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**DIVERSIFYING HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY IN ILLINOIS PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2019 GRANT ALLOCATION**

Submitted for: Action

Summary: This item recommends the allocation of anticipated Fiscal Year 2019 appropriation for grants authorized by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program. The Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program provides financial assistance to underrepresented students pursuing graduate and professional degrees at Illinois public and private institutions.

The Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program supports the goals of the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*. The \$1.456 million will support approximately 102 Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois awards in Fiscal Year 2019, including awards for 65 continuing and 37 new recipients. In the event of Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program funding reductions, the award amounts to recipients will be adjusted to meet the level of available funds.

Action Required: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education authorize the Executive Director to allocate the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriation for grants authorized by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act and recommended by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois 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 in 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. The DFI Act authorized the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to appoint a 21-member 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 2019 was opened to students in December 2017. There were approximately 200 application requests for this year. In April 2018, the DFI Board approved recommendations for Fiscal Year 2019 funding of approximately \$1.456 million for the DFI fellowship awards. The DFI Board recommends funding for 102 DFI fellows. The distribution of fellowships awarded is for 65 continuing students at \$15,000 and 37 new students at \$12,000. 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 Executive Director to allocate the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriation for the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program grant awards listed on Table 1 attached to this item, as specified by the statute and recommended by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program Board.

TABLE 1

Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act
 Distribution of Fiscal Year 2019 Awards
 Pending Fellow Acceptance

<u>Institution</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Masters</u>	<u>Doctoral</u>
Adler University	2	1	3	0	3
Aurora University	1	0	1	0	1
DePaul University	1	0	1	1	0
Eastern Illinois University	1	0	1	1	0
Governors State University	7	2	9	6	3
Illinois Institute of Technology	0	1	1	0	1
Illinois State University	5	3	8	2	6
Northeastern Illinois University	5	0	5	5	0
Northern Illinois University	1	7	8	1	7
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	1	2	3	1	2
University of Chicago	0	9	9	1	8
University of Illinois at Chicago	7	23	30	5	25
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	6	17	23	3	20
Totals	37	65	102	26	76

