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The Friday Memo

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Illinois House and Senate move bills to the other chamber for consideration; return next week for final month of session

Deadlines for passage of third readings on bills originating in the House and Senate are now over, with both the House and Senate spending hours the past two weeks getting bills passed and sent over to the other body. This process begins to narrow the number of bills that will see final passage and consideration by the Governor. The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) has prepared a list of "Bills of Special Interest" that are still on course to become new laws. It is available for review on the IBHE Website, [here](#).

General Assembly's work on FY 14 budget gets underway

Next Tuesday, both the House and Senate returns for five full weeks of session to consider the other chamber's bills, as well as get down to the work of shaping the final details for the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. Rep. Ken Dunkin, Chair of the House Appropriations – Higher Education committee, announced at the final hearing on higher education budgets on April 19, that working sessions will begin on April 30, to have discussions and "line-by-line" reviews of the higher education institutions' and agencies' budgets. He stated the committee will be "attempting to add value in light of the austere budget times we are in." He advised the institutions and agencies to be prepared to assist in answering any further questions or providing data the Committee may need for their decision making.

House Speaker Mike Madigan has given each House Appropriations Committee an allocation that is one-percent less than last year. For Higher Education, the FY 14 amount is \$1,959,021,811, a \$19,788,099 (1%) reduction from FY 13.

[National meeting held to discuss distance education degree programs authorization reciprocity](#)

A national meeting on next steps in state reciprocity was held in Indianapolis on April 16 and 17, to advance efforts to streamline state authorization of postsecondary degree programs offered via distance education modalities (typically online programs). The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) would allow institutions to get authorization from their home state, where the distance education programs originate, and would relieve them of the burden of gaining authorizations or exemptions from any SARA-participating state in which they do not have a physical presence, but from which they may have enrolled students. Illinois was represented by Dan Cullen, Deputy Director for Academic Affairs at IBHE, and Ray Schroeder, Associate Vice Chancellor/Director, Center for Online Learning, Research and Service, University of Illinois Springfield.

A recent blog post written by Russell Poulin, Deputy Director, Research and Analysis WCET – WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies and a key SARA architect, provides a meeting summary:

<http://wcetblog.wordpress.com/2013/04/18/highlights-from-the-national-meeting-on-state-authorization-reciprocity/>.

UPCOMING

APRIL

30 [Senate Higher Ed Committee](#), Room 400, Capitol, Springfield

ICCTA Board Meeting, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield

MAY

1 [House Higher Ed Committee](#), Room 115, Capitol, Springfield

Illinois Council of Community College Presidents Meeting, Springfield

8 Performance Funding Steering Committee Meeting, Heartland Community College, Normal

Ready to Respond Campus

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) has announced a new pilot program **Ready to Respond Campus**. This voluntary program is designed to enhance and encourage campus safety, preparedness and response efforts of colleges and universities across Illinois. Nine colleges and universities have chosen to participate so far. They include: Columbia College of Chicago, Augustana College, Rock Island, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, Heartland Community College, Normal, Parkland Community College, Champaign, Richland Community College, Decatur, University of Illinois, Urbana - Champaign, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg. The program begins on May 1, with a statewide roll-out in January of 2014.

The program criteria that the schools must meet in order to be designated "Ready to Respond" include Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and/or Consequence Analysis, Operational Planning (CEOP/CERP), Incident Management, Training, Exercise, Violence Prevention Plan and a Campus Outreach and Education Campaign. The criteria were established among a group of representatives from colleges and universities, campus law enforcement, and staff from the Strategic Planning Cell at IEMA. Once the schools have met all the criteria, they will submit required documentation to IEMA for review. Upon designation of **Ready to Respond Campus**, they will be awarded the Ready to Respond logo to be used on all correspondence and advertising for a period of three years.

Ready to Respond Campus is a new component of the Illinois Ready to Respond effort. Currently, Ready to Respond Community is already operational. In the future, both Ready to Respond Schools K-12 and Ready to Respond Business will be added. For more information, contact: Joan Carnduff, School/Campus Safety Coordinator, University of Illinois, at: Joan.Carnduff@illinois.gov.

Illinois P-20 Council releases Annual Report

Illinois P-20 Council Chairman Miguel del Valle presented the "Third Annual Report: Education for our Future" at the P-20 meeting held on April 24. The report includes recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on enhancing the educational pipeline from early childhood through higher education and into the workforce. Outlined in the report are updates on progress to date on Council recommendations, as well as a gap analysis of work still needed to fully realize the recommendations.

