



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

November 24, 2015

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Shirley Portwood, Chair
J. Phil Gilbert
Donna Manering
Dillon Santoni

Dear Committee Members:

The Academic Matters Committee will meet on Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Student Center, Ballroom B of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The agenda is attached.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Allen", is written over the printed name and title.

James S. Allen
Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Attachment

c: Roger Herrin
Joel Sambursky
Allen Shelton
Amy Sholar
Randal Thomas

Randy J. Dunn
Bradley Colwell
Stephen Hansen
Other Interested Parties

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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 10, 2015
9:00 a.m.

Ballroom B, Student Center
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

1. Announcements
2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting September 10, 2015
3. Approval of Change to 4 Policies of the Board A.7, Cooperative Graduate Programs, Tuition and Fees, SIUC and SIUE
[Change to 4 Policies of the Board A.7] (Board Agenda Item Q)
(This item to be discussed jointly with the Finance Committee)
4. Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUE
[Thelma Mothershed-Wair] (Board Agenda Item O)
5. Recommendation for Distinguished Service Awards, SIUE
[Camille Emig-Hill] (Board Agenda Item P)
6. Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC
[Donald Beggs] (Board Agenda Item J)
7. Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC
[Joan E. Higginbotham] (Board Agenda Item K)
8. Recommendation for Distinguished Service Awards, SIUC
[F. Lynn McPheeters] (Board Agenda Item L)
9. Recommendation for Distinguished Service Awards, SIUC
[Charlotte West] (Board Agenda Item M)
10. Recommendation for Distinguished Service Awards, SIUC
[Charles N. Wheeler, III] (Board Agenda Item N)

11. Presentation: "Alt News: A *David* Among Goliaths"

Presenter: Jan Thompson, Professor
Radio, Television, and Digital Media

Holden Jones, Senior (double major)
Radio-Television, and Digital Media; Cinema & Photography

Emily Jelinek, Junior
Cinema and Photography

12. Other Business

13. Adjournment

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting

September 10, 2015

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:06 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2015, in the Meridian Ballroom of the Delyte W. Morris University Center at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Present were: Shirley Portwood, chair; J. Phil Gilbert; and Donna Manering. Other Board members present were: Rich Herrin, Joel Sambursky, Dillon Santoni, Allen Shelton, Amy Sholar, and Randal Thomas. Executive Officers present were: President Randy J. Dunn; Interim Chancellor Stephen Hansen, SIUE; Acting Vice President James S. Allen; and Senior Vice President Duane Stucky.

Announcements

Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs James Allen announced that at its August 11, 2015, Board meeting the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) approved two new degree programs—the Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics and Robotics and the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies submitted by Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He provided a brief overview of the programs.

Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs James S. Allen stated that IBHE will be sharing more information about their Board's initiatives on college affordability thanks to a recent report authored in part by SIUC's Professor Emeritus, Alan Karnes.

Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs James S. Allen shared information about the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) that synchronizes online education regionally for its member institutions and will streamline SIU's campuses' access to online students throughout the region.

Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs James S. Allen also informed the Board that IBHE now has an online complaint system to respond to specific concerns from students at any secondary institution in the state.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 16, 2015, Meeting

Motion was made by Trustee J. Phil Gilbert to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2015, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Donna Manering and passed by the Committee.

Informational Report: Program Quality Assurance Report

Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs James S. Allen provided a brief overview of the report.

Chair Portwood asked if there were any questions or comments

Trustee Manering asked when reviews will be for the programs flagged for priority review. Dr. Allen stated it varies depending on the concern. For low enrollment it is year-by-year and monitored carefully. Trustee Manering was concerned with some of the recommendations to hire new faculty when state funding may not be possible.

President Dunn asked Dr. Allen to speak briefly on the accreditation of the Teacher Education Program on SIUC's campus. Dr. Allen stated that a proposal has been presented to the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council to review a document that will provide some measure of oversight for accreditation that is now at the discretion of the individual programs and their faculty. There is a need for more support and guidance, including the preparation of self-studies, to ensure an active conversation between the department, the dean, and provost to deal with accreditation issues, such as staffing, earlier rather than later. By adding another set of guidelines for colleagues, it is hoped to facilitate a positive outcome for accreditation reviews.

