

December 21, 2006

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair  
Samuel Goldman  
Christine Guerra  
Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, January 11, 2007, in the Meridian Ballroom in the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

The following items are suggested for the agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2006, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Information Report: *Fiscal Year 2006 Performance Report* (enclosure)
3. Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC [Minnijean Brown Trickey] (Board Agenda Item L)
4. Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC [Herb Shear] (Board Agenda Item M)
5. Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUE [Peter Maer] (Board Agenda Item N)
6. Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUE [Robert McClellan] (Board Agenda Item O)
7. Other Business

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosures

c: Jesse Phelps	Constituency Heads
John Simmons	Other Interested Parties
Roger Tedrick	
Stephen Wigginton	
Marquita T. Wiley	

Glenn Poshard  
John Dunn  
Vaughn Vandegrift

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### **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

#### **Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting**

**November 9, 2006**

The Academic Matters Committee met following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, November 9, 2006, in the Conference Center in the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Present were: Samuel Goldman, acting chair; Christine Guerra; and Keith Sanders. Committee member absent was: Ed Hightower. Other Board members present were: Jesse Phelps, John Simmons, Roger Tedrick, and Stephen Wigginton. Absent was: Marquita Wiley. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Provost John Dunn, SIUC; Vice President John S. Haller, Jr.; and Vice President Duane Stucky.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the October 12, 2006, meeting were approved as submitted.

#### **Information Item: Enrollment Retention Plan**

Per the request of the Board of Trustees and President Poshard, SIUC Provost John Dunn and SIUE Provost Paul Ferguson presented enrollment retention plans for their respective campuses.

Provost Dunn presented a ten-year enrollment history of SIUC and noted that reversing the decline in enrollment was the campus' first priority. He discussed possible reasons for the decline and outlined the campus' short- and long-term strategies for increasing recruitment and retention. In response to President Poshard's question as to when the campus would see an upward swing in enrollment, Provost Dunn responded that the campus was hopeful to see a change in direction next year, but an upward swing would probably not occur until the year after next.

Provost Ferguson commented that the SIUE campus was enjoying a robust enrollment experience, particularly at the freshman level, but the challenge was to maintain that momentum throughout the entire college experience. He noted that retention was a critical issue on the Edwardsville campus. He provided an overview of the campus' retention programs and discussed several major initiatives to enhance those programs.

#### **Information Report: Minority, Women and Disabled Students, Faculty and Staff, Annual Report 2006**

Vice President Haller talked about the redesign of the annual MWD report and noted that the focus of this year's report, as assigned by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, was on campus climate.

Seymour Bryson, Kay Titchenal, and Paul Pitts talked briefly about their respective campus reports.

**Presentation: SIUE Nursing, Excellence in Action!**

Dean Marcia Maurer gave the presentation on the School of Nursing. She talked about the growth of the school, the successes of its students and faculty, and the revision of its curriculum. She outlined some of the school's new initiatives for increasing diversity, establishing a doctorate of nursing practice, and becoming the nursing program of choice in Illinois.

**Other Business**

Board member Keith Sanders read a portion of an editorial from *The New York Times* regarding student financial aid and student debt. He stated he remained concerned about the inequitable distribution of educational opportunity in the state and in the nation. With the approval of Board Chair Tedrick and President Poshard, he asked Vice President Haller to report to the Board on the subject of student financial aid, student debt, and the whole question of affordability at its January 2007 meeting.

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

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