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June 28, 2024

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair  
Sara Salger  
Subhash Sharma

Dear Committee Members:

The Academic Matters Committee will meet on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the School of Medicine, 801 North Rutledge, Springfield, Illinois with Zoom or YouTube options.

The agenda, FY24 programmatic changes report, and minutes from the April 11, 2024, meeting can be viewed through the Board portal system.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gireesh V. Gupchup".

Gireesh V. Gupchup  
Vice President for Academic Innovation, Planning, and Partnerships

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Attachments

c: Hannah Connolly  
Ed Curtis  
Kaia Ford  
J. Phil Gilbert  
John Simmons  
Roger Tedrick

Dan Mahony  
Austin Lane  
James Minor  
Jerry Kruse  
Other Interested Parties

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## AGENDA

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

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Auditorium, SIU School of Medicine  
801 North Rutledge  
Springfield, Illinois

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1. Announcements
2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting April 11, 2024
3. SIU System Academic Master Planning
4. Approval of New Programs, Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, Approval of Off-Campus Program Locations, and Academic Program Eliminations and Suspensions, July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 (Board Agenda Item H)
5. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policies: Prohibiting Participating in Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs, Addition of Board Policy 7-O, (Board Agenda Item K)
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 11, 2024  
9:15am**

Ballroom B, Student Center  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Carbondale, Illinois

live stream video at [siousystem.edu](https://siousystem.edu) via YouTube and through Zoom

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:15a.m on Thursday, April 11, 2024, in person and via Zoom. Present were: Ed Hightower (chair), Lauren Harris, Sara Salger and Subhash Sharma. Other Board members present were: Ed Curtis, J. Phil Gilbert, Victor Ludwig, and Roger Tedrick. Trustee John Simmons was absent. Executive Officers present were: President Dan Mahony, Senior Vice President Duane Stucky; Vice President Gireesh Gupchup; Vice President Sheila Caldwell, Chancellor Austin Lane, SIUC; Chancellor James Minor, SIUE; and Dean and Provost Jerry Kruse, SIU School of Medicine.

**Announcements**

Dr. Gupchup introduced Craig Engstrom (SIUC) and Nicole Klein (SIUE), Directors of Teaching Excellence and Learning who provided the Board with information about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on their respective campuses and accessibility to their faculty and staff.

Trustee Hightower applauded Dr. Gupchup for bringing the two campuses together and the campuses for their expertise and continued development and advancement of the tool. Trustee Gilbert mentioned the impressive AI presentation that Pinckney Benedict and students gave on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, where they had a conversation with the late Buckminster Fuller.

**Approval of Minutes of the Meeting February 8, 2024**

Motion was made by Trustee Salger to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024, meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Sharma. Madam Secretary called roll call with Hightower, Harris, Salger, and Sharma passing the motion.

**Presentation: 2024 SIU System Student Distinguished Service Awards**

Dr. Gupchup requested student trustees Victor Ludwig and Lauren Harris, who are also members of the Student Advisory Committee for the SIU System (SACSS), to present the awards.

Victor gave a brief description of the SIU Student Distinguished Service Awards. Selected are one (1) undergraduate student and (1) graduate student from both the

SIU-Edwardsville and SIU-Carbondale campuses. In addition, the SACSS selected one (1) student from each of the following schools: School of Medicine, School of Dental Medicine, School of Law, and the School of Pharmacy. Each Awardee receives a plaque and a \$100 check.

Victor and Lauren read brief bios of the award recipients who received their award by Board Chair Judge Gilbert and President Dan Mahony. Present to receive their awards were: Sarah Lukavsky (SIUC undergraduate), Saidat Rasaan-Balogun (SIUC Graduate), Shailey Park (SIU School of Law), Isabella Pruitt (SIUE undergraduate), Jessie Icenogle (School of Pharmacy). Unable to attend were Amber Powell (SIUE graduate Student), Ashley Ann-Walker (SIU School of Medicine), and Julissa Quinonez (School of Dental medicine).

**Information Report: FY2022 Centers and Institutes Report**

Dr. Gupchup introduced and gave a brief overview of the report. He then introduced Drs. Ken Anderson of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), Jayant Acharya and Kari Wolf from SIU School of Medicine (SOM), and Sharon Locke of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE).

Dr. Anderson presented on the Advanced Energy Institute, Drs Acharya and Wolf presented on the Neuroscience Institute, and Dr. Locke presented on STEM Center).

Trustee Hightower thanked the presenters for taking the time to present.

**Other Business**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

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