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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM:

Earl Lazerson

SUBJECT: Appointment of Vice President and Provost

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Barbara J. Teters as Vice President and Provost at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, effective July 15, 1981. The appointment is contingent upon formal action by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees, which will take place at the June Board meeting on the Edwardsville campus.

Dr. Teters presently serves as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, a position she has held since January 1, 1979. While serving there, she has participated in a number of major achievements, including the first unconditional accreditation in the history of the institution, establishment of an on-campus degree credit program of night offerings, increased enrollment, establishment of a multimedia instructional resource center, increased library usage and expanded programs of faculty development.

As Provost of SIUE, Dr. Teters will serve as the senior academic officer of the University with line responsibility for those units that comprise academic affairs and student services. As Vice President, she will be second to the President in the exercise of executive responsibility and in the President's absence will serve as chief executive officer of the University.

Dr. Earl Beard, acting vice president and provost, will continue to serve in the position until July 15.

Dr. Teters, who is a native of Washington state, with a degree from the University of Michigan and advanced degrees from the University of Washington, began her teaching career at a Japanese women's university in Tokyo in 1950 after she had completed her master's degree. Later she completed her Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Washington on Japanese politics. She is widely recognized for her research on the Far East, especially Japan.

Prior to her present position, Dr. Teters served five years as professor and head of the department of political science at Mississippi State University. She previously served on the faculties at Iowa State University, from 1960 to 1973, and the University of Montana, 1955 to 1959. Her teaching fields were East Asian politics and history, comparative politics, and international relations. She is credited with numerous publications on Asian studies and has written many book reviews on published works in her field of research.

Dr. Teters has received a number of professional honors, awards, grants and fellowships, including the Chinese Cultural Scholarship at the University of Michigan, a Ford Foundation Fellowship, and a Japan Foundation research grant. She was named the Outstanding Faculty Woman at Mississippi State University in 1975.

Dr. Teters' memberships in professional organizations include serving as president of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, 1973-74, and affiliations with the Northeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, the Institute of International Education's National Screening Committee for the Fulbright-Hays American Graduate Student Program, the American Political Science Association, and several honorary organizations.

At SIUE, she will hold the rank of professor in the department of government and public affairs.

Dr. Teters is a person of high intelligence and demonstrated character. I am confident that under her leadership the academic mission of the University will progress and prosper. I eagerly look forward to her assumption of her new responsibilities and the opportunity to work with her in enhancing the University and aiding in the development of the region we serve.

I want to publicly express my appreciation for the work of Dr. Annette Baich and the Search Committee. They presented me with a slate of three fully qualified candidates. They did a superb job.