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January 31, 2019

### Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair  
Brione Lockett  
Subhash Sharma

Dear Committee Members:

The Academic Matters Committee will meet on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Meridian Ballroom located on the first floor of Morris University Center at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. The agenda, minutes from the December 5, 2019 meeting, and electronic copies of the Athletic Reports can be viewed through the Board's portal system.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Allen", is written over a circular stamp or mark.

Jim Allen  
Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs

JSA/pm

### Attachment

c: Ed Curtis  
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## AGENDA

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

Thursday, February 13, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

Meridian Ballroom  
Delyte W. Morris University Center  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

1. Announcements
2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting December 5, 2019
3. Information Report: *Athletic Report*
4. Presentation: *Pinocchio* by John Davies (excerpts)  
SIUE and Opera Edwardsville, Opera Outreach

Dr. Marc Schapman, Professor of Music, SIUE Department of Music

Casts: Stephanie Mossinghoff – Pinocchio  
*Master of Music, 1<sup>st</sup> year*

Evan Babel – Gepetto  
*Master of Music, 1<sup>st</sup> year*

Xavier Ojeda – Dr. Dulcamara  
*Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance, 2<sup>nd</sup> year*

Kristy Saddler – Cat  
*Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance, 2<sup>nd</sup> year*

Debora Pedigo – Lady in Blue  
*Master of Music, 2<sup>nd</sup> year*

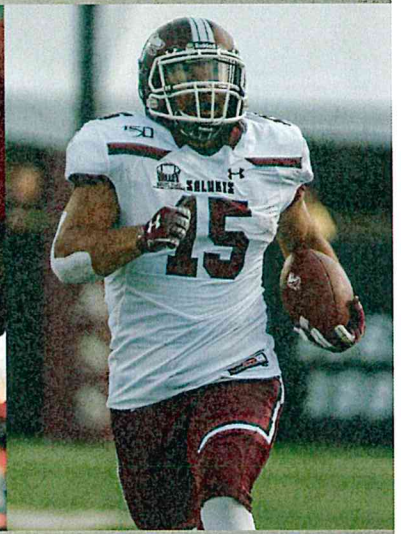
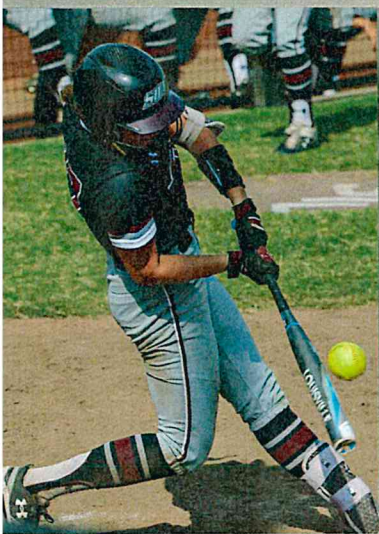
Dr. Joseph Welch – Pianist/Narrator  
Music Director, SIUE Alum

5. Other Business
6. Adjournment



# STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC PROFILE

## 2018-19



## Summary

Some highlights from the Athletic Department for 2018-19:

