

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
(Final; Information)

HE.14.06 Report on the February 21, 2014 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 the College of DuPage (CoD) in Glen Ellyn, IL with 32 members present. Dr. Robert Breuder, President of the College of DuPage was the special guest at the meeting.

Chair Aminmansour called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. He reported that Dr. Jim Applegate had recently begun his term as the new IBHE Executive Director. Aminmansour has sent an email to Dr. Applegate welcoming him and extending an open invitation to him to attend any FAC meeting that his schedule permits. Aminmansour also reported that he was a participant in a discussion with the Washington office of Senator Dick Durbin about the Affordable College Textbook Act that he has sponsored. Aminmansour reminded FAC members that the Council will have a lunch meeting with the Illinois Board of Higher Education on April 1, 2014.

Vice Chair Donovan reported that he had spoken at the last IBHE meeting relative to the “alternative educator licensure program for teachers by not-for-profit organizations.” She expressed concern about this decision and felt that FAC may want to consider responding to this decision. She added that IBHE staff understand the concerns, but feel obligated to recommend approval in the absence of any guideline to evaluate such proposals.

President Breuder of CoD welcomed and addressed the Council. He reported that the college has about 28,500 students, 900 full time employees, and 225 programs of study. CoD has also established a number of 3+1 programs with five other institutions. Joe Collins, Executive Vice President of CoD who was also present at the meeting stated that currently there are 38 sections of courses being taught by faculty from their 3+1 partner institutions on the CoD campus. President Breuder expressed concerns over the increasing cost of education to students and/or their families.

The three caucuses of the Council (four year public universities; community colleges and private/independent institutions) met separately and reported back to the Council later in the day.

Dr. Julie Peters of UIC, one of the first recipients of the IBHE Faculty Fellows Program thanked the Council for having initiated the program and reported on her plans and activities during her fellowship.

Council Secretary Steve Rock reported that Western Illinois University has established a policy prohibiting commercial solicitation on campus. This policy has led to a directive banning textbook buyers from the university.

Under the business portion of the meeting, the Council approved minutes of the January 17, 2014 meeting at Logan College. There was a brief discussion on potential subjects to raise with the Board at our April 1 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM. The next FAC meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2014 at Waubonsee.

Respectfully submitted

Abbas Aminmansour