



March SAC Meeting

ICC Arbor Room 112

March 8, 2019

Agenda

- **General SAC Meeting**
- **12:00 PM – 12:30PM** Welcome – Mackenzie Montgomery
 - Call to Order – Brittany Dickerson- Vice-Chair
 - Roll Call – Robert Wolford, Recording Officer
 - Approval of January SAC Conference Call Minutes- Brittany Dickerson
 - ICCB Student Board member report- Oscar Sanchez
- **12:30-1:30 PM** –Perkins V discussion with Whitney Thompson, Director for CTE
- **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM** Student Advocacy Day planning and refinement- Melany Villagomez
- **3:00-3:30-** ICCB legislative update
- **3:30-4:00 PM** Election of FY 2020 ICCB Student Member- *if we have nominations*
 - Introduction of Candidates
 - 5 Minute Meet & Greet of Candidates
 - Casting of Ballots
- **4:00 PM** Closing comments and well wishes- Brittany Dickerson

Student Advocacy Day

- April 9, 2019
- 9:00am- Open house style at ICCB-2nd floor conference room for handouts and Q&A and housekeeping details
- Meetings with your representatives can be held before SAD or during. With this years agenda a little wonky meeting can be held during the 9-11 time as well. Attendance at the ICCB is not mandatory.
- 11:00am-Meet at the rotunda for a brief charge from Brian Durham , Melany and a TBA speaker.



Legislative Happenings

HB 3372

- Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires (ISAC) to identify and flag college students who are potentially eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(SNAP) benefits.
- The factors to be used to determine potential SNAP eligibility shall be determined in coordination with DHS
 - shall include income information reported on a college student's FAFSA.
 - Requires ISAC and the Department to develop a notice that ISAC shall make available electronically to institutions of higher education that includes, at a minimum,
 - college student SNAP eligibility criteria,
 - the Application for Benefits Eligibility's website address, and the Illinois Hunger Coalition's Hunger Hotline.
- Requires Illinois institutions of higher education that participate in the Monetary Award Program to provide the notice in writing to all students who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment and are identified by ISAC as potentially SNAP eligible.

HB 2691 -- RETENTION OF IL STUDENTS ACT

- Creates the Retention of Illinois Students and Equity Act.
- Provides for legislative findings and a definition.
- Provides that a student attending an institution of higher learning in this State who is deemed an Illinois resident for tuition purposes and is not otherwise eligible to receive federal financial aid shall be eligible to apply or receive consideration for State financial aid,
 - including any student aid or benefit funded or administered by the State, a State agency, or any public institution of higher learning, including, but not limited to, scholarships, grants.

HB 2152 -- MENTAL HEALTH ACTION ON CAMPUS

- Creates the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act.
- Provides that to raise mental health awareness on college campuses, each public college or university in this State must complete specified tasks.
- Provides that the board of trustees of each public college or university must designate an expert panel to develop and implement policies and procedures that
 - (i) advise students, faculty, and staff on the proper procedures for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting symptoms of mental health conditions,
 - (ii) promote understanding of the rules of Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to increase knowledge and understanding of student protections under the law, and
 - (iii) provide training if appropriate. Provides that because peer support programs may be beneficial in improving the emotional well-being of the student population, each public college or university must develop and implement a peer support program utilizing student peers to support individuals living with mental health conditions on campus;
 - specifies best practices for the peer support programs.
- Provides that each public college or university must form strategic partnerships with local mental health service providers to improve overall campus mental wellness and augment on-campus capacity; specifies what the partnerships must include.
- Requires the Board of Higher Education to develop a Technical Assistance Center; specifies the duties of the Center.
- Requires each public college or university to evaluate the required programs under the Act using specified criteria. Effective July 1, 2020.

HB 2623 -- COM COL-AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Amends the Public Community College Act and the Housing Authorities Act. Permits the community colleges and housing authorities to develop affordable housing for community college students.



SB 1255 -- VETERAN GRANT PROGRAM- DEPENDENT

- Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With regard to the Illinois Veteran grant program,
- provides that, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, a veteran may transfer his or her benefits to a qualified dependent if certain conditions are met; defines "qualified dependent".
- Provides that a veteran may transfer benefits to multiple qualified dependents; however, the total number of credit hours of assistance transferred may not exceed 120 credit hours, and a veteran may transfer benefits to only one qualified dependent at a time. Effective July 1, 2019.

SB 1167 -- COMM COLL-VOCATION SCHOLARSHIP

- Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.
- Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to establish and administer an adult vocational community college scholarship program.
- ISAC will administer a scholarship program for adults over 30 who are unemployed but are actively searching for a job.
- The individual must be able to identify
 - the specific training certificate, credential, or associate degree that he or she is seeking to obtain.
 - The individual can reapply for the scholarship if they demonstrate continued progress towards said certificate or degree. The award shall not exceed \$2,000 per recipient per academic year

HB 2870 -- HIGHER ED-CLASSES ON ELEC DAY

- Amends various acts relating to the governance of public universities and community college districts in Illinois.
- Prohibits public universities and community colleges from holding any classes on the day of a general primary election or general election, as established by the Election Code.
- Allows public universities and community colleges to remain open for other purposes.

HB 3404 -- HIGHER ED-MENTAL HEALTH INFO

- Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Provides that, for the 2020-2021 academic year and for each academic year thereafter, a university or community college district must make available to its students information on all mental health and suicide prevention resources available at the university or community college.

HB 901 -- CAMPUS FREE SPEECH

- Creates the Campus Free Speech Act.
- Requires the governing board of each public university and community college to develop and adopt a policy on free expression; sets forth what the policy must contain.
- Requires the Board of Higher Education to create a Committee on Free Expression to issue an annual report.
- Requires public institutions of higher education to include in their freshman orientation programs a section describing to all students the policies and rules regarding free expression that are consistent with the Act.