their time and for the excellent information they shared with us.</p>
Business Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Old Business <p>Approval of minutes from the March 18, 2022 Motion to approve (<i>R. Jones/M. Donovan</i>)</p> 2. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election nomination Cindy Boyce and Amy Carr have been nominated as candidates for secretary. Additional nominations need to be emailed in by 5 p.m., Friday, April 29. • Approval of Equity Working Group Paper: “Advancing Equity in Illinois Higher Education” The committed has received helpful feedback that warrants additional conversation to determine whether this particular paper should include that feedback or if it should be included in a separate paper. The vote for this will be postponed while changes to the document are considered.
Caucus Reports	<p><u><i>Two-years (C. Boyce/P. Jindal):</i></u> Cindy Boyce will continue as chair for this next year. Dana Trunnell will serve as vice chair. Julie Clemens will complete the final year for Rick Jones. Her term will end June 2023. Ken Nickels was elected to serve at-large until June 2026. Two institutions are rotating off the council: Black Hawk College and Rend Lake. The group has sent invitations to two institutions to join the council: Parkland Community College and Sauk Valley Community College. Academic freedom was discussed. Most schools are required to post information such as the syllabus on the LMS and perhaps attendance. There was a discussion regarding course ownership if the instructor is paid a stipend to develop an online course. A new issue that was discussed was the requirement for one school to use the same textbook for three years. This can pose an issue for courses covering current events. The group also discussed assessment requirements for adult education</p>

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	<p><u>Publics (D. Hrozencik):</u> The group gathered questions for next month's meeting with Senator Bennett. Those will be emailed to Shawn prior to the meeting. Dan Hrozencik is the nominee for chair, and Sue Wiediger will be the nominee for vice chair for the public caucus. Regarding academic freedom, posting grades and syllabi to the LMS were not as much of an issue as someone being required to use features inside the LMS. Regarding strategic enrollment initiatives, several schools indicated that they had initiatives in place but weren't entirely sure regarding the details. For one school, students coming from China seemed to be down, but students coming from other parts of the world seemed to balance that out. The group discussed policies that schools may have about working from home. This is something the group may continue to discuss next month.</p> <p><u>Private & Independents (P. Bialek):</u> The group did not elect anyone as caucus chair because they still have at-large positions that need to be decided upon. Regarding academic freedom and the LMS, the HLC doesn't see that as an academic freedom issue as long as faculty can choose their readings and how they teach the class. The group agreed that academic freedom means that faculty can say unpopular things in class and not be punished by the university's trustees. While faculty may disagree and may be passionate about certain topics, it's not an academic freedom issue. The group also discussed in-person versus face-to-face Zoom meetings. This is something that has also come up in the past with FAC meetings and a requirement to attend a certain number of in-person meetings. There should perhaps be a discussion in the coming months regarding attendance for FAC meetings.</p>
Working Group Reports	<p><u>Dual Credit/Online Learning (A. Carr/G. Miller):</u> Some</p> <p><u>Equity, Racial Justice, and Diversity (P. Bialek):</u> The group</p> <p><u>High Impact Practices in Higher Ed, formerly Institutional Closures (M. Donovan):</u> This group</p> <p><u>Performance-based Funding (D. Hrozencik):</u> Last</p> <p><u>Student Debt & Affordability (P. Seely):</u> The</p> <p><u>Student/Faculty Mental Health (S. Wiediger):</u> The</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be May 20, 2022, in person at the Illinois Association of School Boards 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, IL Optional attendance through Zoom
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn (K. Nickels/C. Boyce) – 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melette Pearce, FAC Secretary