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Edwardsville Bulletin

To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: The University Community
FROM: Kenneth A. Shaw 
SUBJECT: Establishment of a New Internal Governance System for SIUE

In recent weeks the three main constituency bodies of the University, the Faculty Senate, Student Senate, and University Staff Advisory Council, have reviewed and acted upon the report of the Committee on Governance, which proposed to restructure the internal governance system of SIUE. Each body has indicated general agreement with the concepts of the report, with minor changes suggested by U.S.A.C. and the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Panos Kokoropoulos, President of the University Senate, has informed me that inasmuch as the three constituency bodies have approved the essential elements of the document, it is not necessary to call a special meeting of the University Senate to consider the matter again. Accordingly then, this memo approves the development of the new governance system for SIUE and activates the central elements of the restructuring proposal.

Effective this date the following changes represent operative institutional policy:

1. The University Senate is hereby officially abolished.
2. The three constituency bodies, the Student Senate, the Faculty Senate and the University Staff Advisory Council, will represent their respective constituencies in matters of governance.
3. An Ad Hoc Transition Committee is established, consisting of the President of the Faculty Senate, the Chairperson of U.S.A.C., and the Student Body President. This Committee will meet throughout the summer months to insure that interim arrangements and the numerous details outlined in the governance committee's timetable are provided for and worked out.
4. Matters previously handled by the University Senate will be handled as follows during the transition period.

- a. The Curriculum Council and the Graduate Council are placed in the Faculty Senate and will remain intact in terms of duties and membership composition.
- b. The Planning Council, Augmented Budget Review Committee, the Parking and Traffic Committee, and the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee will be maintained by the Ad Hoc Transition Committee until the details for possible all-university committee (s) are worked out and approved. Recommendations made by any of above Councils or Committees will be processed by the Ad Hoc Transition Committee before being forwarded to the President.
- c. Student Affairs Council functions, with the exception of the I.C.A.C., are transferred to the Student Senate.
- d. Welfare Council functions for the three campus constituencies are transferred to the respective constituency bodies.
- e. During the transition period, if members of transferred committees or councils resign or their terms expire, their replacements will be appointed by the appropriate constituency body.

In the near future a detailed plan for the new governance system which was approved in principle by the constituency bodies will be outlined and distributed to the campus community. This plan will indicate specifically, for example, how the transition will be made, what the procedural and reporting lines for transferred committees and councils will be, and how the final governance system will be structured.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the hard working members of the Committee on Governance and to the constituency heads for their cooperation, and especially to Dr. Kokoropoulos. I firmly believe that we will have a more effectively representative system of governance, and that it will work well if we all are committed to making it work. I am extremely optimistic that these changes will bring about more meaningful participation by the constituencies, and as a result that internal governance at this University will be more satisfactory to everyone affected or concerned.