

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

SENATE AGENDA

October 29, 2009, STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, ROOMS B&C, 3:15PM

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SENATE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR AY2009-10
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**MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING (2009-10)
SEPTEMBER 24, 2009, STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING (SSB) 3:15 P.M.**

9/24/09-1 The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Presiding Officer Carol Massat (JACSW). Senators Moses (JACSW) and Schwartz (MED) agreed to serve as tellers for today's meeting. Senators from the College of Medicine regional sites, Urbana, Rockford and Peoria, participated by teleconference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Massat, Presiding Officer

9/24/09-2 Presiding Officer Massat welcomed everyone to the September 24 Senate meeting. She announced that Senator Donald Chambers (MED) has agreed to be the Senate Parliamentarian and Elliot Kaufman has agreed to be a SURS Members Advisory Committee Representative.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS Paula Allen-Meares

9/24/09-3 Chancellor Allen-Meares welcomed everyone back to campus. She explained that due to an injury she needed to call in to the meeting. The Chancellor mentioned that in August she had convened a lunch meeting with the members of the Senate Executive Committee along with senior administrative staff leadership to identify priorities for the 2009-2010 academic year. She also met this morning with Donald Chambers and David Bardack, UIC's IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Representatives, to discuss IBHE issues and how we ought to move forward in terms of advocating for public higher education in the state of Illinois. Chancellor Allen-Meares reported that UIC's enrollment is up. The total campus enrollment this year is 26,245, which includes 16,000 undergraduates. She congratulated everyone for their teamwork and for the special attention to the recruitment of our students. The Chancellor noted that Governor Quinn contacted the Chancellor's Office last week and asked that UIC host a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, September 29 to discuss the critically important issue of continued funding for the state's Monetary Award Program (MAP) for students. Both public and private institutions of higher education will be invited to participate. Chancellor Allen-Meares noted that the University of Illinois' Board of Trustees has seven new members. The new Board members will visit UIC in the near future. Last week the National Science Foundation was on campus for the third year site visit for our Women in Science and Engineering transformation grant and met with campus leadership and various stakeholders. She thought the site visit went extremely well. In terms of research, UIC received \$34 million in federal stimulus grants. She thanked Larry Danziger, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, and his team and the faculty, all of whom helped to achieve this objective. The Chancellor shared what she did over the summer. She met with faculty from the different Colleges. She met with important national and state community and corporate leaders. Chancellor Allen-Meares also traveled and met alumni and donors. She announced that development is up. She recently met with Presidents Zimmer, University of Chicago, and Schapiro, Northwestern University, and together they signed off on a letter to the new Head of NIH reminding him to join us in the Chicago region to discuss his vision of NIH and how universities can contribute to achieving that vision. Chancellor Allen-Meares

is also in the process of planning the regional Institutes of Medicine meeting for September 21, 2010.

Chancellor Allen-Meares invited Larry Danziger, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, and Heather Haberaecker, Executive Assistant Vice President for Business and Finance, to speak about the UIC Policies on Institutional Base Salary, Effort and Cost Sharing. Heather Haberaecker explained that last week Policies 15 through 18 of the Campus Policies on Budgeting, Tracking and Reporting Cost Sharing were suspended, pending further review. Over the next several weeks Larry Danziger and Heather Haberaecker will be working with the Senate Executive Committee and Research Committee and the University's Research Advisory Committee to address the questions that have arisen regarding cost-sharing. These policies were designed to bring UIC into compliance with the regulations of our federal funding agencies and to be comprehensive of University practices. The impetus for the development of these policies was a commitment made to NIH to develop and implement a more comprehensive and compliant effort reporting system after they noted deficiencies in our policies and procedures. Larry Danziger and Heather Haberaecker requested that comments be sent to them via e-mail to gcoefficientleadership@uillinois.edu.

