

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Pursuant to notice, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University convened at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at the Stone Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Chair Roger Tedrick. The following members of the Board were physically present:

Mr. Roger Tedrick, Chair
Mr. Frank William Bonan II
Mr. Jeff Harrison
Mr. Alex Vansaghi

The following members of the Board were absent:

Dr. Ed Hightower, Vice Chair
Mr. John Simmons, Secretary

There were no objections from the Board members present for Trustee Marquita Wiley to join the meeting via telephone.

In the absence of Secretary Simmons, the Chair appointed Frank William Bonan II to serve as Secretary *pro tem*.

Also present for the duration of the meeting were Dr. Glenn Poshard, President; and Mr. Jerry D. Blakemore, Vice President and General Counsel. Ms. Misty Whittington, Executive Secretary of the Board; Mr. Jeff Williams, News and Public Affairs Director, SIUC; and Codell Rodriguez from the *Southern Illinoisan* attended a portion of the meeting.

Budget and Cash Flow Update

President Poshard provided a brief overview of the current cash flow status of the University. President Poshard distributed a memo entitled the "FY 11 State Operating Appropriations as of 2/4/2011" which provided balance information. The President reported that the University is currently owed approximately \$140 million from the state, a slight increase from the same period last year. The President further indicated that the University vouchered approximately 85 percent of its FY 2011 appropriation resulting in \$156 million for Carbondale and \$64.3 million for Edwardsville. The President further advised that the University had only received approximately 22 percent of its request. The University is owed a total of \$140.7 million.

The President provided a status report of the Governor's effort to pass a borrowing bill which remains uncertain. The President indicated that he would continue to keep the Board advised of the fiscal status of the University.

At 4:12 p.m., Trustee Harrison moved that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of considering pending, probable or imminent court proceedings against or on behalf of the Board, information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, and collective bargaining. The relevant sections of the Open Meetings Act Statute that allow for the closed session are 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1, 2, 11). The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Vansaghi. Student Trustee opinion regarding the motion was as follows: aye, Mr. Jeff Harrison; nay, none. The motion carried by the following recorded vote: aye, Mr. Frank William Bonan II, Mr. Roger Tedrick, Mr. Alex Vansaghi, Ms. Marquita Wiley; nay, none.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. No action was requested or taken.

Frank William Bonan II, Secretary *pro tem*

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FEBRUARY 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University convened on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in Ballroom B of the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tedrick. The following members of the Board were physically present:

Mr. Roger Tedrick, Chair
Dr. Ed Hightower, Vice-Chair
Mr. Frank William Bonan II
Mr. Jeff Harrison
Mr. Alex Vansaghi

Members absent were:

Mr. John Simmons, Secretary
Ms. Marquita Wiley

Executive Officers present were:

Dr. Glenn Poshard, President, SIU
Dr. Rita Cheng, Chancellor, SIU Carbondale
Dr. Vaughn Vandegrift, Chancellor, SIU Edwardsville
Mr. Jerry Blakemore, Vice President and General Counsel
Dr. Paul Sarvela, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Duane Stucky, Senior Vice President for Financial and
Administrative Affairs

Also present was Ms. Misty Whittington, Executive Secretary of the Board.

NOTE: Copies of all background documents furnished to the Board in connection with the following matters have been placed on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees.

In the absence of Secretary John Simmons, the Chair appointed Mr. Frank William Bonan II to serve as Secretary *pro tem*.

The Secretary reported and the Chair determined that a quorum was not physically present.

The Chair reported that the order of the agenda would be changed to honor Trustee Sanders first. He noted that it was a difficult time for the Board members due to the passing of Trustee Sanders. The Chair went on to say that Trustee Sanders loved the University and brought stability and thoughtful deliberation to all issues the Board faced. Chair Tedrick spoke of Trustee Sanders' administrative and educational background that brought much strength to the Board and how his friendship would be missed.

Vice Chair Hightower recalled that he and Trustee Sanders knew each other for a number of years prior to Trustee Sanders joining the SIU Board of Trustees. He noted that Trustee Sanders was a tremendous mentor and colleague, and Trustee Sanders was a champion for every student to have an opportunity to attend the University at an affordable price. Vice Chair Hightower also noted that Trustee Sanders supported the faculty and staff on all of the campuses, and he provided a path for the other members to follow to move the University forward. The Vice Chair also mentioned how Trustee Sanders' friendship would be missed.