- Chris Cole (Men's Swimming; 3.972 GPA in Journalism – Advertising/Integrated Marketing Communications, with minors in Art and Photography) received a \$10,000 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.
- Marcus Bartley (Men's Basketball; Master of Business Administration program) was named a 1<sup>st</sup> Team Academic All-American, and Josh Maier (Men's Cross Country; Computer Science) was named a 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Academic All-American, bringing SIU's total number of CoSIDA All-Americans to 99 (the highest number of any current MVC school). NOTE: Jacob Marnin (Football) earned Academic All-American honors this fall to bring the current total to 100.
- Saluki student-athletes completed over 5700 community service hours during the 2018-19 school year, putting them in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall across the nation.
- Hannah Becker (Volleyball – Fall 2018), Jessica Peck (Women's Swimming – Winter 2019), and Jackie Biggs (Women's Golf – Spring 2019) won the State Farm Good Neighbor Award from the Missouri Valley Conference. One athlete from each member school is identified in Fall, Winter, and Spring to receive the award. Recipients must be in good academic standing, must demonstrate good citizenship through good sportsmanship and significant community service, and must participate in a sport during the season of recognition.
- The Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 GPA calculations show that student-athletes have equivalent or slightly higher GPAs than the overall student body. For Fall 2018, the student-athlete GPA was 3.215; for Spring 2018, the student-athlete GPA was 3.233. For the student body, the Fall 2018 GPA was 3.05 and for Spring 2019 GPA was 3.10.
- The single year Academic Progress Rate (APR) for all sports was 987, which was well above the NCAA minimum of 930 for 2018-2019.
- The student-athlete population continues to add to the diversity of the student body and in more recent years has become more consistent with the ethnic/racial demographics of the entire student-athlete population.
- The student-athlete population also continues to graduate at a significantly higher percentage than the regular student body (Federal Graduation Rate +18.2% higher than their general student population cohort).
- SIU won two conference titles in 2018-2019 (Women's Golf and Men's Golf), and came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in the MVC All-Sports trophy.
- Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Softball and 5 individual Women's Track & Field Athletics qualified for the 2019 NCAA Championships.
- SIU had one winner of the Elite 17 Award in 2018-19 (highest achievement in academics and athletics by a student-athlete in each MVC-sponsored sport):
  - Josh Maier (men's cross country; 3.909 GPA in Computer Science)

## **Sport Specific Academic Accomplishments**

### **Baseball Academic Awards/Scholarships**

Brad Harrison: 2019 MVC Baseball Scholar-Athlete team  
10 players earned Commissioner's Academic Excellence Awards  
19 players earned MVC Academic Honor Roll honors

### **Football Academic Awards/Scholarships**

Jacob Marnin: Division I First-Team Google Cloud Academic All-American  
2018 MVFC All-Academic Team  
Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA)  
All-Star Team  
Fall 2018 President's Council Academic Award  
2019 MVFC All-Academic Team  
Jeremy Chinn: 2018 MVFC All-Academic Team  
Jacob Varble: Fall 2018 President's Council Academic Award  
15 players earned Fall 2018 Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award  
45 players earned Fall 2018 MVFC Academic Honor Roll

### **Men's Basketball Academic Awards/Scholarships**

Marcus Bartley: CoSIDA Google Cloud Academic All-District  
MVC Scholar-Athlete team  
2018-19 Google Cloud Academic All-American First Team  
Aaron Cook: MVC Scholar-Athlete team

### **Men's Golf Academic Awards/Scholarships**

2018-19 Outstanding Team Academic Award from Golf Coaches Association of America  
Peyton Wilhoit: Srizon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar  
Hunter York: Srizon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar  
Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award  
MVC Academic Honor Roll:  
Tom Cleaton  
Sean Mullan  
Markus Wilhelmsen  
Hunter York

### **Women's Basketball Academic Awards/Scholarships**

3.621 GPA ranked 11<sup>th</sup> nationally - WBCA Academic Top-25 (Highest finish in program history)  
Caitlyn Claussen- President's Academic Award  
Makenzie Silvey: **MVC Scholar-Athlete Second Team**  
Abby Brockmeyer: MVC Scholar-Athlete Second Team  
Nicole Martin: **MVC Scholar-Athlete Honorable Mention**

### **Women's Golf Academic Awards/Scholarships**

Taylor Aldridge: Presidents Academic Award  
Erica Kerr: MVC Scholar-Athlete Team  
2019 MVC Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete First Team  
Emilyee McGiles: 2019 MVC Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete Team - Honorable Mention

## Academic Reports

### Grade Reports

Table of Team, by Fall 2018 and by Spring 2019:

