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Faculty Advisory Council  
Illinois Board of Higher Education  
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Dr. George Reid, Chair  
Performance Based Funding Steering Committee  
Illinois Board of Higher Education

Dear Dr. Reid:

The Faculty Advisory Council of the Illinois Board of Higher Education is deeply grateful to the IBHE Steering Committee for its continued efforts to establish metrics for Performance Based Funding in Illinois. We offer our strong support and look forward to seeing the Committee's recommendations enhance higher education in the state.

As you well know, the task of establishing fair and practical metrics for Performance Based Funding at the state level is both complex and challenging. Because one of the Committee's goals is ensuring that the metrics not lead to unexpected harmful consequences and because the Committee has a tight timeline, we respectfully offer the following recommendations for consideration by the Steering Committee.

1. Establish initial metrics for implementation of Performance Based Funding that are simple, basic, safe and not substantial in size and scope.
2. Continue to work beyond your upcoming deadline on further careful development of metrics to implement Performance Based Funding in a more comprehensive way in the following years.
3. Serve as a body for annual review of Performance Based Funding. We are impressed with the composition of the steering committee and earnestly hope its members, wanting to see their work bear fruit, will continue to serve the state in this capacity.

We recognize that items 2 and 3 above may require approval of other bodies. At the same time, it is our belief that these recommendations will help establish the solid foundation and the responsible oversight necessary for a model performance based funding program that will indeed enhance higher education in the state.

Many thanks again to the Committee both for the hard work it has already put into this project and for its consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Aminmansour". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Abbas Aminmansour, Chair  
Faculty Advisory Council, Illinois Board of Higher Education

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