

Southern Illinois University
Board of Trustees
January 11, 2007

RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, SIUE

Summary

The President, on the recommendation of the SIUE Chancellor, requests Board of Trustees approval to give the Distinguished Service Award to Robert McClellan at the May 2007 Commencement.

Rationale for Adoption

Mr. McClellan is President and CEO of Hortica, Inc., and a Southern Illinois University Edwardsville graduate (1973 B.S., Math and Business; 1976 M.B.A., Information Systems Management). He was employed by SIUE as an adjunct faculty member from 1978 – 1985. He also held the Management Information Services Director position at SIUE until 1987.

Robert McClellan joined Hortica, Inc., (then Florists' Mutual Insurance) in 1987 as a Vice President of Management Information Systems. He was later promoted to Senior Vice President. Prior to being named company President (in 1994) and Chief Executive Officer, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

When Edwardsville High School required assistance with its new technology plan during the 1996 school year, Mr. McClellan worked with district administrators on the plan providing consultation and financial resources in the purchase of new computers for the computer lab at the High School.

He received the 1997 Albert Cassens Community Service Award from the Edwardsville and Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce. This award is given to an active and upstanding citizen within the community who gives freely of their time in the calendar year preceding the award's granting.

Throughout his career, Robert McClellan has been an active member of numerous boards and community groups. He has served, or is currently serving, on The Alliance of Edwardsville & Glen Carbon Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of Home Nursery, Inc., the Governing Board of Economics America, the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, Trails West Council, the SIUE Foundation Board, the Lewis & Clark Community College Foundation Board, the School of Engineering IPAC Board, the

Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois Board, and the University Park Board. In addition, he has been a member, or is currently a member, of the Missouri Botanical Gardens – Gardens of SIUE Steering Committee Shaw's Garden East, the Great Rivers Research Project Advisory Team, the I-55 Corridor Study Project Management Team, the Mid-America Airport Cargo Steering Committee, the American Tree Farmers Association, and the American Association of Nurserymen, also serving as the Chairman of the American Association of Nurserymen's Automated Information Committee.

Mr. McClellan was instrumental in coordinating Hortica's most recent gift to The Gardens at SIUE. He literally "rolled up his sleeves" and carried the plantings and flowers donated by Hortica to the very successful Lincoln Academy Celebration on campus in 2005. Whenever a community need arises, Robert McClellan stands ready to assist.

Considerations Against Adoption

University officers are aware of none.

Constituency Involvement

SIUE's Committee for Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards and the Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville recommend this award.

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University in regular meeting assembled, That the Distinguished Service Award, SIUE, be presented to Robert McClellan at the May 5, 2007, commencement or some commencement thereafter of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.