Team	Fall 2018	Spring 2019	2018- 2019	Cumulative
Baseball (BB)	3.471	3.440	3.451	3.371
Basketball, Men's (BB-M)	2.861	2.549	2.725	2.725
Basketball, Women's (BB-W)	3.630	3.612	3.642	3.552
Cross Country, Men's (XC-M)	3.665	3.705	3.686	3.581
Cross Country, Women's (XC-W)	3.561	3.492	3.526	3.550
Football (FB)	2.874	2.908	2.908	2.978
Golf, Men's (MGO)	3.447	3.289	3.362	3.295
Golf, Women's (WGO)	3.603	3.654	3.630	3.550
Softball (SB)	3.709	3.772	3.723	3.634
Swimming, Men's (MSW)	3.407	3.279	3.358	3.510
Swimming, Women's (WSW)	3.477	3.583	3.538	3.601
Track, Men's (MTR)	3.148	3.189	3.201	3.247
Track, Women's (WTR)	3.333	3.260	3.310	3.353
Volleyball (VB)	3.240	3.432	3.384	3.412
All Athletics Program	3.215	3.233	3.223	3.262
All SIU Students	3.05	3.10	3.075	N/A
Male Athletes (Total)	3.022	3.051	3.036	3.057
Male SIU Students	2.94	3.00	2.970	N/A
Female Athletes (Total)	3.481	3.479	3.480	3.539
Female SIU Students	3.17	3.21	3.190	N/A

\*Note 1: Team GPAs have not been provided for men's and women's cross country as these student-athletes are counted only once in the Track & Field program totals.

A total of 67% of SIU student-athletes maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.00 and in Fall 2018, and 70% in Spring 2019. A total of 51 and 63 SIU student-athletes, respectively, earned a term GPA of 4.00 in Fall 2018 and Spring 2019.

### Academic Progress Rate

“The Academic Progress Rate (APR) is a term-by-term measure of eligibility and retention for Division I student-athletes that was developed as an early indicator of eventual graduation rates.”  
Quoted directly from the NCAA's website:

[NCAA APR Information](#)

Women’s Golf and Women’s Swimming & Diving, received public recognition from the NCAA for multi-year APR scores in the top 10% of all Division I institutions in the 2017-18 academic year. Data is not yet available, but minimally, SIU will have 5 teams receive NCAA public recognition (Men’s Cross Country, Women’s Cross Country, Women’s Golf, Softball and Women’s Swimming & Diving) for the 2018-19 academic year.

**Graduation Rates**

“Graduation rates are based on the IPEDS-GRS which is defined as a six-year proportion of those student-athletes who graduated versus those who entered an institution on institutional aid. In addition to the student-athlete data in the graduation rates data, the GSR accounts for student-athletes who transfer into an institution while discounting student-athletes who separate from the institution and would have been academically eligible to compete had they returned. All member institutions are required to report graduation rates for their student body; those institutions offering athletics aid are required to report for their student-athletes Division I members, as well as those institutions having multi-divisional sports, must also provide their GSR.”

Quoted directly from the NCAA’s website: [NCAA Graduation Rate Info](#)

Similar to the APRs, the FGRs are also reported with a one-year lag. Each school submitted data by June 2019 that include the graduation rates for the freshman cohort class of 2011-2012. The most recent FGR allows those freshmen six years by which to graduate (through August 2018). Thus, the most recent FGR four-year rolling average includes the freshmen classes of 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13. Like the APRs, FGRs include student-athletes who receive athletic financial aid (walk-ons are not included).

**Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) Comparisons and Demographics**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Four-Year Averages</b>					
Student-Athletes	59.1%	70%	66.2%	70.6%	69.0%
Student Body	44.0%	44.8%	43.6%	43.0%	46.0%
<b>Individual Years by Gender and Ethnicity</b>					
All Student-Athletes	59.1%	70.0%	66.2%	70.6%	68.9%
All Male Student-Athletes	61.4%	69.7%	65.0%	59.0%	67.4%
All Female Student-Athletes	54.5%	70.4%	67.7%	85.0%	72.2%
All Minority Student-Athletes	56.3%	56.8%	54.8%	44.7%	50.0%
All Non-Minority SAs	71.1%	78.4%	75.0%	74.0%	87.5%
All SIU Students	44.0%	44.8%	43.6%	42.9%	50.7%
All SIU Male Students	41.8%	41.5%	42.2%	38.0%	50.7%
All SIU Female Students	46.5%	48.4%	45.2%	50.0%	50.7%
All SIU Minority Students	34.9%	31.7%	32.9%	29.0%	37.3%
All SIU Non-Minority Students	51.2%	54.7%	54.7%	44.0%	62.0%