Trustee Bonan recalled that he had a great privilege of getting to know Trustee Sanders over the past two years and how proud Trustee Sanders was of being from Benton, Illinois, as Trustee Bonan also lived in Benton. Trustee Bonan noted that

he learned a lot from the presentations he made, it would be hard to fill his place, and that he would definitely be missed.

Trustee Harrison noted that although he worked with Trustee Sanders for a short time, he was impressed by his words of wisdom and integrity that made an impact on everyone with whom he came in contact. He noted Trustee Sanders' love for the University and how much he wanted to see it succeed.

Trustee Vansaghi noted that he was able to work with Trustee Sanders for a short time, but that Trustee Sanders displayed his commitment to public service and to the University which rubbed off on all of the members. He recalled Trustee Sanders' thoughtful discussion of issues facing the University and his willingness to work through problems on its behalf.

President Poshard recalled in 1980 when he first met Trustee Sanders who at the time was serving as the University's government relations officer and the President was beginning his political career. The President shared that Trustee Sanders provided to him much advice and counsel over the next few years as he knew and worked with a number of the legislators. The President also observed Trustee Sanders' great sense of humor that would be missed.

Chancellor Vandegrift remarked that Trustee Sanders joined the Board around the time that the Chancellor began at the University, and he appreciated Trustee Sanders taking the time to give him a word of advice and encouragement since he had been a Chancellor himself. He noted what a friend Trustee Sanders was to public higher education, and he remarked about his ability to be able to make a point and make a person laugh at the same time.

Chancellor Cheng remarked that Trustee Sanders had encouraged her to become a candidate for the position of Chancellor at SIU Carbondale at a time when she had not considered seeking such a position. He expressed his love for the institution in their first conversation, provided her materials about the University and followed up with her to discuss them further. During their conversations, they found they knew and respected the same individuals at the University of Wisconsin, and the Chancellor noted that she had formed an immediate bond with him. She credited Trustee Sanders for her coming to the University, and she wished to continue his legacy.

The following resolution was presented to the Board:

Memorial Resolution
KEITH R. SANDERS

WHEREAS, Dr. Keith R. Sanders served with distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University for more than six years;

WHEREAS, During his tenure as a Trustee, he served as chair of the Finance Committee and as a member of the Audit Committee;

WHEREAS, He also served as the Board representative on the Board of Directors of the Association of Alumni, Former Students, and Friends of Southern Illinois University Incorporated and had previously served as the Board representative on the Joint Trustee Committee for Springfield Medical Education Programs;

WHEREAS, He was always willing to give of his time, talents and creative thinking to Southern Illinois University, serving on special committees dealing with major policies and procedures affecting the University;

WHEREAS, He had the unique ability to quickly recognize the many facets of key issues facing the University and to address them with grace and equanimity;

WHEREAS, As a tireless, lifelong learner who always worked to educate himself and keep his knowledge base up to date, including seeking a master's in humanities at the University of Chicago at the time of his passing, he set a shining example for others in higher education to follow;

WHEREAS, He served the University through good times and through difficult times, always keeping a level head, a steady hand and a firm resolve to do what was best for Southern Illinois University and the region;

WHEREAS, His love for Southern Illinois University was always clearly shown by his never ending effort to promote higher education in the region and his commitment to providing higher education access to high achieving, low income students including establishing the Keith and Carol Sanders Alumni Scholarship Endowment at Southern Illinois University Carbondale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees in regular meeting assembled, That this Board celebrates the life of Keith R. Sanders and honors the enormous contributions made by him to the advancement of Southern Illinois University;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board expresses to the family of Keith R. Sanders its sincerest condolences and deepest sympathy for the loss which they have experienced and which the members of this Board and all who knew him share.

Vice Chair Hightower moved approval of the Keith R. Sanders Memorial Resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Harrison. Student Trustee opinion regarding the motion was as follows: aye, Mr. Jeff Harrison; nay, none. Following was the recorded vote: aye, Mr. Frank William Bonan II, Dr. Ed Hightower, Mr. Roger Tedrick, Mr. Alex Vansaghi; nay, none.