PROVOST'S REMARKS R. Michael Tanner

9/24/09-4

Provost Tanner provided an update on UIC's Admissions Reform Report, which was sent to President White on September 23. He reiterated that UIC, in response to the Mikva Commission, will not respond to third party inquiries without the applicant's permission. Furthermore, UIC admissions officers will be able to report when they feel they are under pressure from outside influences. Provost Tanner also reported on the transition of the Global Campus. At the July Board of Trustees meeting it was determined that the Global Campus as a separate entity would not go forward. Each campus is to assume a greater role for online and blended educational programs. Provost Tanner explained how UIC is trying to meet the requirements for positive time reporting in the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (SOEEA). This calendar year UIC will focus on compliance by academic professionals and civil service employees, but in the future faculty will need to meet the positive time reporting requirements of the Act too. UIC has been planning for the reaction to the H1N1 virus. Provost Tanner explained that the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) require that states maintain a certain level of support for education, including higher education. The state of Illinois is meeting this requirement in its budget, but the state is cutting in half its support for students through the financial aid provided by the Monetary Award Program (MAP) of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Provost Tanner discussed the impact the cut in ISAC funding would have on UIC.

Provost Tanner responded to concerns raised by Senator Gibori (MED) about temperatures being properly regulated in buildings and the impact of President White's resignation on UIC.

GUESTS

UIC UNITED, the UIC Chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA)

Merrill L. Gassman, Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences and UIC UNITED President and Webmaster

Richard Johnson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and SUAA President

9/24/09-5

Merrill Gassman, Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences and UIC UNITED President and Webmaster, and Richard Johnson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and SUAA President, distributed handouts about UIC UNITED. Merrill Gassman explained that the organization's purpose is to protect pension benefits and healthcare benefits for all SURS members. The organization sponsors a number of events each year. Details about this year's events and how to become a member are available at: <http://www.uic.edu/orgs/suaa/>.

UIC SENATE STANDING RULES Carol Massat, Presiding Officer

9/24/09-6

Presiding Officer Massat presented the UIC Senate Standing Rules.

MINUTES

9/24/09-7

Minutes of the Senate meeting held on April 23, 2009 were approved as submitted. Minutes of the Senate Organizing meeting held on April 23, 2009 were approved as submitted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Donald Chambers, Chair

9/24/09-8

Chair Chambers, on behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, presented for approval, the slate of nominees for vacant seats on the Senate Standing Committees. There were no nominations from the floor, and a motion to close nominations was seconded and carried.

9/24/09-9

The Senators proceeded to cast written ballots for membership on the Senate Standing Committees. The Tellers Report is attached and incorporated as part of these minutes.

9/24/09-10

Chair Chambers provided a report on the Senate Budget, Planning and Priorities Committee, which he also chairs. He noted that his goal as Chair of the Budget, Planning and Priorities Committee is to assess the state of the institution in relation to the 2010 Strategic Thinking Document.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT Philip Patston, Chair

9/24/09-11

Chair Patston provided an update on the UIC Senate's response to the Admissions Review Commission (ARC) Report. He reported that the Committee held a Special Meeting on September 23. At that Special Meeting the Committee wrote a letter to the Board of Trustees requesting faculty input in selection of an Interim President as this is a requirement of shared governance. Chair Patston also reported on the Senate Self-Study survey that was distributed to the Senators and members of the Senate Standing Committees last spring. The Committee is closely examining the

survey responses and considering ways to improve the effectiveness of the Senate. Chair Patston encouraged Senators to provide feedback to the Committee so that the Senate can be a more effective voice for the faculty, academic professionals and staff. He mentioned that at every opportunity the Committee is reminding administrators about funding for the Advanced Chemical Technology Building. The Committee, also, referred the Campus Policies on Effort Reporting, Institutional Base Salary, and Cost Sharing to the Senate Research Committee for review. As a result of concerns raised by some members of the UIC research community, especially in regards to cost-sharing, Policies 15 through 18 of the Campus Policies on Budgeting, Tracking and Reporting Cost Sharing were suspended, pending further review. The Committee met with William Walden, Special Assistant to the Provost for Diversity, and Lon Kaufman, Vice Provost for Planning and Programs, who provided an update on the Diversity Strategic Thinking and Planning Process.

9/24/09-12

On behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, Chair Patston presented a resolution on the Monetary Award Program (MAP) Funding Cuts for approval.