\*Data come from the NCAA’s Institutional Performance Program

## Demographic Characteristics of Student-Athletes

### Gender Composition

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Male Student-Athletes as a Percentage of Student-Athletes	52.2%	57.7%	56.8%	57.7%	59.7%	58.5%	56.4%
Female Student-Athletes as a Percentage of Student-Athletes	41.8%	42.3%	43.2%	42.3%	40.3%	41.5%	43.6
Males as a Percentage of All UG Students	55.4%	54.7%	54.3%	54.4%	54.6%	53.4%	52.9
Females as a Percentage of All UG Students	44.6%	45.3%	45.7%	45.6%	45.4%	46.4%	47.1

### Racial/Ethnic Composition

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Minority Student-Athletes as a Percentage of Student-Athletes*	38.5%	43.0%	44.0%	41.4%	43.6%	36.5%	33.7%
All Minority Students as a Percentage of All Students	36.1%	35.9%	37.8	36.8	36.4	36.2	35.8

\*Includes all student-athletes

### Distribution of Student-Athlete Majors (percentage)

	2018-19	
	Student-Athletes	Student Body
Agriculture	2.4%	7.2%
Applied Sciences & Arts	4.8%	22.9%
Business	23.4%	10.7%
Education & Human Services	29.2%	13.5%
Engineering	5.3%	9.8%
Liberal Arts	10.5%	16.0%
Mass Comm & Media Arts	5.7%	3.9%
Science	10.5%	11.7%
Nondeclared	8.1%	4.2%

The distribution of academic majors among student-athletes is similar to the overall student body except that there are more student-athletes in the College of Education and Business and fewer in the College of Applied Sciences & Arts.





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A T H L E T I C S  
SIUE STUDENT-ATHLETE  
ACADEMIC REPORT



## SIUE Athletics Academic Points of Pride 2018-2019

1. Spring 2019 marked the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive semester (12 years) that SIUE student-athletes have achieved a cumulative semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The departmental grade point average was 3.315 for fall 2018 and 3.293 for spring 2019.
2. During fall 18 and spring 19, an average of 43.6% of our student-athletes were on the Dean's List and 76.19% of our student-athletes had a semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
3. In 2019, SIUE's Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 92% was #13 in all Division I public institutions and #1 in Division I public institutions in the state of Illinois (tied with U of I). Since 2014, SIUE's GSR has been in the top 25 of all Division I public universities and #1 in Illinois public universities.
4. For the 2018-2019 academic year, five SIUE teams earned a perfect score of 100 percent on the GSR report (Women's Basketball, Men's Golf, Softball, Women's Tennis and Volleyball).
5. In 2019, four SIUE teams received top 10% recognition for their multi-year Academic Progress Rate (Men's Golf, Women's Cross Country, Women's Volleyball, and Women's Tennis).

### 2018-2019 Individual Sport Academic Accolades:

Baseball	Eight baseball student-athletes were on the 2019 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Mike Schereyk received the OVC Medal of Honor. The OVC Medal of Honor is awarded annually to student-athletes who obtain the highest grade point averages in a conference sponsored sport.
Men's Basketball	SIUE's Men's Basketball team was honored with the Ohio Valley Conference Team Academic Achievement Award. The OVC Team Academic Achievement Award is given annually to the OVC teams with the highest percentage of student-athletes who achieve a 3.25 grade point average or higher. Five men's basketball student-athletes were on the 2019 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll and D'Quan Applewhite earned the OVC Medal of Honor.
Women's Basketball	Zaria Whitlock, Kai Koehler, Christen King, and Allie Troeckler received the 2019 OVC Medal of Honor. Nine women's basketball student-athletes were on the 2019 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Men's CC/Track	In Spring 2019, the Men's Track and Field team was honored as an U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) All-American team. Nine men's cross country/track student-athletes were on the 2019 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll and Austin Woodard earned the OVC Medal of Honor award.

