November 24, 2009

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee
   Ed Hightower, Chair
   Frank William Bonan II
   Nate Brown
   Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet immediately following the Executive Committee on Thursday, December 10, 2009, 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 10, 2009, Meeting (enclosure)
3. Information Report: Online and Distance Education at SIU and Peer Institutions
4. Presentation:  Learning, Serving, Leading: SIUC’s Service Commitments in Action
   Presenters:  Peter Gitau, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
               Jim Allen, Director, University Core Curriculum
               Aaron Mallory, Service-Learning Student
               Mythili Rundblad, Coordinator of Student Development (Community Service/Service Learning)
               Shane Conway-Peterson, Community Service Student
5. Other Business

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Sarvela
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Enclosure

cc:  John Simmons            Glenn Poshard
     Amber Suggs              Samuel Goldman
     Roger Tedrick            Vaughn Vandegrift
     Stephen Wigginton        Constituency Heads
     Marquita T. Wiley        Other Interested Parties
The Academic Matters Committee met at 8:02 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009, in the Conference Center, 2nd Floor, in the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Present were: Ed Hightower, chair; Frank William Bonan II; Nate Brown; and Keith Sanders. Other Board members present were: John Simmons, Amber Suggs, Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, and Marquita Wiley. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Chancellor Samuel Goldman, SIUC; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Vice President Paul D. Sarvela; and Vice President Duane Stucky.

Minutes

Dr. Sanders motioned to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2009, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Chair Hightower and passed by Committee.


Vice President Sarvela distributed a progress report, provided by the Illinois Board of Higher Education at its August 2009 meeting, on the implementation of the Illinois Public Agenda.

Information Report: Accreditation and Quality Assurance

Vice President Sarvela presented the annual report on academic program accreditation. At SIUC, the Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences and the Master of Science in Speech and Language Pathology are on probation; the Bachelor of Science in Journalism is on provisional accreditation; and the accreditation for the Child Development Laboratory has lapsed. Vice President Sarvela updated the Board on what the campus has done to address the problems cited by the accrediting agencies for each of these programs.

Chair Hightower asked Vice President Sarvela to continue to communicate to the Board, the progress that has been made in those areas that have been cited.

This report is the first of three reports that will be issued by Chronicle Research Services, the research arm of The Chronicle of Higher Education (reports on technologies and facilities and the faculty are to follow).

Vice President Sarvela shared with the Board some of the highlights of the report, and he stated that the University will need to restructure its curriculum development and program delivery to meet the future needs of its students and prepare for the changes that will occur over the next ten years.

Discussion about the competitiveness in higher education followed.

Chair Hightower asked Vice President Sarvela to provide at the next Board of Trustees meeting, a report on how SIU’s peer institutions are doing with online education and how SIU compares to those institutions.

Executive Summary: Resource Allocation and Management Program (RAMP) Planning, Operations, and Capital Budget Request, Fiscal Year 2011 (Joint Discussion with Finance Committee and Architecture and Design Committee) (Board Agenda Item J)

Vice President Sarvela spoke briefly about the Planning component of the RAMP proposal.

Vice President Stucky provided an overview of the Operating and Capital budget requests.

Dr. Sanders moved to include the matter on the Board’s omnibus motion. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Brown and was passed by Committee.

Presentation: Keys to Success: Inspiring Excellence at SIUE

The presenters talked about the maturation of the concept of and the commitment to student success by the divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs on the SIUE campus. Presenters were Paul Ferguson, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Susan Thomas, Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Program Development; Lora Miles; Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Narbeth Emmanuel, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; and Vaughn Vandegrift, Chancellor.

Other Business

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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