MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: Kenneth A. Shaw

SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. Larry L. French as General Counsel

I am pleased to announce that Larry L. French has been named General Counsel of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, Dr. French will assume his duties on August 1.

Presently engaged in the private practice of law, Dr. French also is serving as legal counsel to Seminole Junior College. He also holds a professorship of political science, history and law at the College, along with the rank of associate professor of graduate education at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. French is legal advisor to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and he is legal and negotiations consultant to approximately fifty Oklahoma School Districts, the Oklahoma State Department of Education and numerous institutions of higher education. Further, he acts on a consulting and advisory basis to numerous professional educational associations on the state level in Oklahoma and to several national organizations. He is an executive committee member and a continuing lecturer for the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys.

Academically, he originated the Criminal Justice Program at Seminole Junior College and continues active in the program. He is a special lecturer in business and public law at five other institutions of higher education in Oklahoma. He contributes to the Business Law Review, the American School Board Journal, Journal of Law and Education, the Oklahoma Bar Association Journal, and numerous other professional publications. His writing has focused on constitutional law, school law and related subjects.

Indeed, Dr. French is outstanding as both a scholar and a practicing attorney. He brings a broad range of experience in public and academic law to his new duties. The University is fortunate to have obtained the services of a general counsel with so splendid a command of all the legal and academic aspects of the operation of a University.

The members of the Search Committee are to be congratulated for the thorough, diligent manner in which they fulfilled their charge. Since the beginning of the Search on January 4, the Committee, chaired by Sally Page, carefully screened a total of 119 applicants. Out of their three final recommendations, Dr. French was selected. All of us in the University community owe the Committee a genuine debt for the dedication and professionalism with which they addressed their sensitive task.