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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: Academic Deans and Directors Faculty of the University

FROM: Earl Lazerson

SUBJECT: Sabbatical Leave Policy

In its meeting of November 10, 1977, the Board of Trustees approved a policy pertaining to sabbatical leaves for continuing members of the academic faculty. Prior to that time sabbatical leaves were granted under broad authority of the Board (<u>By-Laws</u> and <u>Statutes</u>, VIII, 4, B) but without specific Board recognition of guidelines followed by SIUE. The recent Board action constitutes an official acceptance of a detailed statement of University policy.

In their most significant aspects, the old and new policies differ only in terminology. The period of full-time service required to establish eligibility remains the same, as does the frequency with which sabbatical leaves may be granted. Limitations on the duration of leaves also remains unchanged, i.e., two quarters at half pay or a calendar year at full pay. The change of greatest note occurs in the length of service required following the conclusion of sabbatical leave. Previously a faculty member returning from leave was under obligation to serve the institution at least two more academic years; now the required period of post-sabbatical service has been reduced to "not less than the equivalent of one academic year."

Revised sabbatical leave forms are now in preparation. <u>Supplies will</u> be sent to deans and directors when they are available from the printer. Meanwhile, those who desire the full text of the newly adopted policy may consult Academic Affairs Transactions, No. 109, December 1, 1977.

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