

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABILITY

Submitted for: Information.

Summary: The Committee on Affordability was established at the August 20, 2002 meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. This item reports the five members each from the Illinois Board of Higher Education and Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) who have been appointed to the Committee. The first meeting of the Committee is on October 2, 2002 at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, beginning at 1:30 pm.

Action Requested: None.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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At the August 20, 2002 meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Board unanimously approved a recommendation to establish a Committee on Affordability, including members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education and Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Chairman Lesnik asked Dr Robert English and Chairman Barr of ISAC to serve as co-chairs and to identify the other members of the Committee. A full listing of Committee on Affordability members is attached.

As noted in the August 20th Board item, the charge to the Committee on Affordability is to conduct a comprehensive and objective analysis of this issue with the goals of assessing what changes have taken place in the affordability of Illinois higher education over time, who those changes have affected, and what actions can reasonably be taken at the state and institutional levels, as well as by students and their families to enhance affordability. The work of the Committee will be a collaborative effort involving the Board's advisory committees and others from throughout Illinois' diverse system of higher education. Given the complexity and depth of this issue, the proposed schedule for the Committee calls for presentation of the final report and recommendations by October 2003 in time for these recommendations to be incorporated into the Board's budget development process for fiscal year 2005.

The first meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday, October 2, in Room 9-040 of the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, beginning at 1:30 pm. At this meeting, Committee members will review a draft of policy issues and research questions to be addressed by the Committee, as well as the draft schedule and staff work plan for conducting this study.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABILITY
September 2002

Members from the Illinois Board of Higher Education

Robert J. English (Co-Chair)
Jerry D. Blakemore
Katie Cox
Thomas Lamont
R. Eden Martin

Members from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission

J. Robert Barr (Co-Chair)
Claudia M. Freed
Odell Hicks Jr.
C. Richard Neumiller
Kevin O'Kelly