March 26, 2010

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

The Academic Matters Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010, in the Conference Center, 2nd Floor, Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

The following items are suggested for the agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 11, 2010, Meeting (enclosure)
3. Presentation: Academics, Outreach, and Scholarship: Robots Pull It All Together
   Presenters: Hasan Sevim, Dean, School of Engineering, SIUE
               Jerry Weinberg, Professor and Chair, Department of Computer Science, SIUE
               Jeff Croxell, Instructional Specialist, SIUE Alumnus
               Jason Tennyson, SIUE Master’s Degree Student in Electrical Engineering, SIUE Alumnus
               Scott Miller, SIUE Master’s Degree Student in Computer Science, SIUE Alumnus
               Aaron Parker, SIUE Baccalaureate Student, Sophomore Computer Science Major

4. 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 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010, in Ballroom B in the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Present were: Frank William Bonan II, chair pro tem, and Nate Brown. Absent were: Ed Hightower and Keith Sanders. Other Board members present were: Amber Suggs, Roger Tedrick, and Stephen Wigginton. Absent were: John Simmons and Marquita Wiley. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Chancellor Samuel Goldman, SIUC; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Vice President Jerry Blakemore; Vice President Paul D. Sarvela; and Senior Vice President Duane Stucky.

Minutes

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2009, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Bonan and passed by Committee.

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUE [Charles Tosovsky] (Agenda Item K)

Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUE [Ralph Korte] (Agenda Item L)

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift commented on the accomplishments of Charles Tosovsky and Ralph Korte. He recommended that the Distinguished Service Award be granted to Mr. Tosovsky and that an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree be awarded to Mr. Korte.

Mr. Brown recommended approval of Board agenda items K and L and that they be placed on the Board’s omnibus motion. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Bonan and was passed by the Academic Matters Committee.

Information Report: Fiscal Year 2009 Performance Report

Vice President Sarvela stated that the organizational framework for this year’s Performance Report was the Illinois Public Agenda. He gave several examples of faculty, staff, and student achievements presented in the report.

Information Report: Minority, Women, and Disabled Students, Faculty and Staff, Annual Report 2009

Vice President Sarvela noted that this annual report documents SIU’s efforts as they relate to minorities, women, and disabled students, faculty, and staff. Statistical data as well as program descriptions are provided in the report, along with achievements and challenges facing each campus. In addition, comments related to MAP funding are included.
Paul Pitts, Wesley McNeese, and Linda McCabe Smith talked briefly about their respective campus report.

Presentation: Undergraduate Research and Retention Efforts in the College of Science

Jay Means, Karen Renzaglia, Harvey Henson, and Andrew Podoll talked about enrollment trends at the undergraduate and graduate levels, research funding, and innovations put in place to deal with recruitment, retention, and graduation rates. Several students were in attendance and talked about their experiences as students in the College of Science.

Other Business

Mr. Bonan stated he met with Dr. Sarvela about SIU’s ability to provide online and off-campus education to students. He commented that SIU was falling behind its competition in the Midwest, and that with new technology coming on every day and with students of all ages calling for this type of education, SIU must, in all schools, make this a priority. Mr. Bonan asked Dr. Sarvela to work with the campuses to come up with a plan, and he expressed hope that the Board, the President, and the Chancellors would support this initiative.

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

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