

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**
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HE.13.06 Report on the February 15, 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 Kaskaskia College in Centralia, Illinois on Friday February 15, 2013 with 24 member institutions present. Special guests of the meeting included Dr. James Underwood, Kaskaskia College President; Dr. Lynne Haeffele, Senior Policy Director for Education, Office of the Lieutenant Governor; State Senator Kyle McCarter (R) a member of the Higher Education Committee and Dr. Alan D. Phillips, Deputy Director for Planning and Budgeting, Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Chair Aminmansour called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. After introduction of members present, Dr. Underwood, President of the Kaskaskia College (KC) welcomed the group. Dr. Underwood noted that Kaskaskia College has about 12,000 students at the Centralia location as well as a number of other locations. He also spoke about the history of the college and its name.

Chair Aminmansour reported that he had attended a meeting of TEAM Illinois since the last FAC meeting. He also reported on his recent discussions with the IBHE Executive Director on establishing IBHE Faculty Fellows program. Ocheng Jany, IBHE staff Liaison with the Council reported that Dr. Dan Cullen has been conformed as the new IBHE Deputy Director for Academic Affairs. Jany also reported that the Board is in the process of selecting a search firm to fill the IBHE Executive Director's position.

The three caucuses of the Council (four year public universities; community colleges and private/independent institutions) met separately and reported back to the Council. The public universities caucus is developing a number of documents on pensions as well as value of higher education.

Special guest Dr. Lynne Haeffele, Senior Policy Director for Education, Office of the Lieutenant Governor addressed the Council. Dr. Haeffele spoke about the Lieutenant Governor Simon's plan called Game Changer: Affordability, Persistence, Completion and Critical Role of the Faculty. She reported on the outcomes of the Lt. Governor's visit to the 12 public universities and meeting with faculty, administrators and students separately and elaborated on the goals and challenges discussed at these summits. She noted the role of the faculty in higher education and spoke about how faculty are integral to the innovative completion practices. Dr. Haeffele announced a Scaling Up conference in October 2013 to be sponsored by the Lt. Governor's office.

After lunch, Dr. Alan Phillips, IBHE Deputy Director for Planning and Budgeting addressed the Council and spoke about IBHE's recommended Higher Education budget for FY2014. IBHE has recommended three possible higher education budgets for FY2014: flat budget over FY2013; 2.5% increase over FY2013 budget and 4.5% increase over FY2013 budget. However, he noted that there is a real possibility of at least 4.6% reduction in the higher education appropriations for next year.

Senator Kyle McCarter (R) addressed the Council. He noted that he owns two businesses and has accounting background. Much of Senator McCarter's comments focused on higher education budget and pensions. He said that he had suggested a 5% flat budget cut in the state's budget in the past or going back to the 2010 appropriations level. He felt that some, including higher education, would have been better off if the state had

gone with his proposal to go back to the 2010 budget. As for pensions, he thought something had to be done and there need to be sacrifices.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the Council approved the minutes of its February 18, 2013 FAC meeting at Loyola University. Further, the Council elected two alternates for each of the community college and private institutions caucuses' at-large members. Discussion and decision on two items on the agenda: legislation recommendations for IBHE authority for more rigorous review of for-profit institutions and election of representatives on the IAI Panel were deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM. The next IBHE-FAC meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2013 at Juliet Community College.

Respectfully submitted

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