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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: Kenneth A. Shaw, President 

SUBJECT: Taping of Conversations

Various inquiries have been made recently by University employees regarding the legality and propriety of taping private conversations during meetings between persons without the knowledge and consent of one of those persons. For whatever reasons this type of act might occur, the Office of the General Counsel has advised that it is in violation of the Illinois Criminal Code, Chapter 38, Article 14-1 et. seq. of the Illinois Revised Statutes, "Eavesdropping".

The most directly pertinent section of this Article follows.

"14-2 Elements of the offense. A person commits eavesdropping when he:

(a) Uses an eavesdropping device to hear or record all or any part of any conversation unless he does so (1) with the consent of all of the parties to such conversation or (2) with the consent of any one party to such conversation and in accordance with Article 108 A of the "Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963", approved August 14, 1963, as amended; or

(b) Uses or divulges, except as authorized by Article 108 A of the "Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963", approved August 14, 1963, as amended, any information which he knows or reasonably should know was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device."

Further information concerning this matter may be obtained from the General Counsel, Dr. Larry French.