Trustee Manering asked if the Teacher Education Program was flagged for priority review in the last review. Dr. James Allen answered that it was flagged for the next round of reviews for accreditation.

Dr. Dunn added that the college will be closely monitored by Dr. Allen as Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and as Associate Provost.

Trustee Manering asked if there was an interim Dean for the College of Education, to which the President answered Dr. Lyle White.

Operating and Capital RAMP Guidelines and Executive Summary: Resource Allocation and Management Program (RAMP Planning, Operations, and Capital Budget Requests, Fiscal Year 2017 (Joint Discussion with Finance Committee and Architecture and Design Committee) (Board Agenda Item K)

Dr. Stucky presented RAMP to the Board and provided an overview of the report. He stated that next month the President and his staff are scheduled to meet with IBHE senior staff to discuss and share ideas of what the requests for next year should be.

Academic Matters Committee Chair Portwood asked if there were any questions or comments. Board Chair Randal Thomas stated this agenda item involved all the Board members and the standing committees.

President Dunn stated that RAMP is moving forward earlier than in the past. He mentioned this is an academic exercise, and he does not see it morphing into a budget proposal. Should the Board like to see the full planning document, it is available.

Motion was made by Trustee J. Phil Gilbert to approve Agenda Item H. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Donna Manering and passed by the Committee and the Board.

Presentation: Research Project: “Narrating Disaster: Calibrating Causality and Responses to the 2015 Earthquakes in Nepal”

Acting Vice President James S. Allen introduced Kristine Hildebrandt, Associate Professor in the Department of English Language and Literature at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. With Dr. Hildebrandt were Tiffany Downing, class of 2015, with a BA in Foreign Languages and a minor in Linguistics, and Chris Witruk, class of 2015, with a BA in English Language and Literature.

Dr. Hildebrandt began by thanking the Board of Trustees, SIUE, and the community for being at the meeting. She spoke about language endangerment and the importance of preserving languages through documentation and revitalization. She shared that in 2012 she received SIUE’s first National Science Foundation “CAREER” grant for documenting languages of Manange, Nepal.

With this project, Dr. Hildebrandt and her students are looking to incorporate documentation with digital innovations. Most major funded projects require a data management plan. She must report what data are being generated by the project and what is the long-term management plan for the data. Dr. Hildebrandt and a colleague created SIUE’s first digital humanities center (IRIS Center). It is an interdisciplinary facility designed to support scholarship with applications, enhancements, and re-imaginings of digital technology, particularly in the humanities and social sciences. One innovation she is working on is an online multimedia interactive language and dialect atlas in Nepal with the collaboration of Shanfu Hu and graduate students.

Stories collected in the field are being archived after transcription and translation and stored in a digital library at the University of Virginia.

Dr. Hildebrandt stated that a very important resource for her is the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities program (URCA) at SIUE. The two student speakers were URCA assistants.

Mr. Witruk spoke about his role as an URCA assistant to clean up coded data sets and to create visual representations of various response types given by people interviewed in Nepal by Dr. Hildebrandt and her team.

Tiffany Downing spoke about how she assisted as an URCA assistant to build an online presence for the languages and video outputs of the stories that were collected. She talked about how the transcripts and information on the context of the stories makes the

project searchable in the University of Virginia archives the same way as books or journal articles are.

Dr. Hildebrandt shared information on the RAPID NSF funding she and colleagues received to investigate the impact on community infrastructure in areas hardest hit by the earthquakes in Nepal this past spring. They are collecting and annotating multi-participant interviews and stories focused on the earthquake's impact. Dr. Hildebrandt and her team are working in communities that represents 11 different languages in Nepal. Dr. Hildebrandt stated that her work requires student involvement and participation. It is a core part of her research agenda at SIUE.

Committee Chair Portwood thanked the presenters and asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Other Business

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

JSA/pm