

September 7, 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, September 20, 2007, in the Multipurpose Room, Evergreen Hall, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

The following items are suggested for the agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the July 12, 2007, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Information Report: Accreditation and Quality Assurance (enclosure)
3. 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)
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

c: 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**

**July 12, 2007**

The Academic Matters Committee met following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, July 12, 2007, in the Auditorium at the SIU School of Medicine, 801 North Rutledge, Springfield, Illinois. Present were: Ed Hightower, Chair; Samuel Goldman; and Keith Sanders. Other Board members present were: Megan Pulliam, John Simmons, Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, Marquita Wiley, and Christine Williams. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard via teleconference; Chancellor Fernando Treviño, SIUC; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Vice President John S. Haller, Jr.; and Vice President Duane Stucky.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the June 14, 2007, meeting were approved as submitted.

#### **Information Report: Approval of New Programs, Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, Approval for Off-Campus Program Locations, and Academic Program Eliminations and Suspensions, July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007 (Board Agenda Item H)**

Vice President Haller presented this annual report to the Board and made note of the two new degree programs: (1) the Master of Architecture, which, because the entry level now for architects is at the master's level, was required by the accreditation process; and (2) the Ph.D. in Computer Science, which was kept in abeyance for approximately eight years by University administrators until such time that the quality was sufficiently high, there was sufficient critical mass of faculty, and the publication rate was such that it met administrative expectations. Dr. Haller also noted that the Illinois Board of Higher Education brought in two external reviewers who deemed the Ph.D. in Computer Science an acceptable program.

Trustee Sanders expressed his concern for making sure the University has the fiscal resources to implement new doctoral programs without sacrificing support for existing ones. He asked Vice President Haller to periodically report to the Board how well the University was doing to maintain and enhance the quality of the doctoral programs at SIU Carbondale in light of the difficult budgetary environment.

Vice President Haller stated he would make such reports in the future. He also explained that through the strategic hire process initiated by the Chancellor, faculty positions as well as internal resources were reallocated to both of the new programs.

Trustee Goldman asked about the origin of the staffing resources for other programs such as the Latino program and the status of advancing the Black American Studies program.

Vice President Haller explained that the minor in Latino Studies was not an allocation of resources but rather a restructuring of the curriculum to accommodate a certain number of courses in the minor.

SIUC Provost Don Rice stated that with respect to the Black American Studies program, staffing has increased, and the department was gearing up to present a request for adding a major.

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

### **Presentation: School of Medicine Admissions Process**

Kevin Dorsey, Dean and Provost of the SIU School of Medicine, began the presentation by noting the two guiding principles that direct the school in the admissions process: (1) the admission standards set by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which is the accrediting body, and (2) the mission of the school, which is to assist the people of central and southern Illinois in achieving their health care needs.

Erik Constance, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, gave the visual presentation about the School of Medicine's admissions process.

### **Other Business**

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

JSH/mam