

## FAC Report-May

Next meeting is next week in Kankakee. Latest information I have about the state appropriation process. There are two bills, one in the house and one in the Senate. The Senate bill calls for a 3% reduction for public universities (but 10% for community colleges). I am pretty sure the Senate bill has not yet come out of the appropriations committee yet, mainly because of the difference in cuts to public universities and community colleges.

On the House side, the appropriations committee reported out a bill 17-1 that would reduce funding for public universities by only 1.1%, which would be great. Now what is the difference? The House is getting another 25 million by stripping out the part of the appropriation to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission that goes to students at for profit schools like DeVry, the University of Phoenix, the Culinary Institute of Chicago, the Illinois Institute of Art, Midstate College and others. There seems to be some momentum for the House bill, even among some Senators.

We will have to wait and see what kind of pressure the for-profits can generate. Personally, I would be for removing MAP funding for all privates-for profit or not. Private School Students have historically gotten more than half of the total MAP grants-Basically because their need is higher making it easier to qualify.

The house version of the performance funding bill passed out of committee last week. The Senate bill is awaiting action in the house. The two bills are identical.

Some other bills of note: SB 59-setting requirements for students transferring from community colleges to public 4 years-Basically requires us to accept all the hours if the student has an associate's degree-give them junior status.(out of committee) SB 1799-revamps the system of licensure for new teachers-still in committee. SB 1883-requires annual reporting by public universities of new programs and programs closed. Also, anything under 2,000,000 in non-instructional capital projects-no IBHE approval. (still in committee)