

April 24, 2009

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair  
Frank William Bonan II  
Nate Brown  
Keith Sanders

The Academic Matters Committee will meet following the Executive Committee on Thursday, May 7, 2009, 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 2, 2009, Meeting (enclosure)
2. Information Report: *Update on Public Agenda*
3. Creation of Southern Illinois University Plagiarism Policy Guide  
[Addition of 7 Policies of the Board F] (Board Agenda Item UU)
4. Presentation: *Photojournalism in Mass Communication and Media Arts*  
Presenter: Gary Kolb, Dean, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts
5. 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: John Simmons	Glenn Poshard
Amber Suggs	Samuel Goldman
Roger Tedrick	Vaughn Vandegrift
Stephen Wigginton	Constituency Heads
Marquita T. Wiley	Other Interested Parties

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#### Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting

April 2, 2009

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009, in the Conference Center in the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Present were: Ed Hightower, chair; Frank William Bonan II; and Keith Sanders. Other Board members present were: Nate Brown, John Simmons, Roger Tedrick, Stephen Wigginton, and Marquita Wiley. Board member absent was: Amber Suggs. 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

Dr. Keith Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2009, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Bill Bonan.

#### Information Report: *American Diploma Project*

Vice President Paul Sarvela presented information about the American Diploma Project (ADP), an effort sponsored by Achieve, Inc., The Education Trust, and the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation to improve both college and career readiness. The goals of the ADP are to (1) align high school standards and assessments with knowledge and skills required for success in college and career; (2) require all high school students to take rigorous courses that are aligned to college and career readiness standards; (3) streamline the assessment system so that tests students take can be used for placement into college coursework; and (4) hold high schools and postsecondary institutions accountable for students' success once they are enrolled.

Key partners in the implementation of the Illinois-based ADP are the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Business Roundtable, and the Governor's office.

#### Presentation: *Research Matters in Education Policy and Practice: A Report on Illinois P-20 Research Collaboration*

Steve Hansen, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School at SIU Edwardsville, talked briefly about the creation of the Illinois Education Research Council. IERC Executive Director Kathleen Sullivan

Brown explained the work of the council and noted that its goal was to provide independent, unbiased, and objective education research to support P-20 policymaking and program development.

Following comments and questions by Dr. Hightower, Dr. Sanders, and President Poshard, there was discussion regarding school funding equity in Illinois and the role of the American Diploma Project with regard to challenging academically gifted students.

**Other Business**

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

PDS/mam