



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

June 29, 2012

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair
Donna Manering
John Simmons

The Academic Matters Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2012, in the Auditorium at the SIU School of Medicine, 801 North Rutledge, Springfield, Illinois.

The following items are suggested for the agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 10, 2012, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Information Report: Approval of New Programs, Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, Approval of Off-Campus Program Locations, and Academic Program Eliminations and Suspensions, July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012 (Board Agenda Item H)
3. Presentation: *Quality Assurance at SIU School of Medicine*
Presenters: J. Kevin Dorsey, Dean and Provost, SIU School of Medicine
Debra Klamen, Associate Dean for Education and Curriculum, SIU School of Medicine
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: Jesse Cler
David Hamilton
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Mark Hinrichs

Don Lowery
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Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting

May 10, 2012

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012, in the Conference Center, Second Floor, in the Delyte W. Morris University Center at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Present were: Ed Hightower, chair, and John Simmons. Absent was: Donna Manering. Other Board members present were: Jesse Cler, Jeff Harrison, Roger Herrin, Mark Hinrichs, Don Lowery, and Marquita Wiley. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Chancellor Rita Cheng, SIUC; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Vice President Paul D. Sarvela; and Senior Vice President Duane Stucky.

Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2012, meeting. The motion was duly seconded and passed by Committee.

Information Report: *Minority, Women, and Disabled Students, Faculty and Staff, Annual Report 2011*

Vice President Sarvela noted that this annual report documents the progress and improvements the University has made and the challenges that it faces regarding the employment and enrollment of minority, women, and disabled students, faculty, and staff. The report also highlights programs that have been implemented on the campuses to address special areas of interest related to goal one of the *Illinois Public Agenda*: eliminating achievement gaps by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, and disability. Representatives from each campus then gave detailed reports.

Following Mr. Jake Baggott's presentation on behalf of SIU Carbondale, Dr. Hightower asked if the SIUC campus had any hard data to show retention of underrepresented students once they are enrolled. Chancellor Cheng responded by saying there is still a gap in performance between underrepresented students and the majority students, and although the gap is smaller than at many institutions, it is not acceptable. She also noted there has been significant growth in enrollment of underrepresented students, particularly students of color, but there has not been a drop in ACT or high school rank for admitted students. She stated that the new initiatives put in place since 2010 were intended to raise the retention and graduation rates of all students and close that gap. Dr. Hightower requested that from this point forward, the report include statistical data to document the closing of the gap.

Following Dr. Wesley McNeese's presentation of the School of Medicine's report, Dr. Hightower asked what the Board could do to continue to support the MEDPREP program. In response, Dr. McNeese mentioned an increase in the number of scholarships offered to MEDPREP graduates. He explained that MEDPREP graduates are strong students, and the School of Medicine must compete for them with medical schools across the country. While the school generally captures approximately 30 percent of the MEDPREP graduates, an increase in the number of scholarships the school can award them would capture even more. Dr. Hightower stated it was an effort the Board will continue to look at.

Mr. Paul Pitts and Ms. Gina Washington, Director of the East St. Louis Charter High School, presented SIU Edwardsville's report. At the request of Dr. Hightower, Ms. Washington explained the charter school concept and talked about the relationship between the East St. Louis Charter High School and the East St. Louis school district.

Presentation: *Quality Assurance Focused on Continuous Improvement*

Dr. Victoria Scott described SIUE's accrediting process through the Higher Learning Commission and the Illinois Board of Higher Education and talked about the campus' assessment efforts through the Office of Assessment and through unit accreditation.

Dr. Erin Timpe talked about the School of Pharmacy's accrediting practice and how the school works together with SIUE regarding quality assurance.

Other Business

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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