

January 4, 2008

TO REPORTERS WHO COVER SIU BOARD MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University has been scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008, at approximately 10:00 a.m. or immediately following the Board committee meetings, in the Meridian Ballroom of the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Illinois.

On Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., in the Board Room of Birger Hall, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, there will be an executive session of the Board of Trustees. The only public portion of the meeting is expected to consist of a motion to close the meeting to the public for the purpose of considering pending, probable or imminent court proceedings against or on behalf of the Board; information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees or officers; acquisition of real property; review of executive session minutes; and collective negotiating matters.

At 6:00 p.m., the Board members will attend dinner at Bella Milano, Edwardsville, Illinois. The gathering is social in nature.

On Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 9 a.m., the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet in the Meridian Ballroom of the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Illinois. The meeting of the Academic Matters Committee will immediately follow the meeting of the Executive Committee, which in turn will be followed by the meetings of the Finance Committee and Architecture and Design Committee. Upon adjournment of the Architecture and Design Committee meeting, the full Board meeting will convene. A news conference will be held immediately following the meeting.

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The enclosed agenda and Board matters are provided in advance of the meeting for your convenience. Any of these matters are subject to change or may be withdrawn from the agenda.

Sincerely,

Glenn Poshard President

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Enclosure