

October 26, 2007

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair
Samuel Goldman
Megan Pulliam
Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, November 8, 2007, in Ballroom B in the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The following items are suggested for the agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 20, 2007, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Information Report: Minority, Women and Disabled Students, Faculty and Staff, Annual Report 2007 (enclosure)

Presenters: Paul Pitts, Director of Institutional Compliance, SIUE
Kay Titchenal, Executive Director of Human Resources, School of Medicine
Seymour Bryson, Associate Chancellor (Diversity), SIUC

3. Information Item: Report on Retention

Presenters: Paul Ferguson, Provost, SIUE
Don Rice, Interim Provost, SIUC

4. 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

cc: John Simmons	Glenn Poshard
Roger Tedrick	Fernando Treviño
Stephen Wigginton	Vaughn Vandegrift
Marquita T. Wiley	Constituency Heads
Christine Williams	Other Interested Parties

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Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting

September 20, 2007

The Academic Matters Committee met following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, September 20, 2007, in the Multipurpose Room, Evergreen Hall, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Present were: Ed Hightower, Chair; Samuel Goldman; Megan Pulliam; and Keith Sanders. Other Board members present were: Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, Marquita Wiley, and Christine Williams. Absent was: John Simmons. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Chancellor Fernando Treviño, SIUC; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Vice President John S. Haller, Jr.; and Vice President Duane Stucky.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 12, 2007, meeting were approved as submitted.

Information Report: Accreditation and Quality Assurance

Vice President John Haller presented the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Report, submitted annually to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and noted that all of the University's accredited programs were in good standing.

Provost Kevin Dorsey talked about the School of Medicine's recently completed accreditation process.

Executive Summary: Resource Allocation and Management Program (RAMP) Planning, Operations, and Capital Budget Request, Fiscal Year 2009 (Joint Discussion with Finance Committee and Architecture and Design Committee) (Board Agenda Item Y)

Vice President Haller explained the inclusion of the performance initiatives in this year's RAMP Program Planning request. SIUC Interim Provost Don Rice, SOM Provost Kevin Dorsey, and SIUE Provost Paul Ferguson reviewed the requests for their campuses.

In response to Committee Chair Hightower's question of what he would like to see the Board do to support SIUC's initiatives, Interim Provost Rice replied he would like to see support for rewarding faculty merit, providing faculty incentives, and offering faculty developmental funds as well as support for better preparing students in mathematics and science.

Trustee Sanders asked how, in light of tight budgetary conditions, the University could acquire the funding to support those initiatives and

enhance the academic quality of the institution. Interim Provost Rice responded that an internal solution would be to retain more students, and he then spoke about SIUC's retention issue.

Committee Chair Hightower expressed his hope that as the budget was prepared, the two or three critical areas just discussed would become priority initiatives, even if it meant reshuffling dollars.

President Poshard talked about SIUC's commitment both to educating students from middle- and low-income families and to research, noting that the University can and must fulfill both commitments.

Committee Chair Hightower commented that the University must work more closely with K-12 institutions to ensure student success.

Trustee Stephen Wigginton expressed his appreciation to Interim Provost Rice for his candor and straightforwardness about SIUC's retention rates. He joined with Committee Chair Hightower in publicly expressing concern about retention rates and offered his support for the campus' activities to improve them.

Trustee Sam Goldman commented on the extraordinarily rich and forward-looking dialogue that took place during the meeting and noted that while the Board of Trustees was committed to supporting the initiatives, a commitment also had to come from the Provosts of the institutions to make sure the initiatives were carried out and that the Board of Trustees was kept apprised of the progress of each item discussed.

The matter was approved for inclusion on the Board's omnibus motion.

Other Business

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

JSH/mam