The Chair presented the memorial resolution to the Sanders family.

The Chair announced that the election of officers, Executive Committee, and Board representatives, and annual appointments by the Chair would be delayed until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Chair reported that, pursuant to notice, at approximately 3:30 p.m., February 9, 2011, at the Stone Center, Carbondale, Illinois, members of the Board of Trustees held an executive session. Before a motion was made to close the meeting to the public, an SIU Budget and Cash Flow update was received. No action was requested or taken. Then a motion was made to close the meeting to the public for the purpose of considering pending, probable or imminent court proceedings against or on behalf of the Board, information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, and collective bargaining. No action was requested or taken.

Following the executive session, members of the Board attended dinner at the Stone Center. The gathering was social in nature.

Under Committee Reports, Mr. Tedrick gave the Executive Committee report. He stated that pursuant to Ill Bylaws 1, on January 14, members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, in response to a request from President Poshard, individually approved the Award of Contracts: Fractionation Equipment Installation, National Corn to Ethanol Research Center, SIUE. He stated that the Executive Committee was requested to authorize the item and was reporting the item to the Board of Trustees for information; the item should be entered in full upon the Minutes of the meeting of the Board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

By action at its meeting on December 9, 2010, the Board of Trustees granted authority to the Executive Committee to award contracts after the bid opening on December 14, 2010, for the National Corn to Ethanol Research Center Fractionation Equipment Installation project. The following matter is reported as approved by the

Executive Committee on January 14, 2011, to the Board at this time pursuant to III Bylaws 1:

AWARD OF CONTRACTS: FRACTIONATION EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION,
NATIONAL CORN TO ETHANOL RESEARCH CENTER, SIUE

Summary

This matter approves award of construction contracts for the equipment installation work in the amount of \$1,527,930 in connection with the capital project Fractionation Equipment Installation, National Corn to Ethanol Research Center, SIUE. Funding for the work to be completed under these contracts will come from existing grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Rationale for Adoption

At its September 2009 meeting, the SIU Board of Trustees approved the development of plans and cost estimates for Fractionation Equipment Installation at the National Corn to Ethanol Research Center, SIUE. At its February 2010 meeting, the SIU Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$4,675,000 for the same project. At its December 2010 meeting, the SIU Board of Trustees approved the site preparation contracts and authorized the Executive Committee to award the future contracts in order to expedite the project.

The National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center (NCERC) is a pilot plant that is used to perform research for emerging technologies in the corn-to-ethanol industry. The Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) has identified corn fractionation, the process of separating the corn kernel into its three constituent parts: endosperm (starch), germ (oil), and bran (fiber), as a priority technology.

The area designated to house the fractionation system at NCERC was occupied by the wet mill. The wet mill equipment is not utilized, and was removed as part of the site preparation phase of the project. The space was cleared of all process mechanical systems (equipment, piping, etc.), electrical systems (power distribution and instrumentation and controls), and accessory components associated with the wet mill. The fractionation system and the accessory components required to put the system in operation are part of this set of proposed contracts.

To support this initiative, NCERC has received two grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for projects related to advanced biofuels including the conversion of corn kernel fiber to ethanol. A summary of bids received is attached for review.

A Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process selected Burns and McDonnell to design the project. An architect, independent of the consulting architect,

provided design and document review of the plans and specifications on behalf of the Board prior to bidding.

Considerations Against Adoption

University officials are aware of none.

Constituency Involvement

It is a priority of the Illinois Corn Growers Association that corn bran (corn kernel fiber) conversion to ethanol be taken to pilot scale production at an expedited rate.

This matter is recommended for adoption by the Chancellor, the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the Vice Chancellor for Administration, SIUE.

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, That:

(1) The contracts to perform the equipment installation work required for the capital project Fractionation Equipment Installation, National Corn to Ethanol Research Center, SIUE, are hereby awarded to the following:

(a) <u>General Work</u> Poettker Construction Co., Breese, IL	\$299,000
(b) <u>Electrical Work</u> Pyramid Electrical Contractors, Fairview Heights, IL	\$328,930
(c) <u>Heating Work</u> GRP Mechanical Co., Bethalto, IL	\$900,000

(2) The project shall be funded from existing grant funds from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

(3) The President of Southern Illinois University be and is hereby authorized to take all action required in the execution of this resolution in accordance with established policies and procedures.