Women's CC/Track	In Spring 2019, the Women's Track and Field Team was named an USTFCCCA All-American Team. Brittney Gibbs and Leijla Hajderovic were honored with the 2019 OVC Medal of Honor. A total of 11 women's cross country/track student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Men's Golf	In 2019, the team received the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) All-Academic Team Award for the 9 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Seven men's golf student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll and four were named GCAA All-American Scholars.
Men's Soccer	In 2019, the men's soccer team was honored with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award. 2019 marked the 7 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year the team has received this award. Ten men's soccer student-athletes were named to the Mid-American Conference (MAC) All-Academic team.
Women's Soccer	In 2019, the team received the NSCAA Team Academic Award. This was the 11 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year the SIUE Women's Soccer team has been honored with this award. The team also captured the OVC Team Academic Achievement Award. Emma Ehrsam received the OVC Medal of Honor and 17 women's soccer student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Softball	The team was awarded the National Fast Pitch Association (NFCA) Top 10 Academic Team Award (7 <sup>th</sup> in the country) and 15 SIUE softball student-athletes were recognized as NFCA All-American Scholars in 2019. Jill Niehaus, Sydney Bina, Jade Kranawater, Amber Storer, and Bianca Vozenilek received the 2019 OVC Medal of Honor and 20 softball student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Zoe Schafer was named to the CoSIDA Google Cloud Academic All-District team.
Women's Tennis	Four women's tennis student-athletes were named 2019 ITA Scholar Athletes and the team was honored as an ITA All-American Team. Ann-Christine Link and Alina Munteanu received the OVC Medal of Honor and a total of four women's tennis student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.
Volleyball	The SIUE volleyball team was awarded the 2019 Team Academic Award by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and the Ohio Valley Conference Team Academic Achievement Award. Jordyn Klein and Gabby Wimes received the 2019 OVC Medal of Honor. Thirteen volleyball student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll and the team earned the 18-19 OVC Team Sportsmanship Award.
Wrestling	Jacob Blaha was named to the 2019 All-MAC Academic Wrestling Team. Justin Ruffin received the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division I Scholar All-American award.

**Table 1 – Term GPA by Gender (Institutional and Athletic)**

Compares the term GPA of the general student body to the term GPA of the student-athlete population for the past two years.

<b>SIUE</b>		<b>2017-2018</b>		<b>2018-2019</b>	
<b>General Student Body</b>		<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Male		2.82	2.78	2.81	2.86
Female		3.06	3.11	3.09	3.12
Total		2.95	2.95	2.96	3.00
<b>Student-Athletes</b>		<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Male		3.20	3.21	3.15	3.12
Female		3.53	3.51	3.56	3.41
Total		3.36	3.36	3.35	3.27

**Table 2 – Term GPA by Ethnicity (Institutional and Athletic)**

Compares the term GPA by ethnicity (and international status) for the student-athlete population with the general student body for the past two years.

<b>SIUE General Student Body</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>		<b>2018-2019</b>	
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Asian	2.92	3.00	3.01	3.06
Black/African American	2.56	2.51	2.58	2.62
Hispanic/Latino	2.85	2.82	2.88	2.94
White	3.03	3.04	3.03	3.07
International	3.13	3.21	3.11	3.10
<b>SIUE Student-Athletes</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Asian	2.78	3.16	3.34	3.31
Black/African American	3.06	3.01	3.03	2.97
Hispanic/Latino	3.37	3.08	3.10	3.24
White	3.32	3.34	3.32	3.26
International	3.45	3.41	3.41	3.22

**Table 3 – SIUE term GPA by sport**

Term specific team grade point averages by sport for the last two years (includes scholarship and non-scholarship student-athletes).

