

AGENDA ITEM 4.

PRESENTATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Submitted for: Information

Summary: Beginning in the 2008-09 academic year, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and the Department of Public Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago entered into a research and training partnership that will last through the 2009-10 academic year. The arrangement allows ISAC the opportunity to make use of the dedicated research services of an extremely well qualified graduate student, John Heroff, under the supervision of a graduate school faculty member, Professor Mary K. Feeney.

During the fall semester 2008, John completed a comprehensive review of all published academic literature pertaining to high school and college retention. He undertook this research for us, so as to better inform our internal planning, policy and outreach as it pertains to making college accessible and affordable for Illinois students. We've invited him here today to share those findings with all of you.

Action requested: None