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MEMO TO: The University Community  
FROM: Kenneth A. Shaw  
SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. Ria C. Frijters as Vice-President for Business Affairs

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Dr. Ria C. Frijters has accepted appointment as Vice-President for Business Affairs at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Upon approval by the Board of Trustees, Dr. Frijters will assume her duties on August 1.

Most recently, Dr. Frijters has been dean of social sciences, humanistic studies and managerial sciences, and professor of business administration at Towson State University, Baltimore, Maryland. A native of Holland, Dr. Frijters came to the United States as a senior systems engineer for Remington Rand Corporation in 1960. In 1967, she joined the faculty at Towson State as an assistant professor of business administration, subsequently being promoted to associate professor and named as Chairperson of the Department of Business Administration.

During her professional career in Europe and the United States, Dr. Frijters' career has been distinguished by outstanding work in private industry as well as the academic field. She has held numerous consultantships and has made significant contributions to many special projects, conferences and seminars. She received a special grant from the Netherlands-America Foundation for a three-month research project on the "Management of Change" among 32 New York based corporations. She was also the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to the Graduate School of Business Administration, New York University. She holds her doctoral degree in Economics from the Netherlands School of Economics, Rotterdam, Holland, currently called Erasmus University.

At this time, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Search Committee for this post for its diligence and high sense of professionalism. Speaking from my own personal experience, I can say that the Committee presented the University with two candidates that were genuinely outstanding. The entire University community owes this fine group solid gratitude for a job well done.

Further, I would like to announce that James F. Metcalf has been designated to continue as controller and budget director for the University. During his period as Acting Vice-President for Business Affairs, he served the institution well, giving tirelessly of his time and talents. His special efforts and thorough knowledge of all the sensitive and complex fiscal processes of the University were indispensable in taking us through a difficult and trying period. He has my own personal thanks, and all of us stand in his debt for the services he has rendered far beyond the ordinary call of duty.