FAC members/alternates attending and their institutions:
Danelle Batterton (John Wood Community College)
Julie Clemens (Illinois Central College)
John D’Anca (at-large, Oakton College)
Diane Dean (ISU)
Steve DePasquale (at-large, Kankakee Community College)
Marie Donovan (DePaul)
Thomas Dowd (Harper College)
Carol Gayle (Lake Forest College)
Merry Mayer (Wilbur Wright College)
Nick Menhart (IIT)
Lucy Park (UIC)
Steven Rock (WIU)
Linda Saborio (NIU)
Phillip Schaefer (Lincoln Land Community College)
Shawn Schumacher (at-large, DeVry)
Phyllis Soybel (College of Lake County)
Mat Timm (Bradley University)
Gillian Wells (Judson University)
Sue Wiediger (SIUE)

Representatives/Institutions not present:
Paulo Acioli (NEIU)
Michael Bathgate (St. Xavier)
Paul Bialek (Trinity International)
Cynthia Boyce (Lincoln Trail College)
Daniel Cortese (GSU)
Doug Dowell (Heartland Community College)
Rick Jones (at-large, South Suburban College)
Matt McCarroll (SIUC)
Gay Miller (UIUC)
Ronda Mitchell (UIS)
James Marshall (Illinois College)
Mike Phillips (Illinois Valley Community College)
Devi Potluri (CSU)
Kevin Sullivan (Illinois Wesleyan)
Adam Tournier (at-large, McKendree)
Larry White (EIU)

From IBHE:
Stephanie Bernoteit
Marie convened the meet at 9:15 a.m. Phyllis welcomed us to campus and noted that CLC is about to celebrate 50 years. About 25% of the student body is Hispanic. The school is veteran friendly. She introduced the new CLC President Dr. Lori Suddick whose background is in speech pathology. She comes from the Wisconsin system. She is interested in learning more about the role of the FAC and our agenda. CLC is working on a strategic plan.

Marie indicated that the religious institution exemption bill is dead. She clarified the issue surrounding the request for operating authority to IBHE from Quiroga College. While currently unaccredited, they would have to achieve this within five year and have a class that has graduated. They had delayed their original request until now to be better prepared.

Steve R. updated the hosting schedule for next academic year:
September 21: Judson
October 19: Lincoln Trail
November 16: Illinois Wesleyan
December (first or second Friday): in Springfield
Other schools that have agreed to host in the spring semester: John Wood, St. Xavier, Illinois Central, Bradley

Gretchen Lohman joined by phone. She indicated that everyone is excited that there is a budget. Any FAC members that need identification cards or table tents should contact her. A legislative update is in the Board packet. Stephanie added that there will be a need to keep monitoring future efforts to reintroduce the religious exemption bill. The College Changes Everything conference is July 19 in Tinley Park. Marie sent us an electronic link for more information.

Caucuses met. All were comfortable with the statement Marie was going to read to the Board. For the community colleges, John noted their interest in a MAP set aside since their students often make decisions after funds have been allocated. They noted their mission is for two year programs; they are opposed to expanding their role to offer four year degrees such as nursing. They don’t have the staff or funds to do this. There is also concern about the transferability of IAI approved courses from two year to four year institutions. They appreciate the work of Dr. Bowman.

Sue reported for the Publics. Dual Credit needs a regional solution. The importance of liberal arts needs to be stressed. For legislative interaction purposes, others besides Mike Phillips need to join in; Diane was suggested from the Caucus.

For the Privates, Shawn offered concerns about the lack of resources. The importance of MAP grants was noted. Higher education needs to be viewed as an investment, not a cost.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved. Steve R. was recognized for his years of service on the FAC. It was noted that Wayne Evans, a former FAC chair from
Bradley, passed away. The Public Caucus may reintroduce names for the vacant IBHE seat at the first fall meeting.

Thanks were extended to CLC and Phyllis for hosting. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Following lunch, the group attended the IBHE meeting. For the FAC report to the Board, Marie read an opening and closing statement. Others presenting reports included: Sue for the Publics, Shawn for the Privates, and Steve D. for the community colleges. A resolution honoring Steve R. was also read.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rock, FAC Secretary