WHEREAS, we, the Senate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, are appalled at the fifty percent cut in funding for the Monetary Award Program (MAP), and WHEREAS, this will have a disastrous impact on the ability of over 160,000 students resident in the State of Illinois to pursue higher education. THEREFORE, be it resolved that we demand the full restoration of MAP funding in the spring of 2010 and thereafter.

9/24/09-13

Presiding Officer Massat moved approval of a substitute resolution on the Monetary Award Program (MAP) Funding Cuts. She noted that the substitute resolution did not change the context of the original resolution, but simply provided more clarification and background information.

There was no discussion and the motion to substitute was seconded and carried.

9/24/09-14

Chair Patston read the substitute resolution and invited discussion. Senator Kelley (SPH) moved to strike the parenthetical clause "(of registered voters.)" The motion to strike was seconded and carried.

9/24/09-15

Senator Ebert (undergrad-LAS) recommended that faculty and staff urge their legislator to restore state funding for financial aid provided by the Monetary Award Program (MAP) of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Chair Patston responded that Gov. Pat Quinn has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting at UIC on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. to discuss the critically important issue of continued funding for the state's Monetary Award Program (MAP) for students. Also, on October 15 students all over the state will gather in Springfield for "Lobby Day," which is an opportunity for students to speak with legislators about the issue.

Senator Schwartz (MED) moved to amend the first paragraph from "the mission..." to "a primary mission..." The motion to amend was seconded and carried.

Clerk of the Senate, Elizabeth Dooley, moved to revise the title of the resolution to "Resolution of the UIC Senate on Restoring State Funding for Financial Aid for Illinois Students." The motion to revise was seconded and carried.

9/24/09-16

There was no further discussion and the motion to approve the substitute resolution, as amended, was seconded and carried. The amended substitute resolution is attached and incorporated as part of these minutes.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE Richard Van Acker, Chair

9/24/09-17

On behalf of the committee, Vice Chair Huntington presented an overview of the following new and revised programs for approval: **PR-10.01**, Revision of the Master of Science in Disability and Human Development; **PR-10.02**, Establish the Master of Arts in the Teaching of Spanish (MAT); **PR-10.03**, Establish a Library and Information Science (LIB) Course Subject (Rubric); **PR-10.04**, Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; **CP-10.01**, Revision of the IBHE Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Information Management; **CP-10.02**, Revision of the Post-Baccalaureate Health Informatics Campus Certificate. Senator Hilbert (LAS) requested that **PR-10.04**, Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, be removed from the motion for discussion. Upon vote the motion to approve remaining proposals carried.

Senator Hilbert (LAS) expressed concern regarding sentence 1(a) under the justification of the proposal, **PR-10.04**, Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, which reads, "Stresses the importance of promoting the Computer Science Department and the University in the work place."

9/24/09-18

Senator Chambers (MED) moved to table the proposal for further clarification and the motion was seconded. Upon vote the motion to table failed.

9/24/09-19

Senator Solworth (ENGR) noted that the course is required by the accreditation body (ABET). He indicated that the sentence will not be included in the catalog statement, only appears in the Justification of the proposal, and not part of the formal description of the course. Senator Hilbert (LAS) noted that the course description is also vaguely worded.

9/24/09-20

Senator Chambers (MED) expressed opposition to the proposal and moved to refer the item back to Committee for further clarification, to remove ambiguity and for a more detailed course description. There was no further discussion and upon vote the motion to refer the item back to committee carried by a vote of 39 in favor and 29 opposed.

9/24/09-21

Presiding Officer Massat noted that due to the lateness of the hour, the Senate needed to vote to extend the meeting beyond 4:45pm to consider other business items. The motion to extend was seconded and carried with one audible no vote.

OBSERVER, REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

9/24/09-22

IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Reporting Representative, David Bardack, added a few comments to his written report. He, also, encouraged Senators to contact their legislator to ask that they restore state funding for financial aid provided by the Monetary Award Program (MAP) of the Illinois Student Assistance

Commission (ISAC). Representative Bardack encouraged individuals to e-mail him questions to address with the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council.

9/24/09-23 Senator Chambers (MED) raised a concern about the requirements for positive time reporting in the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (SOEEA). He noted that the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council would be a good ally for employees to share concerns with regarding positive time reporting.

OLD BUSINESS

9/24/09-24 Presiding Officer Massat stated that there was no Old Business.

