

February 15, 2008

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair

Samuel Goldman

Megan Pulliam

Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2008, in Ballroom B in the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The following items are suggested for the agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 17, 2008, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Information Report: *Academic Status of Student Athletes* (enclosure)  
Presenters: Mario Moccia, Director of Athletics, Intercollegiate Athletics, SIUC  
Kristina Therriault, Assistant Athletic Director/Student Services, Intercollegiate Athletics, SIUC
3. 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	Vaughn Vandegrift
Roger Tedrick	Constituency Heads
Stephen Wigginton	Other Interested Parties
Marquita T. Wiley	
Christine Williams	

Glenn Poshard  
Fernando Treviño

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#### Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting

January 17, 2008

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:04 a.m., following the Executive Committee, on Thursday, January 17, 2008, in the Meridian Ballroom in the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Present were: Megan Pulliam, chair pro tem, and Samuel Goldman. Absent were: Ed Hightower and Keith Sanders. Other Board members present were: John Simmons, Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, and Christine Williams. Absent was: Marquita Wiley. 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

Dr. Sam Goldman moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2007, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Ms. Megan Pulliam.

#### Information Report: Fiscal Year 2007 Performance Report

Vice President John Haller commented that the Performance Report was a report card of the University in relation to the six goals of *The Illinois Commitment*. The report outlines accomplishments, identifies best practices, speaks to institutional and mission-specific indicators, identifies challenges that remain, and summarizes academic program reviews for the past year.

Interim Provost Don Rice discussed SIU Carbondale's report. Following Trustee Goldman's request to identify one or two activities designed by and activated by SIUC to assist in solving the retention problem, Dr. Rice talked about (1) efforts to improve the pedagogy in science and mathematics to help students successfully complete troublesome courses; (2) efforts to change the nature of University 101 so that it better prepares students for the rigors of higher education; and (3) departmental efforts with respect to recruitment and personal mentoring. Dr. Rice stated he would like to see a 50 percent graduation rate with the fall 2008 cohort, but to get to that point would require the University to (1) provide the kinds of courses and mentoring that would help students become productive, educated citizens; and (2) increase its recruitment efforts to attract students who were better prepared for a university system.

After further discussion concerning the issue of retention, President Poshard directed the Board's attention to a folder containing the mid-year review of SIU Carbondale in terms of its goals and objectives. He noted the inclusion of information regarding Presidential goals and objectives as well as campus goals and objectives to address the issue of retention.

Provost Kevin Dorsey presented the School of Medicine's report, noting he was going to direct his comments at the intersection between where the school's mission was to improve the health of the region and the six goals of *The Illinois Commitment*.

During the presentation of SIU Edwardsville's Performance Report, Provost Paul Ferguson noted several programs aimed at targeting a retention-positive result. Among them were the Banner Student Information System, the Student Success Center, Evergreen Hall, and a proposed University-wide advising program, which, at Chair Tedrick's request, Provost Ferguson explained in greater detail. Trustee Goldman questioned whether SIU Edwardsville was at maximum enrollment. Provost Ferguson responded in the affirmative and then discussed SIUE's challenges to expand its educational outreach initiative and identify sources of revenue to support areas of growth.

**Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC [Hedayat Amin-Arsala] (Board Agenda Item J)**

**Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC [Eunice Kennedy Shriver] (Board Agenda Item K)**

**Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC [Walter Murch] (Board Agenda Item L)**

**Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC [David L. Briscoe] (Board Agenda Item M)**

Chancellor Fernando Treviño commented on the accomplishments of Hedayat Amin-Arsala, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Walter Murch, and David L. Briscoe. He recommended that honorary degrees be awarded to Mr. Amin-Arsala, Ms. Shriver, and Mr. Murch and that the Distinguished Service Award be granted to Mr. Briscoe.

**Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUE [Eugene B. Redmond] (Board Agenda Item N)**

**Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUE [Carol K. Wetzel] (Board Agenda Item O)**

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift commented on the accomplishments of Eugene B. Redmond and Carol K. Wetzel. He recommended that an honorary degree be awarded to Mr. Redmond and that the Distinguished Service Award be granted to Ms. Wetzel.

Dr. Goldman recommended approval of Board agenda items J through O and that they be placed on the Board's omnibus motion. The motion was duly seconded by Ms. Pulliam and was passed by the Academic Matters Committee.

**Other Business**

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

JSH/mam