

October 27, 2006

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee  
Ed Hightower, Chair  
Samuel Goldman  
Christine Guerra  
Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, November 9, 2006, in the Conference Center in the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

The following items are suggested for the agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 12, 2006, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Information Item: Enrollment Retention Plan  
Presenters: John Dunn, Provost, SIUC  
Paul Ferguson, Provost, SIUE
3. Information Report: Minority, Women and Disabled Students, Faculty and Staff, Annual Report 2006 (enclosure)
4. Presentation: SIUE Nursing, Excellence in Action!  
Presenter: Marcia C. Maurer, Dean of the School of Nursing
5. Other Business

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

John S. Haller, Jr.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Enclosures

c: Jesse Phelps  
John Simmons  
Roger Tedrick  
Stephen Wigginton  
Marquita T. Wiley

Constituency Heads  
Other Interested Parties

Glenn Poshard  
Vaughn Vandegrift  
Walter V. Wendler

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### **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

#### **Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting**

**October 12, 2006**

The Academic Matters Committee met following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, October 12, 2006, in Ballroom B in the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Present were: Ed Hightower, chair; Samuel Goldman; Christine Guerra; and Keith Sanders. Other Board members present were: Jesse Phelps, John Simmons via teleconference, Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, and Marquita Wiley. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Chancellor Walter V. Wendler, SIUC; Vice President John S. Haller, Jr.; and Vice President Duane Stucky.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the September 14, 2006, meeting were approved as submitted.

#### **Information Item: Briefing Paper: The Role of Assessment in Student Learning**

Vice President Haller presented to the Board a briefing paper entitled The Role of Assessment in Student Learning, which was prepared by James Allen, Acting Director of the Office of University Assessment at SIUC; Gary Giacomelli, Assistant Provost for Institutional Planning at the School of Medicine; and David Sill, Associate Provost at SIUE. Dr. Haller talked briefly about the history of assessment with respect to public universities and SIU in particular and noted that today the role of assessment was being stressed in a report released recently by the national Commission on the Future of Higher Education. Dr. Haller commented that assessment was very much a part of SIU's program review process as well as its requests for new programs.

#### **Presentation: Progress Report of Saluki Way Academic Building Committee**

SIUC Provost John Dunn commented that the Saluki Way Academic Building Committee was capitalizing on the opportunity to plan for a much-needed academic building by utilizing the talent and input of SIUC faculty, staff, and students. Students in the Architecture program were invited to address various questions about design features relevant to the needs of today's students. He stated that the committee's goals were to make certain that the final design of the academic building reflected the input of the users of the facility and that it was created in such a way as to be responsive to their needs.

Dr. Tom Calhoun, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at SIUC, talked about the composition of the committee and also noted that several of the student

projects for the academic building design were on display in the University Bookstore.

Mr. Craig Anz and Dr. Michael Brazley discussed the implementation of the academic building as a capstone design project for the Integration class in Architectural Studies and presented some of the buildings designed by the students. Alan Hulstedt, a senior in Architectural Studies, presented his design.

Dr. Calhoun stated that the next step in the plan was to seek additional input from as many people as possible. He noted that a website would be created for people to visit and comment on the various designs. Additionally, focus groups would be established and members of the community would be invited to share their ideas with the committee.

In response to Board member Keith Sanders' question regarding the use of an outside architectural firm, Dr. Calhoun stated that an outside firm would be brought in at some point, and that the committee would make available to that firm all of the information and data it had collected for the academic building design project.

### **Other Business**

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

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