January 30, 2004

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 12, 2004, at approximately 10:30 a.m., in the Meridian Ballroom, Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois.

On Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Edwardsville, Illinois, 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 of employees or officers; review of executive session minutes; collective negotiating matters; and acquisition of real property.

At 6:00 p.m., members of the Board of Trustees will have dinner in the International Room of the Morris University Center. The gathering is social in nature.

On Thursday, February 12, 2004, at 7:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Morris University Center, members of the Board of Trustees will have breakfast with Mr. Boyd Bradshaw, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, SIUE. At the time of the breakfast, the room will be open to the public and seating will be provided for visitors, but breakfast will only be served to members of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Bradshaw.

At 9:00 a.m., the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois. The meeting of the Finance Committee will immediately follow the meeting of the Executive Committee, which in turn will be followed by the meetings of the Architecture and Design Committee and 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 immediately following the meeting. Reporters Page 2 January 30, 2004

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 Any of these matters is subject to change or may be withdrawn from the agenda.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