Sport	2017-2018		2018-2019	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Baseball	3.103	2.819	2.964	2.930
Basket-M	2.821	2.946	2.786	2.892
Basket-W	3.313	3.395	3.448	3.442
Soccer-M	3.360	3.480	3.375	3.433
Soccer-W	3.310	3.421	3.448	3.259
Golf-M	3.465	3.475	3.410	3.288
Softball	3.628	3.583	3.590	3.703
Cross-M	3.348	3.490	3.160	3.149
Cross-W	3.663	3.577	3.594	3.323
Tennis-W	3.595	3.570	3.583	3.389
Track-M	3.260	3.324	3.281	3.190
Track-W	3.555	3.347	3.534	3.291
Volleyball	3.674	3.675	3.732	3.528
Wrestling	3.033	2.930	3.104	2.984

**Table 4 – Percentage of athletes with a term GPA of 3.0 or higher**

Term specific account of the percentage of student-athletes who earned a GPA of 3.0 or above. On average over the last two years, 69.5% of our student-athletes have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

SIUE Student-Athletes	2017-2018		2018-2019	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Male	64.34	58.06	55.32	49.61
Female	83.17	88.24	88.24	82.35
Total	72.61	71.68	69.54	64.07

**Table 5 – Percentage of athletes on academic probation**

Term specific account of the percentage of student-athletes on academic probation. During both years, SIUE Athletics did not have any student-athletes on academic suspension.

SIUE Student-Athletes	2017-2018		2018-2019	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Male	.8	.0	.7	.0
Female	.0	.0	.0	.0
Total	.4	.0	.35	.0

**Table 6 – Federal Graduation Rate (FGR)**

Compares the Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) of SIUE student-athletes vs. Division I Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) peers. The FGR is the percentage of first-time, full-time freshman who graduate within six years.

<b>SIUE</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>
Student-Athletes	61%	67%	67%
General Student Body	47%	47%	48%
<b>Division I OVC Peers (student-athletes)</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
Austin Peay	64%	61%	59%
Belmont	88%	84%	80%
Eastern Illinois	69%	67%	70%
Eastern Kentucky	60%	60%	65%
Jacksonville State	55%	60%	61%
Morehead State	60%	62%	63%
Murray State	58%	62%	62%
Southeast Missouri State	70%	67%	68%
Tennessee State	43%	47%	49%
Tennessee Tech	71%	68%	70%
University of Tennessee - Martin	55%	59%	53%

**Table 7 – Academic Progress Rate (APR)**

The Academic Progress Rate is an NCAA-created rate that holds institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes through a team-based metric that accounts for the eligibility and retention of each scholarship student-athlete for each academic term.

<b>Team</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017- 2018</b>	<b>2018- 2019</b>	<b>Current multi-year rate</b>
Baseball	982	1000	1000	962	986
Basket-M	941	960	979	941	955
Basket-W	1000	979	1000	968	986
Soccer-M	967	967	967	981	973
Soccer-W	980	1000	973	1000	990
Golf-M	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Softball	989	1000	1000	1000	1000
Cross-M	1000	1000	967	1000	990
Cross-W	958	1000	1000	1000	1000
Tennis-W	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Track-M	1000	1000	989	1000	997
Track-W	986	1000	1000	1000	1000
Volleyball	1000	1000	978	1000	1000
Wrestling	988	953	972	965	969

**Table 8 – Graduation Success Rate (GSR)**

Compares Graduation Success Rate of SIUE student-athletes, OVC universities and state of Illinois public universities. The GSR is similar to the FGR, but excludes those athletes who leave the institution in good academic standing and includes those who transfer into the institution and graduate. Since 2014, SIUE’s GSR has been in the Top 25 Division I public universities and #1 in state of Illinois public universities. SIUE current 2018-2019 rate is #13 in Division I public universities and tied for #1 in Division I public universities in the state of Illinois (with U of I - Champaign).