IN MEMORIAM

9/24/09-25 As part of a new UIC Senate tradition, Presiding Officer Massat recognized the following members of the University community who have passed away this past year: Twiley W. Barker, Professor Emeritus of Political Science; Joseph Kaufman, Executive Director of IT in the College of Pharmacy; Emanuel Thompson, Associate Professor of Pharmacodynamics (and Emeritus) in the College of Pharmacy; Jose Angel Perez, Jane Addams College of Social Work Case Coordinator for the Elderly; and Professor Subrata Chakrabarti from the College of Engineering.

NEW BUSINESS

9/24/09-26 Under New Business, Senator Gibori (MED) raised serious concerns about the lack of communication between the Senate Executive Committee to the Senate, especially with all the problems that surrounded the University of Illinois this summer regarding the Admissions Review Commission (ARC). She requested an increase in the number and comprehensiveness of reports from the Senate leadership regarding the activities of the Senate Executive Committee via e-mail. Philip Patston, Secretary of the Senate, responded and emphasized that it is essential that we enhance communication and dialog.

9/24/09-27 Under New Business, Senator Ucker (MED) moved approval of a resolution in support of the UIUC Senate resolution on Admission Review Commission (ARC) Report. The motion was seconded, and upon discussion, Senator Mintel (MED-Urbana) suggested that Senator Ucker (MED) withdraw the resolution until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate on October 29, 2009. Senator Ucker (MED) agreed and withdrew his motion.

ADJOURNMENT

9/24/09-28 The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

**Prepared for the Senate by:
Elizabeth Dooley, Senate Clerk**

**UIC SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES (2009-10)
SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTON TELLERS REPORT**

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- E 1* Kalycia Watson (CUPPA-Graduate Student)
- E 33 Michael O'Brien (Health Professional Student)
- 27 Gideon Ramirez (Health Professional Student)

ACADEMIC FEEDOM AND TENURE

- E 1* David Ucker (MED)

BUDGET, PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

- E 23 Jonathan Rosenthal (Graduate Student)
- 20 Paul Varkey (Graduate Student)
- 16 Michael Shelekov (Graduate Student)

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

- E 1* Stephanie Munson Tharp (A&A)
- E 1* John Hetling (ENGR)
- E 1* Nick Popovich (PHARM)
- E 42 Tiffany Bumpers (Graduate Student)
- E 30 Naomi Twigg (Health Professional Student)
- 9 Michael Dianovsky (Graduate Student)
- 16 Gideon Ramirez (Health Professional Student)
- 17 Michael O'Brien (Health Professional Student)

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- E 46 Jannessa Berg (Graduate Student)
- E 36 Sean Murray (Undergraduate Student)
- 30 Roshina Khan (Undergraduate Student)

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- E 1* Brian Bauer (LAS)
- E 45 Holden Brown (Graduate Student)
- E 41 Kalycia Watson (Graduate Student)
- 33 Naomi Twigg (Graduate Student)

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- E 38 Joel Elbert (Undergraduate Student)
- E 36 Wesley Epplin (Health Professional Student)
- E 34 Michael Shelekhov (Graduate Student)
- 30 Roshina Khan (Undergraduate Student)
- 30 Sean Murray (Undergraduate Student)

STUDENT RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

- E 1* Rhonna Cohen (DENT)
- E 1* Brandon Valeriano (LAS)

SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

- E 30 Joel Elbert (Undergraduate Student)
- 29 Wesley Epplin (Health Professional Student)

UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

- E 1* John Ramsey (LAS)

1* Indicates one vote cast by the Clerk of the Senate

**Resolution of the UIC Senate on Restoring State Funding for
Financial Aid for Illinois Students**

- WHEREAS, a primary mission of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is to provide Illinois students with access to an excellent education, and
- WHEREAS, over 160,000 students across the State of Illinois depend upon receiving the financial aid provided by the Monetary Award Program (MAP) of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to attend an Illinois college or university, and
- WHEREAS, the current State budget reduces by half funding for ISAC, resulting in no MAP funding for the Spring 2010 semester, and
- WHEREAS, loss of the MAP program will seriously jeopardize the ability of these deserving Illinois students to pursue and complete their education due to their inability to enroll for the Spring 2010 semester.
- THEREFORE, be it resolved that the UIC Senate calls upon Gov. Quinn and his legislative colleagues to better serve the deserving students of Illinois and their families by fully restoring funding to ISAC for the Spring of 2010 and thereafter.

