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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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December 10, 1982

MEMO TO: The University Community  
FROM: Earl Lazerson   
SUBJECT: FY83 Budget and Salary Matters

In my December 1, 1982 memorandum to the University Community (Edwardsville Bulletin, Vol. 13, No. 10) I reported that Governor Thompson would seek legislative authority to reduce expenditures under current appropriation bills in order to cope with an anticipated shortfall of state revenues. He has now been granted this authority and will announce his plans for implementing the recision by January 10, 1983.

At this time, we estimate that SIUE will be asked to sustain approximately \$800,000 in reductions. Unfortunately, we are not confident that additional recisions can be avoided later this year. Consequently, we have initiated two procedures to cope with the problems as we presently understand them.

1. We have begun staff discussions to place in priority order the several elements of the contingency plans which principal administrators were asked to develop in Fall, 1981. These plans involve target base budget reductions of 2%, which would accommodate the \$800,000 which is SIUE's prorata share of the total state reduction.
2. The FY 1983 salary increase plans approved by the SIU Board of Trustees yesterday included a provision that increases be implemented at the discretion of the system executive officers. In light of continuing uncertainty regarding state revenues, allocation of the increases will be delayed until we are more certain of necessary revenues. We expect to be able to make such a judgement sometime in March, 1983. At that time, if conditions warrant, salary increases will be distributed as planned originally, with a lump-sum disbursement for time elapsed from January 1, 1983. If conditions have worsened, we will reduce or eliminate the increases as necessary.

I will continue to keep you informed as further information becomes available.