

University Senates Conference  
*Finance, Budget, & Benefits Committee*  
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2024

PLACE: University of Illinois Springfield, Student Union, Room 223

PRESENT: Campbell, Danziger, Dunning (online), Erricolo, Lyons

ABSENT: Leff

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Professor Campbell.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Approval of minutes from

a. June 28, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from June 28, 2024. No discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by FBBC Members in-person and roll call vote by members attending online.

Yes: Campbell, Danziger (online), Dunning (online), Erricolo, Lyons

No: None

Abstain: None

b. August 22, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from August 22, 2024. No discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by FBBC Members in-person and roll call vote by members attending online.

Yes: Campbell, Dunning (online)

No: None

Abstain: Danziger (online), Erricolo, Lyons

c. October 9, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 9, 2024. No discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by FBBC Members in-person and roll call vote by members attending online.

Yes: Campbell, Danziger (online), Dunning (online), Erricolo

No: None

Abstain: Lyons

d. October 14, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 14, 2024. No

discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by FBBC Members in-person and roll call vote by members attending online.

Yes: Campbell, Danziger (online), Dunning (online), Erricolo, Lyons

No: None

Abstain: None

#### IV. Today's Business

- a. Discuss the October 14 meeting with EVP Jones and next steps  
FBBC met with EVP Jones regarding Adequate and Equitable Public University Funding. The committee represents all three universities and expressed their willingness to engage in discussions that may arise concerning the current Adequate and Equitable Public University Funding initiative.

EVP Jones provided background information on recent events and discussions, noting that one negotiation session had taken place, with at least four more planned. The sessions involve university presidents, vice presidents, government affairs, advocacy groups, interest groups, and unions. He mentioned there is no 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 us:

- [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 some PowerPoint slides displaying graduation rates for various student groups. It was evident to the committee that there is a more complex narrative regarding increasing minority graduation rates within the UI System. EVP Jones further clarified that while the proposed funding 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.

- b. Discuss the presentation to BOT  
FBBC revisited its previous decision made at the October 14 FBBC meeting for Professor Dunning to present to the BOT on the potential impacts of SB3965-The Adequate and Equitable Funding Formula for Public Universities Act-from the student perspective. Following discussions with EVP Jones, regarding the Act and further deliberations at the USC meeting on November 21, it was determined the presentation is no longer necessary.

A motion was made and seconded to request USC replace the January BOT Meeting presentation with another speaker and topic. No discussion. The motion passed with a voice vote by FBBC Members in-person and roll call vote by members attending online.

Yes: Campbell, Danziger (online), Dunning (online), Erricolo, Lyons

No: None

Abstain: None

V. New Business

FBBC plans to discuss the following topics at the next meeting:

- a. SURS Tier 2 and Social Security Safe Harbor Act
- b. Updates on HR 82, a bill that proposes repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset

VI. Old Business – Action Items

None

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Information for the minutes provided by Professor Campbell and Professor Lyons.

David Perryn  
USC Administration