Northern Illinois University

Selected Themes from 2023 IBHE “Big Picture Meeting”

Shared with NIU Board of Trustees on November 9, 2023
What is “Big Picture Meeting”? 

SEE THE BIG PICTURE
IBHE Strategic Plan (adopted 2021)

A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability, and Growth

ILLINOIS’ HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

- 12 public universities
- 48 community colleges
- 100+ independent institutions
- 40+ out-of-state institutions with Illinois presence
- 250+ postsecondary schools

EQUITY

Close the equity gaps for students who have been left behind.

SUSTAINABILITY

Build a stronger financial future for individuals and institutions.

GROWTH

Increase talent and innovation to drive economic growth.
FY25 IBHE Big Picture Agenda

Meeting Held October 17, 2023

• Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
• Equity Data, Plans, and Practices: (30 min)
• Growth (60 min)
• FY 25 Budget Request (30 minutes)
• Legislative Priorities and Initiatives (10 min)
• Next Steps (5 min)
1. Leverage the IIN to strengthen regional focus, while connecting the state.

2. Establish a statewide Business and Employer Advisory Council to the IBHE to invest and partner in the development of a diverse talent pipeline and to keep higher education abreast of evolving needs.

3. Align the state’s economic development and higher education strategies, ensuring both address historic inequities.
4. Encourage high school graduates to enroll in our higher education system and keep talent in Illinois.

5. Establish a consortium of community colleges and universities to better serve the incumbent early childhood workforce

6. Expand higher education models of teaching and learning that provide opportunity for students to succeed in the work of the future.
7. Enhance access to educator preparation programs.

8. Strengthen the statewide, coordinated transfer system to ensure students have seamless paths to build on previous academic learning and earn postsecondary credentials.

9. Consider the role the private business and vocational sector plays in meeting the state’s workforce needs.
Predictable, adequate, equitable, and stable funding

Multi-year capital support for maintenance, renewal and enhancement of facilities

Increase transfer pathways through innovative partnerships

Regulatory reform to promote operational efficiencies

MAP/AIM HIGH flexibility
Questions?