

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
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HE.13.08 Report on the April 2, 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 Elgin Community College in Elgin, Illinois on Tuesday April 2, 2013 with 26 member institutions present. This was the annual meeting of the Council at which the group holds a joint (lunch) meeting with the Board.

Chair Aminmansour called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. After introduction of members present, Aminmansour reported that, per request of the presenters, the Illinois Education Research Center's presentation/discussion of their High School-to-College Success Report original scheduled for April 2nd will take place at Monmouth in May.

Aminmansour further reported that the Urbana-Champaign campus of the University of Illinois will host the September 20, 2013 meeting of the Council. Aminmansour further reported that he is organizing a symposium to take place in the morning of the September 20, 2013 FAC meeting on how higher education will be delivered in five years. Special invited speakers include Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon; Dr. Sylvia Manning, President of the Higher Learning Commission; Mike Baumgartner, Complete College America Vice President for Finance and Special Projects and Dr. Nick Burbules, Edward William and Jane Marr Gutsell Professor, Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. More information will be available on the symposium later. In addition, Aminmansour reported that he had had a discussion with IBHE Executive Director about a number of issues including implementation of IBHE Faculty Fellow Program. A meeting with the IBHE Executive Director and Council Caucus Chairs has been scheduled to discuss implementation of this idea.

Mr. Ocheng Jany, IBHE Staff Liaison to the Council, offered his report to the Council including the fact that Dr. Daniel Cullen has been selected as the Deputy Director for Academic Affairs. There will be a search to fill Dr. Cullen's former position as Deputy Director.

The three caucuses of the Council (four year public universities; community colleges and private/independent institutions) met separately and reported back to the Council. Among other things, the caucuses had discussed priority items to be raised with the Board over lunch later that day. The Caucuses have tentatively selected names to be recommended to the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) panels. However, per the Community Colleges Caucus, a vote on the matter was delayed until the May Council meeting.

During the Business portion of the meeting, the Council approved the minutes of its March 15, 2013 meeting at Joliet Community College. Further, the Council's Elections Committee for election of FAC officers for the 2013-14 academic year offered an update to the Council including names of nominees for the three elected positions (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary).

The Council met with the Board over lunch and discussed its priority items to discuss with the Board. It was reported that there has been progress on the Faculty Fellows Program, initially discussed at last year's meeting with the Board. The Board was pleased to receive this report. The issue of public institutions' pensions and its potential impact on hiring/retaining quality faculty as well as its implications on our public institutions budgets in the future was also discussed with the Board. Board Chairwoman Hightman agreed with the Council that this is a critical issue and expressed understanding of our concerns.

Additional discussion points with the Board included a discussion on the IAI role and connections, and quality control for institutions wanting to do business in Illinois. Additional ideas included teacher education and performance standards/requirements and the interaction of the state boards.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM. The next IBHE-FAC meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2013 at Monmouth Community College.

Respectfully submitted
Abbas Aminmansour