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Office of the Vice President and Provost /

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MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans  
Academic Directors

From: Earl Lazerson *EL*

Subject: Clarification of Edwardsville Bulletin, Vol. 9., No. 25,  
May 13, 1977 -- Institutional Waivers

In the referenced Bulletin, the following statement occurs:

"In regard to graduate tuition waivers, the following statement will be in effect:

Only graduate students who receive graduate assistantships will receive tuition waivers. All others may be granted by the Vice-President and Provost in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs. Any appeals to these policies must be directed in written form to the Vice President for Student Affairs."

The categories of research assistants, teaching assistants, graduate awardees, cooperating teachers (School of Education), and cooperating nurses (School of Nursing) are not affected by this statement.

If you have any further questions, please advise.

# Edwardsville Bulletin

To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

Vol. 9, No. 25  
May 13, 1977

MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: C. "Scully" Stikes, Vice-President for Student Affairs *ESS*

SUBJECT: Institutional Waivers

In order to inform the University community on the precise policy that has been developed for the present in regard to the matter of institutional waivers, I would like to make the following announcements:

1. Effective Fall Quarter, no new undergraduate tuition waivers commitments or awards may be made at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.
2. No new awards may be made in subsequent quarters until the 2% of total student population limit mandated by the Illinois Board of Higher Education has been met.
3. Students currently holding waivers will forfeit them if they interrupt the regular course of their education. The waiver of any student who stays out of school for a quarter (except summer quarter) will not be renewed.

In regard to graduate tuition waivers, the following policy will be in effect:

Only graduate students who receive graduate assistantships will receive tuition waivers. All others may be granted by the Vice President and Provost in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs. Any appeals to these policies must be directed in written form to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

The draconian nature of these policies is fully recognized; it is important for the University community to realize that final decisions were made only after all other possible alternatives had been explored. However, the Illinois Board of Higher Education is explicit and insistent on this subject; the University has no other options.

In February, 1976, the IBHE adopted A Master Plan for Postsecondary Education in Illinois. In chapter six, the rationale for this attitude was stated in the following terms:

Because a majority of the tuition waivers awarded undergraduate students at public institutions are not based on need, these awards should be limited to two percent of an institution's undergraduate FTE enrollment. Although tuition waivers are in some cases awarded on the basis of academic ability or talent, the primary commitment must be to students who could not attend an educational institution without financial assistance.

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Undergraduate waivers for Civil Service employees are excluded from the waiver limitation.

In order to insure that all institutions would be in conformity with this mandate, the IBHE instituted budgetary controls to take effect in fiscal year 1977. Any institution which exceeded the 2% limitation would have to make up for the difference in its recommended budgetary allocation.

For the current year, SIUE exceeds this limitation and our projections for FY 1977-78 indicated that we will continue to exceed it, although the number of our waivers will be considerably reduced when compared to the previous year.

The IBHE controls work this way. The tuition dollar value of the waivers in excess of the allowable two percent is calculated. This dollar amount is then added to our projected Income Fund, which is a part of the total budget. Since students with the excess waivers will not be paying tuition, we will show a shortage in our collections for that part of the Income Fund which is derived from tuitions. The effect of this will be a reduction in budgetary funds available to the entire University by the amount we must add to the Income Fund.

If we look at the figures proposed for the budget for FY78, we can see what this will cost the University:

Total IBHE FY78 Operating Budget Recommendation at the Governor's Level for SIUE	<u>\$33,167,700</u>
Source of Funds:	
General Revenue Appropriation	\$27,787,600
Income Fund	<u>5,380,100</u>
	\$33,167,700
<u>Less Excess Waivers Assignment to the Income Fund for which no collections will be made</u>	<u>220,000</u>
Expendable Budget	\$32,947,700

By continuing to exceed the 2% limitation, the University will suffer seriously at a time when our resources are already being stretched to the utmost limits.

In justice to everyone involved, we simply must make every effort possible to meet the limits set by the IBHE. \$220,000 is a large amount of money to lose, much as we regret our inability to respond flexibly to the needs of many students to whom waivers might be given.

Looking ahead, I have been charged by Dr. Shaw with developing careful criteria to be used when we will again be able to award new waivers. A future report will follow. Also, President Shaw indicated that the opportunity for the solicitation of outside funds for next year will be directed toward scholarship aid for talented students.