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[General Assembly passes level higher ed budget](#)

Highlights of FY11 budget – SB 859 – passed by legislature:

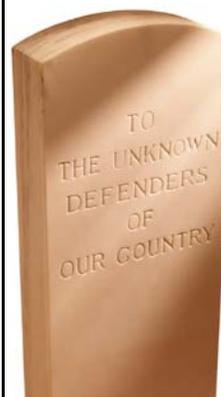
- Appropriations for public universities and community college are maintained at the current FY10 level. To maintain funding at current levels, the General Assembly replaced \$94.0 million in federal stimulus funds with state general revenue funds (\$87 million to universities, \$7 million to community colleges).
- The lump sum appropriation to ICCB for Adult Education and Career and Technical education totals \$24.1 million. As was the case in FY10, without \$26.7 million in additional funding from discretionary dollars provided to the Governor, the appropriation for these programs decreases 52.6%. Without an additional allocation from the Governor, many adult education and career and technical education programs will close and federal funds will be threatened.
- Higher education grants, including all ISAC grant programs (MAP is by far the largest), all IBHE grant programs, and ICCB's grant programs (excluding Adult Education and Career and Technical Education) are funded at the current FY10 level.
- Many of the appropriations – including IBHE operations, IBHE grants, ISAC grants, ICCB operations, and some ICCB grants – are made in lump sums. That means that the IBHE, ISAC, and ICCB boards will have to allocate the lump sums for grants to each program.
- As was done in FY10, SB 859 gives the Governor discretion over a \$1.2 billion appropriation to be directed to state agencies for "costs of state government" including operational expenses, awards, and grants. An additional \$2.2 billion in discretionary funding is appropriated to the Governor's office for human service programs. This lump sum could be the source of additional adult ed and career and tech ed funding if the Governor so chooses.
- At this time the pension bonding bill is still under discussion. If it passes the Senate, the state will borrow the full amount needed for pension contributions for FY11. It is unclear how – or if – the pension contributions will be funded if the pension bonding bill does not pass.

[Appropriations backlog owed colleges and universities hits \\$699 million](#)

As of this week, the amount of FY10 appropriations that community colleges and public universities have vouchered to the comptroller but have not yet been paid was just under \$700 million. Universities are owed \$640.3 million; community colleges, \$58.7 million.

UPCOMING

[Take a Minute](#)



On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, at 3:00 p.m. local time, Americans are asked to stop what they are doing and spend one minute in a Moment of

Remembrance. The mid-afternoon time was chosen because it is when a majority of Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the holiday.

June

- 3** Community College Council of Presidents, Springfield
- 3-5** ICCB Student Leadership Institute, Springfield
- 4** ICCB meeting, Springfield
- 4-5** Illinois Community College Trustees Annual Convention, Springfield
- 11** SURS meeting, Chicago
IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, SIU, Carbondale
Academic Leadership Group, Springfield
- 21** IBHE meeting, Chicago
- 25** ISAC meeting, Palos Heights

Legislature passes school leader bill to strengthen principal prep programs

[Senate Bill 226](#) (Demuzio/Smith) strengthens principal preparation programs by creating a principal endorsement in the School Code, and raising standards for recruitment and training of school leaders. This legislation is the result of a report, *School Leader Preparation: A Blueprint for Change*, produced by the Board's Commission on School Leader Preparation in 2006. It passed the House on a vote of 98-11 and the Senate 56-0.

[Other legislation](#) passed by both houses affecting higher education includes:

- SJR 88 to establish the Higher Education Finance Study Commission;
- SB 642 to enable public universities to borrow to meet cash flow shortages;
- SB 3222 to expand tuition guarantee requirements;
- SB 2487 to transfer administration of the Grow Your Own Teachers program from ISBE to IBHE;
- SB 3699 to create a grant program to incentivize degree completion;
- SB 3705 to expand the College and Career Readiness Pilot Program;
- HR 918 to direct IBHE to create a committee to study higher education mandates; and
- HR 919 to establish a committee to study the Illinois Procurement Act.



[Nearly 27,000 eligible students denied MAP in first month of award suspension](#)

"We are averaging more than 5,000 eligible applicants a week since suspending awards April 19," said ISAC Executive Director Andrew Davis. "We hope students don't hear this news and get discouraged, as there is still federal and institutional aid out there. The key is to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) if you haven't done so already."

[Governor urges Illinoisans to recognize 'value of higher education'](#)

Springfield—Gov. Pat Quinn is designating Saturday, May 29, as College Savings Day in Illinois, just in time for the end of the College Illinois!@ 529 Prepaid Tuition Program's May pricing period, which concludes Monday, May 31. In the proclamation, Quinn called upon all Illinoisans to join him in "recognizing the value of higher education and to begin saving early and consistently for our children's future."

[The Condition of Education: Poverty growing in public schools](#)

On May 27, the National Center of Education Statistics released "The Condition of Education 2010," a Congressionally mandated report to the country on education in America today. The report includes 49 indicators in five major areas -- education participation, learner outcomes, student effort and educational progress, the contexts of elementary and secondary education, and the contexts of postsecondary education. The report also includes a special analysis on high-poverty public schools. Among the findings: in 2007-08, 20% of public elementary schools and 9% of public secondary schools were considered high-poverty schools, versus 15% and 5%, respectively, in 1999-2000; in 2007-08, according to school administrators, 28% of high school graduates from high-poverty schools attended four-year institutions after graduation, versus 52% of high school graduates from low-poverty schools; and roughly 57% of first-time students seeking a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution in 2001-02 had completed their degree at that institution within six years.