**Resolution of the UIC Senate on Support for Faculty Colleagues at the
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

WHEREAS the State of Illinois Admissions Review Commission has documented that administrative and governing leadership of the University of Illinois were involved in a process of inappropriate interventions into admissions, particularly involving the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

WHEREAS the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Academic Senate has expressed its condemnation of the intrusion of external influences and the violations of academic and ethical standards that have been documented by the State of Illinois Admissions Review Commission; and

WHEREAS these interventions have subjected the entire University to state-wide and nation-wide criticism, resulting in damage to the reputation of our University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Illinois at Chicago Academic Senate expresses support for our faculty colleagues at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; and

BE IT RESOLVED that we join their call for an end to a status quo of a divided and demoralized University; and

BE IT RESOLVED that we call urgently upon the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois to continue to make an orderly transition to new leadership, so as to continue to undo the damage to the University's reputation and to move forward in a constructive effort to advance the educational mission of the University; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution be transmitted to the members of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.

**REPORT OF THE SENATE ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE COMMITTEE
TO THE OCTOBER 29, 2009 SENATE (2009-10)**

Minutes of October 1, 2009

In attendance: Alan Schwartz (acting chair), Ilene Harris, Carol Massat, Ellen BeGole, David Ucker

Regrets: John Betancur, Hui-Ching Chang

Alan Schwartz was unanimously elected as chair of the committee for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The committee discussed its charge and reviewed the relevant Statutes and By-Laws pertaining to it. The committee decided to schedule its next meeting at such a time as matters requiring its attention were referred to it.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by: Alan Schwartz, Chair

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October 5, 2009

Dr. Philip Patston
Chair, Executive Committee
UIC Faculty Senate

Dear Professor Patston:

On September 3, 2009, you referred the recent policy statement, “Campus Policies on Effort Reporting, Institutional Salary, and Cost Sharing” to the Senate Research Committee for discussion. On September 8, we met with Interim Vice Chancellor for Research Larry Danziger and Vanessa Peoples, Executive Director of Grants and Contracts, to discuss that policy.

The policies on “Effort Reporting” were instituted by the OVCR to bring UIC into compliance with regulations of federal agencies, particularly with NIH that has noted deficiencies in our policies and procedures in the past. The Research Committee discussions focused on three things. One, the members of the committee expressed concerns about how this policy was instituted, and expressed the need for greater faculty voice in such matters. Dr. Danziger said that there had been some faculty committee involvement, but that attendance at meetings was sporadic and that some colleges may not have been well represented depending on who attended particular meetings. Although the committee is sympathetic, it does seem that the OVCR could reach out to faculty more systematically through the Senate Committees. Dr. Danziger was open to this approach and was very forthcoming in his remarks during our meeting. Subsequently, he informed the campus community of changes to the “Campus Reporting” policies, and indicated that consultation with the Senate committees would take place.

Substantively, Research Committee members raised concerns about how the policy may be administered in some colleges, in terms of cost recovery priorities. Specifically, there was concern in the College of Medicine that department heads could interpret the policy as requiring that nine-month appointment faculty must recover 25% of their salary from a grant prior to any summer salary considerations. Dr. Danziger indicated that was not the intent of the policy, and

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that those issues would need to be discussed at the college level. After the meeting, he suspended items 15 through 18 of the document pending further review.

Finally, the Committee briefly discussed the issues raised by item 14 of the policy, and I have received follow up communications from members of the committee as well as other interested faculty. The idea behind item 14 is that faculty should be paid for work when they do that work. This policy should be rethought as it is likely to discourage attempts to seek external funding and it may place faculty in a precarious legal situation. Currently, faculty work on externally funded projects during the year, and often draw some summer salary as a result of these efforts. What is needed is a policy that ensures the delivery of appropriate effort to external funders, while preserving some flexibility of payment terms and time delivery of services. This policy fails to preserve that flexibility.

