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BULLETIN

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To the Faculty, Staff and Students of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: Earl Lazerson *EL*

SUBJECT: Golf Course Information

At the November Board of Trustees meeting, the Architecture and Design Committee of the Board supported continued exploration of developing a golf course at SIUE.

On October 3, the University Planning and Budget Council (UPBC) recommended revision of the Land Use Plan 5 to provide a golf course site southwest of the Faculty Club. On November 7, the UPBC asked for an examination of the suitability of the site and review of possible alternative sites. Four other sites will be considered.

On Wednesday, December 6, public hearings and informational sessions for the University community will be held at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Meridian Ballroom in the University Center. Information on various sites, fact sheets, and other background materials will be available. Written and oral testimony may be presented to the hearing officer, Dr. David Werner, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Oral testimony will be limited to five minutes per person. To provide an accurate record, the hearings will be videotaped and transcribed.

On Thursday, December 7, the procedure will be repeated for the external community, with a session scheduled at 7 p.m. in the same location. Dr. James R. Buck, Vice President for Development and Public Affairs, will be the hearing officer.

After the hearings, the University will prepare criteria and specifications for sites that merit further consideration. Formal Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be issued to interested developers, who will be asked to submit competitive bids based on the developer leasing the necessary land from SIUE and building and managing the course. All financing would be obtained by the developer. No state monies would be used to build, operate, or maintain the golf course, and there would be no liability on the part of SIUE. The RFPs will require the developer to address specific University requirements, including environmental concerns. At the end of the lease term, the golf course would revert to the University.

The RFPs will also specify that during the lease period, the facility would be operated as a daily fee, public golf course. The developer would be required to provide discounts to students, staff, faculty, and alumni. The SIUE golf team and physical education classes would be granted access to the facility at times appropriate for classes and team practice. All proposals will be evaluated against uniform criteria.

I will keep you apprised of these developments and encourage all who are interested to participate in the hearings.