U.S. House Committee on Education seeks input on strengthening the Higher Education Act

On April 25, the Committee issued a [letter](#) stating that the Committee is examining ways to "empower students as consumers," simplify the student-aid system; increase college accessibility, affordability, and completion; reduce costs; promote innovation; and "balance the need for accountability with the burden of federal regulations." Stakeholders interested in proposals to improve postsecondary education are invited to send comments to: HEA.Rauth@mil.house.gov until August 2.

Eleventh Annual IERC Symposium

The 2013 Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium [registration material](#) and [registration form](#) are now available. Sponsored by the Illinois Educational Research Council (IERC), the Symposium is scheduled for June 13-14, and will be held at the I-Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign. Registrations are due by May 24.

ILACHE Scholarship

The Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education (ILACHE) will award a one-time [\\$1000 scholarship](#) to two eligible Latino/a students from Illinois. High school seniors and undergraduate students are eligible to apply. Selection will be based on careful review of the following areas: 1) campus involvement, 2) community involvement, 3) academic achievements and goals, and 4) career aspirations. To be considered, an applicant must be an Illinois Latino/a graduating high school senior or a continuing undergraduate level college student and enrolled full-time during the fall term of the upcoming academic year at a four or two-year regionally accredited college or university in Illinois. Past awardees are not eligible. Complete applications with all the required supporting materials must be submitted (postmarked) by **May 1, 2013**. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. Awardees will be notified by September 2013. If awarded the ILACHE Scholarship, the recipient must send proof of full-time registration for the Fall 2013 term

People in the News



Joined here by Dr. Harry Berman and Mrs. Deborah Berman, **Dr. Julie Furst – Bowe** was installed as the Eighth Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in a ceremony on April 19. Dr. Glenn Poshard, President of Southern Illinois University conducted the installation. Furst-Bowe addressed the students, faculty, alumni, and community members, as well as delegates from over 30 national organizations, universities, and colleges on the theme of the event, “Planning for our Global Future.”

SPOTLIGHT: 2012 - 13 DFI Fellows

Thirty-nine new Diversifying Higher Education Faculty (DFI) in Illinois Program Fellows were awarded a Fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year. The purpose of the DFI program is to increase the number of underrepresented faculty and staff in Illinois institutions of higher education. The complete list of new and renewal Fellows by institution and program major can be viewed on the IBHE website at <http://www.ibhe.org/DFI/fellows.asp>. *The Friday Memo* will feature DFI Fellows throughout the year.



Renata Alejandra is a Ph.D student in Higher Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she also completed her bachelor's and master degree in Electrical Engineering. Her current work focuses on the success and experiences of underrepresented undergraduate students in engineering with a focus on mentoring, engagement, and identity. This semester Alejandra passed her qualifying exams and is now starting work on her dissertation project.

In case you missed this week's Tweets...*



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07:04 AM – 23 Apr 13: Tutorial on how to use our app B4College bit.ly/17UyQ1o

07:13 AM – 24 Apr 13: Our first CCE Change Agent is *the Alliance for College Readiness* @ElginCommColl – Congrats on the success! on.fb.me/Hn3yTb

11:03 AM – 22 Apr 13: Our last #familyandeducation event is this Saturday at @SIC_EDU in Harrisburg. Register today! bit.ly/VUljhb

*College Changes Everything is a College Access Movement of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, a state agency of Illinois - Follow us on Twitter @CCE_Illinois.

[Lincoln Academy of Illinois' Student Laureates honored](#)



Morton College: Brenda Bedolla, is from Cicero, and will receive an Associate's Degree of Arts this Spring.



Northern Illinois University: Wayne Duerkes, is from Somonauk, majoring in History.



Olivet Nazarene University: Jameson Dwight Forshee, is from Grand Blanc, Michigan, majoring in Business Administration.

Editor's note: In the upcoming issues of The Friday Memo, the Illinois Student Laureates from Illinois' colleges and universities will be featured in "People in the News." The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement, campus leadership and extracurricular activities among Illinois college and university seniors.

