

February 27, 2004

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, March 11, 2004, at approximately 10:30 a.m., in Ballroom "B" of the Student Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

On Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., Stone Center, 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 or dismissal of employees or officers; review of executive session minutes; collective negotiating matters; and acquisition of real property.

At 6:00 p.m., members of the Board of Trustees will have dinner at Stone Center. The gathering is social in nature.

On Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 7:30 a.m., Stone Center, members of the Board of Trustees will have breakfast with Dr. Larry Hickman, Director of the Center for Dewey Studies, SIUC. At the time of the breakfast, the room will be open to the public and seating will be provided for visitors, but breakfast will only be served to members of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Hickman.

At 9:00 a.m., the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet in Ballroom "B" of the Student Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. The meeting of the Architecture and Design Committee will immediately follow the meeting of the Finance Committee, which in turn will be followed by the meeting of the Academic Matters Committee. Ten minutes after the adjournment of the Academic Matters Committee meeting, the full Board meeting will convene. A news conference will be held in the Video Lounge 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 Any of these matters is subject to change or may be withdrawn from the agenda.

Sincerely,

James E. Walker
President

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Enclosure