

March 20, 2009

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair
Frank William Bonan II
Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009, in the Conference Center on the second floor of 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 February 12, 2009, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Information Report: *American Diploma Project*
3. Presentation: "Research *Matters* in Education Policy and Practice: A Report on Illinois P-20 Research Collaboration"

Introduction: Steve Hansen, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

Presenter: Kathleen Sullivan Brown, Executive Director/Visiting Associate Professor, Illinois Education Research Council

4. Other Business

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Sarvela
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Enclosure

cc: Nate Brown
John Simmons
Amber Suggs
Roger Tedrick
Stephen Wigginton
Marquita T. Wiley
Glenn Poshard
Samuel Goldman
Vaughn Vandegrift
Constituency Heads
Other Interested Parties

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Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting

February 12, 2009

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009, in Ballroom B in the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Present were: Keith Sanders, chair pro tem, and Frank William Bonan II. Absent was: Ed Hightower. Other Board members present were: John Simmons, Amber Suggs, Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, and Marquita Wiley. Executive Officers present were: President Glenn Poshard; Chancellor Samuel Goldman, SIUC; Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE; Vice President Paul D. Sarvela; and Vice President Duane Stucky.

Minutes

Mr. Bill Bonan moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2008, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. Keith Sanders.

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC [Barbara Lesar] (Board Agenda Item L)

Chancellor Samuel Goldman spoke in support of Barbara Lesar for the Distinguished Service Award.

Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUE [Jane E. Henney] (Board Agenda Item M)

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUE [David M. Oates] (Board Agenda Item N)

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift commented on the accomplishments of Jane E. Henney and David M. Oates. He recommended that an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree be awarded to Dr. Henney and that the Distinguished Service Award be granted to Mr. Oates.

Mr. Bonan recommended approval of Board agenda items L through N and that they be placed on the Board's omnibus motion. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. Sanders and was passed by the Academic Matters Committee.

Information Report: *Measuring Up 2008, The National Report Card on Higher Education*

Vice President Paul Sarvela presented *Measuring Up 2008*, a national report card provided by The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. He explained that the analysis for the report card was based on six metrics: (1) preparation for college; (2) participation; (3) affordability; (4) completion; (5) benefits; and (6) learning. Dr. Sarvela talked about the grades Illinois received in the 2008 report (see below) and what the state must do to improve its ranking.

- (1) Preparation for College = B
- (2) Participation = C
- (3) Affordability = F
- (4) Completion = B+
- (5) Benefits = B
- (6) Learning = All states received an incomplete because of lack of data to provide comparisons

Of note, when the first report card was released in 2000, Illinois ranked No. 1 in the country.

Dr. Sanders commented that the statewide data in Illinois are not accurate for SIU. He explained that the National Report Card points out that 82 cents is spent for every dollar received from the federal government in terms of student aid. SIU does much better than that because both chancellors have committed additional dollars to need-based student aid to maintain SIU's tradition of helping bright middle-income and low-income students.

Information Report: *Illinois Dual Credit Task Force Report to the General Assembly*

Vice President Sarvela stated that dual credit is one method educators have been using to try to reduce costs to complete a university degree. He talked briefly about dual credit and outlined several potential benefits of participating in such a program. He noted that according to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, there currently are no four-year institutions that participate in dual credit. He stated that SIU plans to engage IBHE in a discussion concerning the implementation of a dual credit program by the four-year institutions, which should in the long run bring forth increased enrollment and improve student performance throughout the SIU system.

Presentation: *Double Trumpet Concerto in C Major, Antonio Vivaldi*

Jeanine Wagner introduced Jonathan Poquette and Jered Montgomery, who represent more than 200 undergraduate and graduate students majoring in music at SIUC and who will be traveling to China with the SIU wind ensemble and concert choir in May on the first international tour taken by any SIU performing ensemble. Mr. Poquette and Mr. Montgomery performed Vivaldi's *Double Trumpet Concerto in C Major*, accompanied by staff pianist David Lyons.

Other Business

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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