[Who should set tuition in climate of declining resources?](#)

Operating in an environment beset by recession-induced cutbacks in state funding and surging enrollment, many state colleges and universities are turning to tuition increases to generate operating revenues. The current economic and funding climate has led to increased visibility and debate regarding control over public higher

education tuition policy, which varies greatly among the states. This policy brief from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities discusses the issue of tuition-setting authority and recent efforts at state deregulation. The potential benefits of providing greater system and institutional autonomy over tuition policy are discussed, as are arguments against decentralizing state legislative control over tuition policy.

[Resolved: The business model of higher education is broken – a debate on the cost of higher education](#)

Since the mid-1980s, the costs of higher education in America have steadily shifted from the taxpayer to the student and family. As state funding has dwindled, colleges and universities have sought to fill these gaps through a variety of avenues, including philanthropy and research support, but the area of highest growth has been tuition. The share of institutional budgets provided by tuition increased from 22% in 1985 to 36% in 2005. As state budgets slip further into structural deficit, there is no reason to think this trend will reverse itself.

Watch a [preview](#) of the debate.

[U of I among top patent winners](#)

The University of Illinois was among the top 300 organizations receiving the most patents in 2009, according to the Intellectual Property Owners Association. The U of I ranked 266th on the list with a total of 65 patents, behind six other universities.

[SUMMER READING: The laugh's on us](#)



From a *New York Times* review by Ben Wade: “The best scene in this hilarious first novel is a meeting of the trustees of Kershaw University, an elite research university only 200 years younger than Harvard. The trustees have to select a new president. They listen with mounting dismay as the professional headhunter in charge of the search reads out the polished résumés of each candidate, but notes in each case the fatal flaws revealed by background checks, ranging from spousal abuse to bestiality and, even more fatal, plagiarism.

“As the trustees hasten to leave for the airport, they agree on a nonentity, Mark Winner, an economics professor with a thin résumé and a clean rap sheet.”

[Coalition for Illinois High Schools Conference Slated for June 14-15](#)

The Coalition for Illinois High Schools will hold the fifth annual High School Challenge Conference for educators “Promoting Student Success: A Variety of Approaches” June 14-15 in Bloomington.

[People in the News](#)

The Senate unanimously confirmed IBHE’s newest public Board members, **Heba Hamouda** and **Santos Rivera**, on Thursday, May 27, 2010.

The IBHE Faculty Advisory Council has elected officers for the coming year. Serving as Chair is **Abbas Aminmansour** from

“Quote” of the week

Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, speaking to graduates at the University of Wisconsin at Madison (May 15):

“How to sum up the meaning of a first-rate education in the 21st century? To paraphrase from the Bible, these three virtues -- creativity, adaptation, and following one’s passion -- abide. But the greatest of these is to follow your passion. You received an education in the shadow of the State Capitol and saw first-hand the value of civic involvement. When you leave here, run for office, volunteer at a local school, tutor, or coach, even if it sometimes seems like the tougher path to take. Find what you love, find your genius. Find what would you get up and do every day, even if you weren’t getting a paycheck. And, whatever that calling is, pursue it with all your heart.”

UIUC, Vice Chair is **Martha Latorre** from SIUE, and Secretary is **Steve Rock** from WIU.

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) Board of Trustees announced the appointment of [William E. Mabe](#) as executive director effective June 21. SURS Chairwoman Carrie Hightman stated, "We welcome Bill to the SURS family. He is a proven leader with a strong track record of improving the operational performance of both private and public sector organizations. His previous experience with annuities, pension, life, health, workers compensation and property casualty operations in both the public and private sectors provides a strong platform for managing the day-to-day and long term challenges faced by SURS."

[Janet K. Wigglesworth](#), associate dean at the Ithaca College (Ithaca, NY) Graduate and Clinical Services, School of Health Sciences and Human Performance, has been named chair of the Western Illinois University Department of Kinesiology, effective July 1.

Campus News

[NIU, Illinois Valley Community College forge partnership for nursing degree completion program](#)

DeKalb, Ill. — Northern Illinois University and Illinois Valley Community College will begin in the fall of 2011 to offer a bachelor's degree completion program for registered nurses who live and work nearby. Faculty from NIU's School of Nursing and Health Studies will travel to the Illinois Valley to teach the introductory course and the capstone course while the rest of the classes will take place online. Students will complete a total of nine courses (24 credit hours) with NIU and can fulfill other degree requirements at IVCC or any other community college, said Brigid Lusk, chair of the school housed inside NIU's College of Health and Human Sciences. NIU courses can enroll as many as 30 to 40 nurses interested in helping their careers – and their patients.

News from Higher Education

[High-school dropout rate is cited as a key barrier to Obama's college-completion goal](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

A senior Education Department official, speaking at a college-readiness forum, singled out the nation's dropout rate among high-school students as a key obstacle to fulfilling President Obama's goal of putting the United States atop the world by 2020 in the proportion of residents with a college degree.

[Adjunct group begins a push for unemployment benefits](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

The New Faculty Majority, a national adjunct advocacy group, announced a campaign to push more out-of-work adjuncts to file for unemployment insurance between academic terms and during summer breaks. The organization's goal, ultimately, is to change a federal law that some colleges routinely invoke to keep adjuncts from receiving unemployment benefits during those interims.

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