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TO REPORTERS WHO COVER SIU BOARD MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University has been scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2002, at approximately 10:30 a.m., in the Meridian Ballroom of the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois.

On Wednesday, February 13, 2002, at 3:30 p.m., in the Conference Room of B. Barnard Birger Hill, on the Edwardsville Campus, there will be an executive session of the Board of Trustees. The only public portion of the meeting is expected to consist of a motion to close the meeting to the public for the purpose of considering pending, probable or imminent court proceedings against or on behalf of the Board; information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal or employees or officers; acquisition of real property; and collective negotiating matters.

Following the executive session, members of the Board of Trustees will have dinner in the International Room of the Delyte W. Morris University Center. The gathering is social in nature.

On Thursday, February 14, 2002, at 7:30 a.m., in the Board Room of the Delyte W. Morris University Center, members of the Board of Trustees will have breakfast with Dean Kent Neely, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dean Elliott Lessen, Dean of the School of Education. At the time of the breakfast, the room will be open to the public and seating will be provided for visitors, but breakfast will be served only to Board members and Deans Neely and Lessen.

On Thursday, February 14, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet in the Meridian Ballroom of the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois. The meeting of the Architecture and Design Committee will immediately follow the meeting of the Finance Committee, which in turn will be followed by the meeting of the Academic Matters Committee. Ten minutes after the adjournment of the Academic Matters Committee meeting, the full Board meeting will convene. A news conference will be held in the International Room following the meeting.

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The enclosed agenda and Board matters are provided in advance of the meeting for your convenience. Any of these matters is subject to change or may be withdrawn from the agenda.

Sincerely,

James E. Walker President

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Enclosure