<b>SIUE</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>
Student-Athletes	90%	92%	92%
<b>Division I OVC Peers</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>
Austin Peay	84%	83%	81%
Belmont	98%	97%	98%
Eastern Illinois	83%	83%	84%
Eastern Kentucky	82%	86%	88%
Jacksonville State	74%	78%	80%
Morehead State	76%	76%	78%
Murray State	83%	86%	89%
Southeast Missouri State	80%	80%	81%
Tennessee State	63%	68%	69%
Tennessee Tech	85%	85%	87%
University of Tennessee - Martin	79%	85%	81%
<b>Division I Illinois Public Universities</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>
Chicago State	73%	79%	80%
Eastern Illinois	83%	83%	84%
Illinois State	88%	88%	90%
Northern Illinois	86%	86%	88%
Southern Illinois – Carbondale	83%	86%	90%
University of Illinois – Chicago	83%	84%	88%
University of Illinois – Champaign	88%	91%	92%
Western Illinois	84%	86%	86%

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### **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

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

December 5, 2019

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019, in Ballroom B of the Student Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Present were: Ed Hightower (Chair), Brione Lockett, and Subhash Sharma. Other Board members present were: Ed Curtis, J. Phil Gilbert, Mackenzie Rogers, Amy Sholar, John Simmons, and Roger Tedrick. Executive Officers present were: Interim President J. Kevin Dorsey; Senior Vice President Duane Stucky; Acting Vice President Jim Allen; Interim Chancellor John M. Dunn, SIUC; Chancellor Randall Pembroke, SIUE; and Dean and Provost Jerry Kruse, SIU School of Medicine.

#### **Announcements**

Jim Allen provided the Board with an overview of the 'Salute to Illinois Scholars' recruitment event that took place on October 15, 2019 in Effingham, Illinois. Over 500 prospective students and their parents attended. The University of Illinois System sponsored the event and six different Illinois institutions were invited to participate. SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville were among the participating institutions. The purpose of the occasion was to help bright college-bound students consider the advantages of attending a university in the state of Illinois.

#### **Approval of the Minutes of the September 12, 2019, Meeting**

Motion was made by Trustee Sharma to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Student Trustee Lockett and passed by the Committee.

#### **Informational Report: *Performance Report***

Jim Allen provided a brief overview of the FY19 Performance Report highlighting the increase in enrollment for female students, the increase in online courses offered and SIU grants and contracts that make up 22.2 percent of the universities' total revenue from all sources: tuition, fees, and auxiliaries' services.

#### **Update on Reorganization of Academic Units, SIUC**

Provost Meera Komarraju provided the Board with an update on the reorganization of academic units at SIUC. She shared what has been approved and what schools and colleges have yet to be approved at the campus level and submitted to the President's Office and subsequently to IBHE staff.



**Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC, [Dr. Seymour L. Bryson] (Board Agenda Item R)**

**Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC, [Dr. Carolyn F. Donow] (Board Agenda Item S)**

**Recommendation for Honorary Degree Award, SIUC, [Mr. Bob Odenkirk] (Board Agenda Item T)**

**Recommendation for Honorary Degree Award, SIUC, [Ms. Jacquelyn D. Spinner] (Board Agenda Item U)**

**Recommendation for Honorary Degree Award, SIUC, [Ms. Pamela J. Wilson] (Board Agenda Item V)**

Interim Chancellor John M. Dunn commented on the accomplishments of Dr. Bryson, Dr. Donow, Mr. Odenkirk, Ms. Spinner, and Ms. Wilson. He recommended that the Distinguished Service be awarded to Dr. Bryson (posthumously) and Dr. Donow, and the Honorary Degree be awarded to Mr. Odenkirk, Ms. Spinner, and Ms. Wilson.

Dr. Hightower asked if there was any discussion on items R, S, T, U, or V. There being none, he asked if there was a motion for approval. Trustee Sharma made the motion and Student Trustee Lockwood seconded. The Committee approved items R, S, T, U, and V

**Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUE, [Dr. Shirley J. Portwood] (Board Agenda Item W)**

**Recommendation for Honorary Degree Award, SIUE, [Mr. Lawrence "Larry" B. Heitz] (Board Agenda Item X)**

Chancellor Pembroke commented on the accomplishments of Dr. Portwood and Mr. Heitz. He recommended that the Distinguished Service be awarded to Dr. Portwood and the Honorary Degree be awarded to Mr. Heitz.

