

May 30, 2008

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair  
Megan Pulliam  
Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 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 April 10, 2008, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Presentation: Paul Simon Public Policy Institute  
Presenters: Don Rice, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor, SIUC  
Mike Lawrence, Director, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, SIUC
3. Other Business

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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

/am

Enclosure

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

Glenn Poshard  
Samuel Goldman

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

**April 10, 2008**

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2008, in the Meridian Ballroom in the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Present were: Samuel Goldman, chair pro tem, Megan Pulliam, and Keith Sanders. Absent was: Ed Hightower. Other Board members present were: John Simmons, Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, Marquita Wiley, and Christine Williams. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Interim Provost Don Rice, 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 February 28, 2008, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. Keith Sanders.

#### **Information Report: Academic Status of Student Athletes**

Ms. Jacqueline DeClue, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Student Services, talked about the services that are offered for student-athletes within the office of Academic and Compliance Services in the department of Intercollegiate Athletics. She also highlighted several points of pride with respect to the academic success of the student-athletes, noted some of the challenges the department faces, and made special mention of the Fifth Year Academic Assistance Program, a signature program designed to financially assist student-athletes who have not graduated by the time they have completed athletic eligibility.

In response to Mr. Tedrick's question as to whether the academic compliance issues would change when the campus moves to Division I athletics, Ms. DeClue explained that some of the standards for Division I are a little stronger than Division II, but for the most part all of the checks remain the same. She also noted that SIUE had already started watching the percentage of degree progress of its student-athletes to get them ready for next year. Dr. Brad Hewitt added that of the nearly 300 current athletes, only five would not have been eligible under Division I standards.

Dr. Goldman thanked Dr. Hewitt and Ms. DeClue for the fine report and commended them and the Athletics staff for their commitment to winning both on the field and in the classroom.

#### **Other Business**

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

JSH/mam