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**DIVERSIFYING HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY IN ILLINOIS PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2018 GRANT ALLOCATION**

Submitted for: Action

Summary: This item recommends the allocation of anticipated Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation for grants authorized by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program (DFI). The DFI Program provides financial assistance to underrepresented students pursuing graduate and professional degrees at Illinois public and private institutions.

The DFI Program supports the goals of the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*. The \$1.456 million will support approximately 103 DFI awards in Fiscal Year 2018, including awards for 48 continuing and 55 new recipients. In the event of DFI Program funding reductions, the award amounts to recipients will be adjusted to meet the level of available funds.

Action Required: The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Deputy Director of Diversity and Outreach, in consultation with the Chair, to allocate the Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation for grants authorized by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act, and recommended by the DFI Program Board.

STATE OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program (DFI) provides financial awards to eligible underrepresented students pursuing graduate and professional degrees at Illinois public and private institutions of higher education. As a condition of the award, recipients agree to accept a teaching or staff position at an Illinois higher education institution or governing board, or an education-related position in a state agency, equal to the number of years the student was a participant in the program. Current fellows will participate in activities, projects, and teaching assignments at Illinois institutions of higher learning as part of their fellowship development. The DFI Act authorized the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to appoint a DFI Board to establish policies and procedures to administer the Program. The IBHE also provides the DFI program leadership and administrative program support.

The application process for Fiscal Year 2018 was opened to students in July 2017. In August 2017, the DFI Board approved recommendations for Fiscal Year 2018 funding of approximately \$1.456 million for the DFI fellowship awards. The DFI Board recommends funding for 103 DFI fellows. The distribution of fellowships awarded is for 48 continuing students at \$15,000 and 55 new students at \$13,000. Table 1 lists the distribution of students and the participating institutions.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Deputy Director of Diversity and Outreach, in consultation with the Chair, to allocate the Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation for the DFI institutional grant awards (see Table 1) as specified by the statute and recommended by the DFI Program Board.

TABLE 1

Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act
 Distribution of Fiscal Year 2018 Awards
 (Pending Fellow Acceptance)

<u>Institution</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Degree Level</u>	
					<u>Masters</u>	<u>Doctoral</u>
Adler University	1	0	1		0	1
Aurora University	1	0	1		0	1
Eastern Illinois University	1	0	1		1	0
DePaul University	3	3	6		0	6
Governors State University	3	1	4		3	1
Illinois Institute of Technology	1	0	1		0	1
Illinois State University	5	0	5		1	4
National-Louis University	1	0	1		0	1
Northern Illinois University	4	6	10		1	9
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	2	2	4		0	4
University of Chicago	8	3	11		1	10
University of Illinois at Chicago	9	23	32		2	30
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	16	10	26		3	23
Totals	55	48	103		12	91