Dr. Hightower asked if there was any discussion on items W and X. There being none, he asked if there was a motion for approval. Student Trustee Lockwood made the motion and Trustee Sharma seconded. The Committee approved items W and X.

**Presentation: Security Dawgs RSO: Creating Cybersecurity Leaders Since 2016**

Jim Allen introduced Ms. Belle Woodward, Associate Professor of the School of Information Systems and Applied Technology.

Ms. Woodward thanked the Board for the opportunity to present. Woodward attended Bamberg University in Germany where students were organized into cohorts that

resulted in the development of learning, studying, playing, and working communities and provided students with a sense of belonging. Upon arriving at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) in 2004, she saw a need for SIUC students to have a similar sense of community. From her experience at Bamberg University, she created three Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) Security Dawgs, Tech Dawgs, and Women in Cybersecurity. Over a span of 13 years, students within these RSOs have gone on to fulfilling careers in the information technology industry, and many alumni return to SIUC once or twice a year to mentor students.

Travis Durbin, President of Security Dawgs, earned his associate degree in Computer Information Systems and competed with the Logan Defenders Cybersecurity team at John A. Logan College before transferring to SIUC. He met Ms. Woodward while a student at JALC and learned about what SIUC has to offer and the opportunities with the Security Dawgs RSO. He was also impressed with the 95% job placement of students in the field before their last semester or a year prior to graduation. He and Charlotte Lewis both have internships with Boeing which they hope will result in permanent employment with the company.

Mr. Durbin explained the Security Dawgs' focus on two competitions: 1) National Collegiate and Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) and 2) National Cyber League (NCL). The CCDC competition is unique and focuses on a commercial network environment that already exists. Students are scored on their ability to detect and respond to outside threats to their topology. They are also scored on how well they maintain injects which are business tasks to add or delete services or servers. They have to take into account the security risk factors and business needs associated with those requests.

Security Dawgs, Tech Dawgs, and Women in Cybersecurity are diverse and team-oriented RSOs and students who join gain cybersecurity knowledge they can apply to every day existing benefits for their careers.

Kyle Weise, Vice President of Security Dawgs, earned his networking and associate degree from Parkland College before transferring to SIUC. He credits Security Dawgs for increasing his curiosity in the cybersecurity field. It also helped him learn from a diverse group of students on what his strengths and weaknesses were. Having the opportunity to interact with Security Dawgs alumni further sparked his desire and curiosity to learn more about cybersecurity and career opportunities.

Charlotte Lewis is a Provost Scholar who earned her associate degree from John A. Logan College in Cybersecurity. She moved to the United States three years ago and initially wanted an Information Technology degree, but her advisor guided her toward Information Systems Technology (IST) which was a better fit academically. According to Ms. Lewis only 18-percent of the Information Technology field is represented by women, and male students outnumber female students 10-1 in the IST classes. Security Dawgs makes females comfortable and encourages them to fully participate in all club activities. Security Dawgs helps with the Women in Cybersecurity research projects that are presented annually. Women in Cyber Security also encourages younger women to become interested in STEM at an early age.

Steven Osborn enrolled at SIUC in 2014 after serving five years in the Marines. He had difficulty finding the right career path until he discovered Information Systems and Applied Technologies (ISAT) and joined Security Dawgs. Security Dawgs provided him with the camaraderie he was used to while serving in the Marines. By joining Security Dawgs and competing in the CCDC and NCL competitions, he has gained friendships where mutual passion for cybersecurity has developed and grown.

Security Dawgs provides students with a better understanding of subject material, provides a chance to network with alumni already working within the industry, and gives students visibility to potential employers through competition performance, presentation, and resumes submitted prior to competitions. Industry professionals who sponsor the CCDC competitions see the value of Security Dawgs and hope to hire and develop professional relationships with cybersecurity students as well as develop a relationship with SIUC.

### **Other Business**

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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