FRACTIONATION FACILITIES AND PROCESS SYSTEM INSTALLATION IN THE NCERC
RFQ 8808

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY</p> <h1>EDWARDSVILLE</h1> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>GENERAL CONTRACTORS</p> <p>BASE BID</p> </div> </div>	
Poettker Construction Co. 380 S. Germantown Road Breese, IL 62230	\$ 299,000.00
River City Construction LLC 101 Hoffer Lane East Peoria, IL 61611	\$ 302,000.00
R.W. Boeker Co. Inc. 8719 State Route 140 Hamel, IL 62046	\$ 317,600.00
Tindall Construction Inc. 4300 Horseshoe Lake Road Pontoon Beach, IL 62040	\$ 348,332.00
Limbaugh Construction Co., Inc. 4186 Highway 162 Granite City, IL 62040	\$ 349,275.00
Plocher Construction Co., Inc. 2808 Thole-Plocher Road Highland, IL 6249	\$ 360,600.00
Korte & Luitjohan Contractors 12052 Highland Road Highland, IL 6249	\$ 424,400.00

FRACTIONATION FACILITIES AND PROCESS SYSTEM INSTALLATION IN THE NCERC
RFQ 8808

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE	
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS	BASE BID
Pyramid Electrical Contractors 300 Monticello Place Fairview Heights, IL 62208	\$ 328,930.00
Guarantee Electrical 3405 Bent Avenue St. Louis, MO 63116	\$ 345,000.00
J.F. Electric Inc. 100 Lakefront Parkway Edwardsville, IL 62025	\$ 399,920.00
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE	
HEATING CONTRACTORS	BASE BID
GRP Mechanical Co., Inc. 1 Mechanical Drive Bethalto, IL 62010	\$ 900,000.00
Murphy Company 1233 North Price Road St. Louis, MO 63132	\$ 1,148,464.00

Under Executive Officer Reports, President Poshard made his report to the Board. The President reviewed recent budget and revenue actions taken during the prior month by the state legislature. On January 12, it passed and the Governor signed on January 13 the Taxpayer and Accountability and Budget Stabilization Act. He noted the revenue aspect of the legislation included a temporary adjustment to the state's personal income tax from 3 percent to 5 percent. For large corporations, the corporate tax rate temporarily rose from 4.8 percent to 7 percent. The adjustments would automatically drop after four years and would stay the same if the legislature voted to keep them.

The President went on to say that one-half of one percent of the two percent income tax rate increase that was enacted was earmarked to pay for a proposed 14-year bond debt consolidation plan that if passed by the current state legislature would allow the state to pay \$8.7 billion in overdue bills and other outstanding obligations. In response to the recession, the General Assembly made more spending cuts than ever before which for SIU meant that its state appropriation dropped from \$247 million in FY02 to \$219 million this year which was an 11.2 percent cut. The legislature followed the budget cuts with comprehensive pension changes that will reduce the future benefits of new University employees.

The President reported that if the Governor's proposed debt consolidation plan passed later in the month, it would mean that SIU would expect to receive about 60 percent of the funds currently owed it by early April. The second priority for the new income tax revenues is to make sure that the state pays its bills on time which includes

the state's full obligation to its pension plans, debt service payments and to its employee's group health insurance plan.

President Poshard proposed that the next several years will require the University to find new sources of revenue as he expected state appropriations to remain flat and stagnant for some time. The President shared with the Board a series of challenges he had shared with the SIUC administration one year earlier, many of which he also shared with the Chancellor Search Committee. He recalled admonishing SIUC's Chancellor Search Committee to search for a candidate who had the courage and the will to be a strong advocate for change due to the fact that the University had a nearly twenty-year trend in failing to attract students. The President went on to say the Committee's strongest recommendation for Chancellor was Dr. Cheng, and he believed her leadership and the input and cooperation of faculty and staff could bring about reasonable and effective change and attract great students in the process. He applauded her efforts and encouraged the University community to stand behind her.