It is common within the university, for payment schedules and work schedules to be somewhat asynchronous. For example, even though most faculty members are on 9-month contracts, their salaries are distributed across 12 months. That means most UIC faculty are paid during the summer when, technically at least, they are not providing services to the university. If this policy were applied to our state-supported work, the university would be out of compliance.

Externally funded projects often include additional work for faculty members, beyond what is normally expected under their state contracts. If this extra work can be done during the summer, then the faculty can be remunerated on a payment schedule corresponding to the work delivery. Unfortunately, arrangements are usually more complicated than this. An externally-funded project might require extra faculty effort throughout the year, but the only time this extra work can be compensated is during the summer because of state and university regulations. The campus would be better served by some kind of positive time reporting requirements that required the ongoing documentation of extra efforts, than with a system that allows no flexibility of work and payment schedules. It shouldn't be a federal concern if someone expends extra effort on projects January through April, and then is paid for this extra work during the summer. It certainly isn't a dishonest or unethical arrangement within the context of how the university pays its employees, and it is not, and should not be a way of getting around delivering services to external agencies to the degree of effort promised.

I am communicating these remarks to Dr. Danziger simultaneously so that we can continue these discussions.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy Shanahan
Professor of Urban Education
Chair, Senate Research Committee

REPORT OF THE SENATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL, IBHE

The FAC met this month at Northern Illinois University. We heard a report from our chair on the IBHE's meeting the week before, held an extensive discussion with John Peters, president of NIU, had a telephone presentation and discussion with Don Sevener, Deputy Director IBHE for Legislative Affairs and held break-out sessions on components of the Illinois Public Agenda. The component groups of the FAC, public universities, private colleges/universities and community colleges also met separately. Just the day before our meeting we had heard that both houses of the legislature had approved restoring funding for MAP although no specific source of funds (\$200M) has been designated.

At the last IBHE meeting, Andy Davis, of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission spoke about needs and ways to change the missions and specializations of institutions and their funding separate from the uncertainties and irregularities of the annual legislative appropriations. He suggested a model similar to the capital budget with monies up front but longer time pay-outs than one year. But he noted that our diminished state bond ratings might present problems.

There was discussion of the forthcoming conference in Springfield, Nov. 17, of the proposed P-20 Council. This would be essentially a longitudinal summit involving educational leaders from all sections of the education arena. Members of the FAC Executive Committee will participate. The principal issue here is developing a way of tracking students through their educational journey (without using SSNs). Because so many students move from institution to institution during all stages of their education there is no way to know what students finally achieve and which institutions provided significant parts of their education. There are many problems, among them, can an institution opt out of the system, what to do about out of state students and besides graduation rate information what else could the data on institutional attendance provide? Issues of changing the current educational system and its support and the need for increased funding will be part of the agenda.

We heard a report from Ocheng Jany, assistant director for academic affairs at IBHE about the significant staff shortage in the IBHE. This has resulted in long delays in approving programs and responding to many questions posed by institutions and legislators. With regard to the issue of time reporting by faculty he noted that at this time the unionized campuses are not expected to participate. I will have more on time reporting later in this report. The October board meeting spent considerable time examining the context for the fiscal year 2011 budget. I urge senators to go to the IBHE website and look at the October agenda, item 3a, which shows some very significant data.

President Peters spoke enthusiastically about the coalition put together by public, private, and comm. colleges including students and faculty to bring critical awareness of the need to maintain MAP for the coming semester. He noted with dismay the fact that the state is 4 months behind in its obligations to state universities and recalled that only two years ago the state wanted to have tuition monies deposited with the state and not held by the campuses. Without these monies institutions would be in much worse shape than they are now. He noted that overall, legislators view higher ed on a

district by district basis and the public institutions are in districts controlled by republicans while Loyola and DePaul are in districts represented by Madigan and Cullerton both of whom he said are supportive of higher ed. He senses that the leadership will, after Feb. 2, 2010 (primary day) support a change (not necessarily an increase in the Illinois tax system).

