

June 30, 2006

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair  
Samuel Goldman  
Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, July 13, 2006, in the Auditorium at the SIU School of Medicine, 801 North Rutledge, Springfield, Illinois.

The following items are suggested for the agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2006, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Executive Summary: Resource Allocation and Management Program (RAMP) Planning, Operations, and Capital Budget Request, Fiscal Year 2008 (Joint Discussion with Finance Committee and Architecture and Design Committee) (Board Agenda Item M)
3. Information Report: Approval of New Programs, Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, Approval for Off-Campus Program Locations, and Academic Program Eliminations and Suspensions, July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006 (Board Agenda Item H)
4. Information Item: *Briefing Paper: Update on Off-Campus Programs* (enclosure)
5. Presentation: *SIU School of Medicine Rural Outreach Programs*  
Presenters: John Record, Assistant Dean for Rural and Alumni Affairs, School of Medicine  
Penelope Tippy, M.D., Director, Carbondale Family Practice Residency Program
6. Other Business

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

John S. Haller, Jr.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

JSH/mam

Enclosures

c: Christine Guerra	Glenn Poshard
Jesse Phelps	Vaughn Vandegriff
John Simmons	Walter V. Wendler
Roger Tedrick	Constituency Heads
Stephen Wigginton	Other Interested Parties
Marquita T. Wiley	

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#### Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting

June 8, 2006

The Academic Matters Committee met following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, June 8, 2006, in Roller Hall, Room 1511, Main Clinic Building, Building 263, at the School of Dental Medicine in Alton. Present were: Keith Sanders, chair pro tem; Samuel Goldman; and Tequia Hicks. Absent was: Ed Hightower. Other Board members present were: Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, and Marquita Wiley. Absent were: John Simmons and Matthew Townsend. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Provost John Dunn in the absence of Chancellor Walter V. Wendler, SIUC; Vice President John S. Haller, Jr.; and Vice President Duane Stucky.

#### Minutes

The minutes of the May 2, 2006, meeting were approved as submitted.

#### Information Item: *Briefing Paper: Baccalaureate Degrees at Community Colleges*

Vice President Haller presented information about baccalaureate degree completion at community colleges. He stated that in the last two years there has been an effort by a select number of community colleges in Illinois to request a change in the state's master plan for higher education that would allow community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees in limited fields. The request was due in part to an increase in the number of nontraditional students, many of whom are unable, because of family or work commitments, to reside at a senior institution for completion of a baccalaureate degree. He noted that several legislative bills have been presented on the issue; however, none have gotten to the floor. Although both the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education have to date argued against this change in mission, Dr. Haller said he expects bills to resurface in coming years until significant changes in higher education are made. Currently, seven public universities, nine private Illinois universities, and a small number of proprietary out-of-state universities offer degree completion programs at Illinois community colleges. In addition, on-line degree completion at community colleges is offered by approximately twenty-two universities as well as through the Illinois Virtual Campus, the broadband backbone for delivery of Web-based programs in Illinois.

Dr. Haller stated that a task force commissioned by the Illinois Board of Higher Education to look at this issue came forward with several recommendations that included increasing the number of dual admission programs between community colleges and four-year institutions, strengthening the Illinois Articulation Initiative, looking at financial incentives to get public universities in an off-campus mode on the community colleges, and expanding lower-division course work at the community college level as part of the baccalaureate degree. Vice President Haller commented that expanding lower-division course work at the community college level would weaken the baccalaureate degree, and academic offers throughout the state oppose that recommendation. He noted that the task force has recommended that higher education continue in its current mode of not giving authority to community colleges to award baccalaureate degrees, but that the issue could be revisited in the future should there be some clearly identified workforce areas that need to be addressed and which the senior institutions might not be able to address.

Dr. Sanders commented that the Board may ask the two campuses in the future to provide a report on how each is coping with the increased competition in the marketplace for baccalaureate candidates.

**Presentation: “If you’re sippin’...you’re trippin’ – The real facts about soda and your teeth”**

Dr. Deb Schwenk and Dr. Poonam Jain of the School of Dental Medicine received funding from the American Dental Education Association and from the SIUE Meridian Society to produce an educational DVD about the consumption of soda. The DVD, geared toward middle school children, was shown to the Board.

**Other Business**

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned.

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