[Governor Quinn announces UIC Health Technology Research Hub](#)

On April 14, Governor Pat Quinn was joined by officials from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and the Illinois Medical District (IMD) Commission to announce a \$3.4 million, 12,000-square-foot lab and office space that will serve as a new hub for Chicago's flourishing bioscience industry. The Health, Technology, Innovation (HTI) at Chicago Technology Park will bring scientists, clinicians, engineers, and industry together to create the nexus for an interdisciplinary approach to drug, diagnostic, medical device, and information technology development. Strategically located within the Illinois Medical District near the campus of UIC's Medical School, the new facility is funded through a \$1.7 million state capital investment that was matched by \$1.7 million of UIC funds. It is expected to open this summer and will house both shared wet and dry laboratory space, in addition to co-working office space. The HTI will be anchored by a fully-equipped meeting and classroom with high-definition video conferencing, recording, and streaming.

[Grants support Asian Studies and the Environment Initiative at Illinois College](#)

The Henry Luce Foundation and the Japan Foundation, New York have awarded nearly \$90,000 in grant funding to Illinois College in support of its work on Asian studies and the environment, a collaboration with Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. Illinois College President Axel Steuer said, "We are very grateful to the Henry Luce Foundation and to the Japan Foundation, New York, for supporting this initiative, and for their support of our strong partnership with Ritsumeikan University. Through this initiative our faculty in Japanese studies, in environmental biology, and in other science disciplines will conduct important interdisciplinary work and establish scientific connections with Ritsumeikan University scientists. Our current and future students will also benefit from a deeper understanding of Japan and of the natural environment."

[Give Something Back Foundation dedicates \\$3 million to educating Will County students](#)

The University of St. Francis (USF), Lewis University, and Blackburn College will each receive \$1 million from the Give Something Back Foundation (GSBF), founded by Lockport native Robert Carr. The funds will be used for full tuition scholarships for qualifying students.

"We're 10 years into this scholarship program now. We have had a lot of great successes along the way and many terrific students have graduated from college. Some are in medical school, some have their law degrees already, and we have another 70 or 80 students on the way," he explained.

GSBF and the three colleges worked together to assess the costs associated with higher education and created a partnership to leverage resources. Through the pre-funding of students by GSBF, and cost reduction by the partner schools, 52 students per year will have the opportunity to attend college at no cost through the scholarship program — 20 each at USF and Lewis and 12 at Blackburn.

[CHANCE to mark 45 years with presentations](#)

Northern Illinois University's [McKinley "Deacon" Davis CHANCE Program](#) is celebrating its 45th anniversary. In honor of this significant milestone, the CHANCE Program will offer a series of celebratory programs highlighting special initiatives and topics of interest to the campus community. These presentations will highlight the history of CHANCE and the progress that the Program has made to date by providing service to CHANCE students and the NIU community.

The guiding mission of the CHANCE Program is to identify, recruit, admit, and assist otherwise capable students whose pre-college education has not fully enabled them to take maximum advantage of their potential and the opportunities of higher education at NIU.

WIU Libraries: \$5,000 grant to purchase books for nursing students

Thanks to the efforts of a nursing librarian at Western Illinois University Libraries, Western will be able to purchase \$5,000 of health sciences books for students studying in the WIU School of Nursing.

According to University Libraries Dean Phyllis Self, WIU Libraries Instructor/Nursing Librarian Daneen Richardson received the grant award, via the Illinois State Library through the "Back to Books" Program administered by Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White, to purchase \$5,000 of health sciences books for students studying in the WIU School of Nursing.

Through the "Back to Books" Program, White has awarded more than \$1 million in grants to 230 Illinois libraries to acquire fiction and/or nonfiction books, learning CDs and DVDs, and other educational materials.

Awards range from \$2,500-\$5,000 per library and are made possible by a combination of funds from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and state of Illinois library funds. A list of libraries that received grants is available at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2013/april/130416d4.pdf.

News from Higher Education

Community-college accountability measure still holds policy-making potential (Chronicle of Higher Education)

A tool being developed "by community colleges, for community colleges" to measure their effectiveness is still not ready, but its proponents hope wider adoption through its testing phase will give it influence in policy making.

Brown wants to tie some funding of universities to new proposals (Los Angeles Times)

Gov. Jerry Brown wants to tie some state funding for California's public universities to a host of new requirements, including 10% increases in the number of transfer students from community colleges and the percentage of freshmen graduating within four years.

Florida approves online-only public university education (Reuters)

Public university students in Florida next year will be able to start working toward college degrees without actually going to college, under a law Governor Rick Scott signed in front of educators and business lobbyists.

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