With regard to the requirement for time reporting, he believes that this is a hangover from Blago days and that this and other irrelevant matters will not arouse much furor. He noted that presidents and chancellors have not yet discussed this matter but urged that we "don't poke a sleeping snake with a stick." Peters spoke to the need for public institution academic leaders to work together to help the public understand the broad impacts that higher ed. has on the economics and overall life of the state.

Mr. Sevener spoke to us about the positive affect of the student/faculty demonstration and visits with legislators the previous day. He noted that the governor and head of the house higher ed. committee were there. While he said that no tax increase would come out of the veto session, he thinks it possible that some action may be taken in February but the fact that 2010 is an election year is a strong force against any significant financial changes. Mr. Sevener, like President Peters, said that the time reporting issue is not on anyone's radar in the legislature.

Asked about other higher ed. related issues in the legislature, Mr. Sevener noted that Joint Resolution no. 54 which has passed the house and is now in the senate would involve a comprehensive examination of affordability of Illinois institutions and funding of higher ed. overall. It asks IBHE and the ICCB (comm. coll. board) to undertake a study of the matter. House Joint Resolution 75 is similar in its aims but more focused on MAP and seeks information on success rate of students with the support and their demographics. It also seeks ways to perhaps restructure all student aid sources and how to maximize the effectiveness of these programs. He noted that the senate had overridden Quinn's veto of Senate bill 51 on procurement processes and selection of procurement officers. Mr. Sevener pointed to a McCarthy bill which examines how diminished overall support for higher ed. from the state affects what we do with MAP monies.

Candace Mueller, assistant director for external relations, was also on the phone with us and she noted that prior to the mass of phone calls, letters, visits, legislators had not been aware of the scope and needs met by the MAP program. The Public Agenda for Higher Ed. in Illinois, which has been noted in previous FAC reports still, needs some formal senate action that probably will come during the veto session. She urged FAC to speak to the needs for use of the agenda as a central focus for board activities.

Ken Andersen from UIUC and member of the SURS Members Advisory Committee provided a summary of that group's discussions. They expressed concern about the new law which specifies that the chair of the IBHE also chair SURS. Questions concerned the amount of time required in each of these jobs the specific abilities needed to handle SURS matters, potential conflicts of interest, fiduciary responsibilities etc. A review of past and current state funding for its obligations to the retirement system was presented. While all 5 pension funds were to be funded by a bond issue,

these bonds have not yet been sold and it is not clear when they might be. The state owes \$125M. to SURS alone this year. As a result, SURS has had to sell some of its assets.

The public university caucus (the 12 state univ. members of FAC) spoke to the need of the state to take actions regarding support of the retirement system and facilitating bond sales. The group discussed the matter of time reporting. While recognizing the some administrations and non-academic employees of universities were already required to provide reports we all noted that 15 minute interval reporting on a job that goes way beyond the 9—5 period would not provide a real picture of faculty activity or their commitments to the needs of students, teaching and academic programs and involvement in research and scholarship. However, considering the comments we'd had (see earlier in this report) from President Peters and Mr. Sevenser the consensus was that this is not the time for a major effort in opposition. We did note that some institutions already had annual reporting systems in place and we looked at the form used by Chicago State. We also discussed the detrimental affects of a diminished staff on IBHE workloads and the need to develop the Public Agenda items for forthcoming IBHE meetings this year.

The caucus of the community colleges expressed concerns about the coming criteria of the dual credit system. There are matters here that involve possible IBHE and ICCB rules, what happens with students who don't pass exams etc. Apparently some of the community colleges have filed a suit against the requirement for time reporting noting that they are not state institutions and there is legislation exempting them from the requirement.

With regard to the Public Agenda, a project required by legislative action and expected to be a focus of each IBHE meeting this year, we divided into 4 groups each related to one of the 4 "Goals" of the agenda. These are: 1. Increase educational attainment to match the best performing states; 2. Ensure college affordability for students, families, and taxpayers; 3. Increase the number of high quality post-secondary credentials to meet the demands of the economy and an increasingly global society; 4. Better integrate Illinois' educational, research,, and innovation assets to meet economic needs of the state and its regions. We shall report on this in more detail later but we agreed that we need to show specifically how research results and development of ideas and projects have helped the entire state.

Again, if you have questions, ideas the FAC should consider, please get in touch with me.

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