To: The SIU community

From: SIU System President Dan Mahony

SUBJECT: Export Regulations

The Southern Illinois University System (SIU) is fully committed to compliance with the export control laws and regulations of the United States, and has established an export control compliance program as part of this commitment. The SIU Director of Export Controls has been charged with oversight of export control matters on all campuses (http://siusystem.edu/academic-affairs/export-controls/index.shtml).

U.S. export controls are increasingly complex, and include laws and regulations enforced by multiple government agencies. Among these are the Department of Commerce (EAR: Export Administration Regulations), The Department of State (ITAR: International Traffic in Arms Regulations), and the Treasury Department (OFAC: Office of Foreign Assets Control). Export Controls include restrictions on various activities, such as:

- the physical export of items and technology;
- the disclosure of certain information to foreign nationals, even within the U.S. ("Deemed Exports");
- providing certain training to foreign nationals or entities; and
- providing information or services to sanctioned persons, entities, and countries.

Accordingly, there are multiple activities at SIU that require Export Control review and approval to ensure compliance with these controls. Included among these activities are all international travel, visits by foreign persons to SIU, and international research collaborations, to list a few. Activities that are found to be in violation of these laws and regulations are punishable under both civil and criminal sanctions and penalties. These penalties can apply to both SIU and the individual violator. Additional sanctions could include suspension of faculty research or suspension of all governmental research by the entire SIU community.

SIU is committed to the preservation of academic freedom. Fortunately, most, but not all, research activities at SIU fall under the "Fundamental Research Exclusion" (FRE), which
provides that basic and applied research activities NOT subject to publication or access restrictions will not be subject to export controls. However, the export regulations are complex and continually changing, so it is important to consider each activity on an individual basis.

It is the responsibility of SIU faculty, administrators, and staff to be aware of and comply with these federal laws and all SIU policies and procedures. SIU’s Director of Export Controls offers in-person export control training, and is available to assist all faculty, staff, administration, and students to interpret and meet the regulations. We encourage you to contact the Director of Export Controls with any questions, and in advance of any anticipated activities that might be impacted by these regulations. Please see, http://siusystem.edu/academic-affairs/export-controls/index.shtml for additional information, including analytical tools, regarding applicable regulations.

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