Dr. Vaughn Vandegrift, Chancellor, SIU Edwardsville, made his report to the Board. The Chancellor noted SIUE's spring 2011 enrollment had grown 1.4 percent over the prior spring with total enrollment standing at 13,317 students.

The Chancellor announced that the School of Pharmacy received one of only four national 2011 Council for Higher Education Accreditation Awards for Outstanding Institutional Practice in Student Learning Outcomes with it being the first pharmacy school ever to receive the award. In addition, SIUE received approval from the Higher Learning Commission and Illinois Board of Higher Education to offer a program of study leading to the Education Doctorate (Ed.D.) in educational leadership.

Furthermore, Chancellor Vandegrift shared that the School of Pharmacy Interim Dean Gireesh Gupchup was appointed Chair-Elect of the Social and Administrative Sciences Section of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

The Chancellor provided an update of the SIUE Foundation's Defining Excellence capital campaign. A major celebration is planned for March 19, 2011, to present the campaign to the general public and the media and to celebrate the halfway mark of \$25 million in gifts and pledges.

Chancellor Vandegrift reviewed recent student life activities. The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring a month long schedule of events commemorating Black Heritage Month. The schedule includes such events as educational panel discussions, musical performances, a gospel concert, and a health fair. In addition, Sibs and Kids Weekend was held during the prior week where over 250 SIUE students and their siblings enjoyed Family Night at the Morris University Center.

The Chancellor provided a construction update for the campus. Construction is underway for the new Science Building. Construction trailers and workers are on site and the drilling auger has begun to drill the nearly 600 concrete pilings to be used for building support. Construction is now complete on the work at the Heating and Refrigeration plant to expand the work space for Engineering students working on their car projects. Renovation is also complete on the Mass Communications classroom in Dunham Hall, the Vadalabene Center Locker Rooms project, and the construction of the new baseball building at the SimmonsCooper Baseball Complex. The Chancellor further reported that final designs and specifications are nearly ready to bid on the Peck Hall Window Replacement project and the Greek

Housing Renovation project. The University will also bid the second Art and Design building and the expansion of the Vadalabene Center.

Chancellor Vandegrift provided an update on Athletics for the campus. He noted that the NCAA Certification Self-Study continued and the first overall draft was under review by the Steering Committee. The draft had also been forwarded to constituency heads for broader campus consideration. Furthermore, the external Peer Review Team visit is scheduled for October 11 - 13, 2011, and will be led by Dr. V. Gordon Moulton, President of the University of South Alabama. Chancellor Vandegrift reported that Mike Jones, a four-year standout for the SIUE men's soccer team, was selected in the Major League Soccer Supplemental Draft. He added that Mr. Jones was the 28th overall pick and the second of the supplemental draft by Sporting Kansas City.

Dr. Rita Cheng, Chancellor, SIU Carbondale, made her report to the Board. The Chancellor provided an enrollment report for the campus. She noted spring enrollment was down by 370 students compared to the prior spring. She reviewed some positives about enrollment to include that new first-time undergraduates were up by 6 percent, and the number of upperclassmen also increased. There are 23 more transfers in the junior class and 12 more transfers in the senior class. In addition, the number of housing contracts signed for the fall semester is up 17 percent compared to fall 2010.

The Chancellor reported that researchers and scholars secured nearly \$3.9 million in grants and training awards in January, bringing the fiscal year total to \$47.3 million. Among recent awards was a five-year \$750,000 training grant to the

Rehabilitation Counseling Program in the Rehabilitation Institute that supports master's degree students. WSIU Public Television received a \$749,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service. In addition, a new internal grant program, the Saluki Concept Fund from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and the Technology Transfer Program, offers individual awards of up to \$20,000 to support short-term projects designed to show that an invention has potential for commercialization licensing or as the basis for a start-up company.

Chancellor Cheng reviewed some recent faculty achievements for the campus. Paul Chugh, professor of mining and mineral resources in the College of Engineering, and his team received a patent from the federal government for a device known as the Atlas Crib, which is a cheaper and more efficient way to brace ceilings in underground mines. Associate Professor Jennifer Dunn's book was selected by *Choice* magazine for its Outstanding Academic Title list. Dr. Dunn's book is titled "Judging Victims: Why We Stigmatize Survivors, and How They Reclaim our Respect."

