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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 *E.L.*

SUBJECT: North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Site Visit

On April 19-21, 1993, an evaluation team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will visit SIUE to make recommendations regarding the institution's reaccreditation. The two primary functions of the team, according to the NCA's guidelines, are to determine the extent to which the institution meets the requirements and accreditation criteria of the NCA, and "to offer advice and suggestions for institutional improvement." (NCA, *A Manual for the Evaluation Visit, 1992-93*, pp. 3-4.) The four Criteria for Accreditation of the NCA specify that an accredited institution:

1. has clear and publicly stated purposes, consistent with its mission and appropriate to a postsecondary educational institution;
2. has effectively organized adequate human, financial and physical resources into educational and other programs to accomplish its purposes;
3. is accomplishing its purposes; and
4. can continue to accomplish its purposes. (NCA, *A Handbook of Accreditation, 1992-93*, p. 17.)

To assist the team in its work, many members of the University community have been involved in self-study and in the preparation of a Report of University Self-Study. This Report has been sent to the team, along with undergraduate and graduate catalogs, student and faculty handbooks, the Statement of Mission and University Values, and other items descriptive of the institution.

During their visit, the NCA team will interview administrators, chairs, deans, and constituency heads. They will tour the campus, University Park, the School of Dental Medicine, and the East St. Louis Center. They will also meet with faculty, staff, and students in the following sessions:

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Open Meeting with Faculty: Tuesday, April 20, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. PB 2304

Open Meeting with Professional and Civil Service Staff: Tuesday,
April 20, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. UC Board Room

Open Meeting with Students: Tuesday, April 20, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. UC
Dogwood

Copies of the Report of University Self-Study have been sent to vice presidents, deans, chairs, and constituency heads, the Steering Committee, and those who composed reports contributing to the self-study. Two copies of the Report, as well as single copies of all functional area and school self-studies and contributing committee reports, may be examined at the reserve desk of Lovejoy Library. I invite you to review these materials.

The members of the visiting team are as follows:

William F. Halloran, Chair, Dean of the College of Letters and Science,
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Lillie P. Howard, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs, Wright State
University
Patricia D. Murphy, Associate Vice President for Institutional Research, North
Dakota State University
Patsy B. Reed, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Northern Arizona
University
Michael Schwartz, President Emeritus and Trustees' Professor, Kent State
University
Christopher P. Sword, Dean of the Graduate School/Director of Research, South
Dakota State University
Nancy Ellen Talburt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs,
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Frank B. Wilderson, Jr., Professor of Educational Psychology, University of
Minnesota, Twin Cities

Reaccreditation of SIUE is critical to our continued operation as an institution providing vital services to southwestern Illinois, the state, and nation. Please help the team form a fair and informed view of our institution.