

University Senates Conference
Finance, Budget, & Benefits Committee
Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 14, 2024

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Campbell, Erricolo, Leff, Lyons

ABSENT: Danziger, Dunning

GUEST: Nicholas Jones

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Professor Campbell.
- II. Public Comment
No public comment.
- III. Approval of minutes from June 28, 2024, August 29, 2024
The minutes deferred due to discussion topic on the agenda.

Meeting with Executive Vice President Jones to unpack the proposed equitable funding act
The committee met to discuss Adequate and Equitable Public University Funding. FBBC includes members from UIC, UIS, and UIUC that expressed their willingness to engage in discussion on issues that may arise concerning the current Adequate and Equitable Public University Funding State Initiative.

EVP Jones provided background on recent related events and discussions, noting that one negotiation session had already taken place, with at least four more planned. The sessions involve university presidents, vice presidents, government affairs, advocacy groups, interest groups, and unions. EVP Jones mentioned there is not an immediate need for faculty and senate input, but that such input would likely be sought around January.

EVP Jones shared two public domain documents with FBBC:

- [SSTAR K-12 Literature Review \(https://sstar.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/sstar_k-12_litreview.pdf\)](https://sstar.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/sstar_k-12_litreview.pdf)
- [Missouri First Report \(https://nchems.org/wp-content/uploads/Missouri-First-Report-221202-Submitted.pdf\)](https://nchems.org/wp-content/uploads/Missouri-First-Report-221202-Submitted.pdf)

EVP Jones shared PowerPoint slides displaying graduation rates for various student groups. It was evident to FBBC that there is a more complex narrative regarding the increasing minority graduation rates within the UI System. EVP Jones further clarified that while the proposed calculations in the initiative might benefit UIS and negatively impact UIC and UIUC, the overall effect would be detrimental to the System as a whole, as funding is managed at the System-level.

FBBC requested the committee be kept informed of any future developments related to the initiative, including:

1. A possible timetable, especially for interactions and discussions with the three senates.

2. Any relevant materials for distribution to faculty and staff serving on the senates.
3. Information on personnel leading communication efforts and related messaging.

The committee emphasized the importance of keeping all three senates informed about the initiative to ensure any reactions are well-informed.

IV. Today's Business

- a. Discuss the next steps for the BOT Presentation
No discussion

V. New Business

VI. Old Business – Action Items

None

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Information for the minutes provided by Professor Campbell.

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