The Chancellor highlighted some recent student accomplishments. Makayla Trotter, a geography and environmental resources major from Macomb, will spend the fall 2011 semester as an intern with National Geographic in Washington, D.C. The Debate Team, under the direction of Todd Graham, won three of four tournaments during a recent competition tour. The team captured the championship of a tournament co-sponsored by Texas Tech University and Colorado College that attracted 90 teams. In addition, the team brought home trophies from Northern Arizona University and the University of Utah, and over the prior weekend the team won another tournament in California.

Chancellor Cheng recognized efforts of the SIU Alumni Association. During the prior month it awarded \$25,000 in textbooks and supplies to 47 students. She noted this was the result of a decision the Association's National Board of Directors made in 2008 to allocate funds to be invested, with the earnings earmarked to support the financial needs of current and future students. The Board's Scholarship Committee, with the assistance of SIUC's Financial Aid Office, identified the need for textbooks and supplies as an area of extreme importance for student success.

The Chancellor reported the passing of two members of the Southern Illinois University family. Jo Ann Boydston passed away on January 25 in Naples, Florida. Dr. Boydston was a longtime director of the University's Center for Dewey Studies. She and her late husband, Donald, were highly dedicated to the University. They established an endowed chair in the Philosophy Department in 1994, and Dr. Boydston honored her husband's memory in 2009 with the creation of the Donald N. "Doc" Boydston Legacy Fellowships in the Athletics Department. Members of the campus community were pleased that Dr. Boydston was able to attend the dedication of the Boydston Center last October. Also during the prior month Mary Curd Simon passed away. Her husband, Ernest J. Simon, was the first dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Mrs. Simon earned her bachelor's degree in education from Southern Illinois Normal University and taught in the English Department from 1959 until her retirement in 1973. Among her many honors was a 2010 Inspiring Women of Achievement Award, SIU Alumni Association Outstanding Alumni Award and being named an Illinois Woman of Achievement by the state of Illinois.

The Chairman reviewed the procedure for the Public Comments portion of the agenda.

Mr. Jim Podesva, Graduate Assistants United representative, addressed the Board. He noted that he spoke for the bargaining unit and also for all graduate students of SIUC. He spoke to the rising costs of fees for graduate students. Mr. Podesva relayed how graduate students were struggling to complete advanced degrees due to the rising cost of the fees and the financial burden it imposed on the students. He reported to the Board that the University of Illinois Chicago decreased student fees by 2.3 percent. He asked that the Board consider freezing the fees, even if the Board were able to freeze fees for only a certain period of time. He noted the group would welcome an opportunity to discuss the issue further with Chancellor Cheng.

Mr. Nick Steele addressed the Board. He reviewed the recent removal of SIUC Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Larry Dietz. Mr. Steele relayed concerns about to whom the students would voice concerns since the elimination of the position. He inquired as to whether there was a replacement planned for the position.

The Chairman requested that Chancellor Cheng meet with Mr. Steele, and the Chancellor agreed to do so.

Ms. Leah Reinert made her presentation to the Board. Ms. Reinert noted that she was a master's student in higher education. She inquired about how the restructuring of Student Affairs would impact the affected departments.

Chancellor Cheng reviewed improvements in the restructuring model at SIUC. She stated that the students would have a voice by addressing their concerns through the Dean of Students. As a member of the Provost's staff, the chief student

affairs officer will meet frequently with academic deans and other leaders in the academic support area and work more closely with Enrollment Management and University College personnel. She noted many universities across the country are moving to this model where the Dean of Students is more intricately engaged with the academic leaders. The Chancellor added that the students would have more of a voice under the newly formed model at SIUC.

The Chair reviewed the history of the endowment established by the family of the late Lindell W. Sturgis to recognize annually the community service contributions of an SIU Carbondale employee. Mr. Tedrick reviewed the many accomplishments of the recipient and then presented the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award to Ms. Diane Daugherty. The Chair also recognized past award recipients who were in attendance in the audience. The Chair noted that the Board would be attending a luncheon with Ms. Daugherty and past award recipients following the meeting.

The Chair announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees would be held April 14, 2011, at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield. He explained that there would be a news conference at the Board table immediately following the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Misty Whittington, Executive Secretary