

January 4, 2008

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair  
Samuel Goldman  
Megan Pulliam  
Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet following the Executive Committee on Thursday, January 17, 2008, in the Meridian Ballroom 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 November 8, 2007, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Information Report: *Fiscal Year 2007 Performance Report* (enclosure)  
Presenters: Don Rice, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor, SIUC  
J. Kevin Dorsey, Dean and Provost, SIU School of Medicine  
Paul Ferguson, Provost and Vice Chancellor, SIUE
3. Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC [Hedayat Amin-Arsala] (Board Agenda Item J)
4. Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC [Eunice Kennedy Shriver] (Board Agenda Item K)
5. Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC [Walter Murch] (Board Agenda Item L)
6. Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC [David L. Briscoe] (Board Agenda Item M)
7. Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUE [Eugene B. Redmond] (Board Agenda Item N)
8. Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUE [Carol K. Wetzel] (Board Agenda Item O)
9. 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

cc: John Simmons	Glenn Poshard
Roger Tedrick	Fernando Treviño
Stephen Wigginton	Vaughn Vandegrift
Marquita T. Wiley	Constituency Heads
Christine Williams	Other Interested Parties

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#### Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting

November 8, 2007

The Academic Matters Committee met following the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, November 8, 2007, in Ballroom B in the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Present were: Ed Hightower, Chair; Samuel Goldman; Megan Pulliam; and Keith Sanders. Other Board members present were: John Simmons via teleconference, Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, Marquita Wiley, and Christine Williams. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Chancellor Fernando Treviño, SIUC; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Vice President John S. Haller, Jr.; and Vice President Duane Stucky.

#### Minutes

Ms. Megan Pulliam moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2007, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. Sam Goldman.

#### Information Report: Minority, Women and Disabled Students, Faculty and Staff, Annual Report 2007

Vice President Haller presented this annual report to the Board and noted that the focus of this year's report, as assigned by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, was on academic achievement. He explained the inclusion of a new section titled Transitions, which was added by IBHE to reflect its interest in P-20 education and a greater transparency across K-12, the community colleges, and the universities. IBHE will compile a statewide report that includes all public universities and will submit that report to the General Assembly.

Paul Pitts, Kay Titchenal, and Seymour Bryson talked briefly about their respective campus reports. Trustee Goldman requested that the School of Medicine provide the Board with an implementation plan regarding the recruitment and retention of minority staff.

Following considerable discussion about the University's recruitment and retention of minority faculty, staff, and students, President Poshard commented that the Board would receive regular reports from him on the implementation and progress of the University's plan to rectify the imbalance with respect to diversity.

Trustee Sanders questioned Dr. Bryson about the success of the Future Scholars Program, a four-week summer program for select entering freshmen. Dr. Bryson noted that the data show that freshmen who participate during that summer boot camp perform much better than the regular-admit students. Trustee Sanders suggested the possibility of expanding the efforts of the Future

Scholars Program to help increase the academic success and retention of the freshman class.

**Information Item: Report on Retention**

SIUE Provost Paul Ferguson and SIUC Interim Provost Don Rice made presentations to the Board regarding retention history as well as short- and long-term strategies and resource commitments to address the issue of retention.

After some discussion, President Poshard stated that retention was one of the highest priorities on both campuses. He assured the Board that the provosts have excellent plans in place and that the University would find the funds to support those programs.

**Other Business**

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

JSH/mam