

July 2, 2015

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Shirley Portwood, Chair  
J. Phil Gilbert  
Donna Manering

Dear Committee Members:

The Academic Matters Committee will meet on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at the SIU School of Medicine, 801 North Rutledge, Springfield, Illinois. The agenda is attached.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

John S. Haller, Jr.  
Special Assistant to the President

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Attachment



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**Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting**

**May 14, 2015**

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in Ballroom B of the Student Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Present were: Shirley Portwood, chair; J. Phil Gilbert; Donna Manering; and Adrian Miller. Other Board members present were: Rich Herrin, Mitch Morecraft, Joel Sambursky, Amy Sholar, and Randal Thomas. ExA0005 Tc aScutd mie

Board member Portwood asked for the criteria for the HEED Award.

Dr. McCabe Smith responded that the HEED Award involves a highly competitive process that looks at all diversity aspects of a campus, including the makeup of its Board. HEED judges want to know how inclusive we are. What are our inclusive programs and how are we making ourselves a welcoming campus? Dr. Smith stated that SIUC sends questionnaires throughout the campus to gather information on their units' diversification and inclusive excellence measures. Currently the HEED Award measures more diversity than inclusivity. Dr. Smith stated SIUE has won award once and SIUC has won three times.

Board member Manering wanted to know how many African American faculty members are at SIUE. This information was not included in the MWD report but figures were made available to the Board.

Board member Portwood requested that a breakdown of tenure and tenure-track faculty by minorities be included in future reports.

Board member Manering commented on the interesting data on SOM's Comparative Table I: Demographics of Current SIU School of Medicine Medical Students, Children of Physicians and wanted to know if some of their parents were alums. Dr. McNeese confirmed that some are.

Student Trustee Miller asked how budget cuts will impact the minority students on campuses.

Mr. Martinez stated that the resources and recruitment efforts that require staff and travel for outreach will be affected by lessening of funds, but SIUE is working on ways they can continue to provide services for the success of students.

Dr. McNeese stated SOM will do everything they can to protect their medical students and curriculum. The MEDPREP is a big feeder into SOM, and he hopes that program will remain intact so they can continue to see a steady number of minority students.

Board member Thomas asked for the location of the principal schools that provide SIU with its minority students. Dr. McNeese responded MEDPREP and the Chicago area schools.

Dr. Smith stated budget cuts can have a huge impact if funding from MAP grants are cut, but SIUC will do all they can to protect their minority students.

Student Trustee Miller thanked Dr. Smith for mentioning first generation students as a population that needs attention. Dr. Smith also stated that the non-traditional students cannot be forgotten.

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Dr. Smith and Dr. Dunn confirmed that the campuses can provide those EEOC categories and other areas that are of interest to the Board.

**Other Business**

Having no further business before it, the Academic Matters Committee adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

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