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MEMO TO: University Community
FROM: David Werner
SUBJECT: Death of Earl Beard

I regret to announce the death of Earl S. Beard, who retired five years ago as Vice-President for Administration after serving the University in a variety of academic and administrative positions for more than 20 years. Dr. Beard died Friday morning at his home in St. Louis. He had been in declining health for several months.

Following completion of advanced training in the field of history at the University of Iowa in 1953, Dr. Beard held appointments at the University of Maryland, Kansas State University, Mansfield State College in Pennsylvania, and the University of Wisconsin before coming to SIUE in 1967 as Dean of the School of Social Sciences. Over the years, he served in several other positions in the University. He was recognized as a scholar of history, as well as an able administrator. The Department of Historical Studies granted him status as professor emeritus following his retirement.

Dr. Beard’s survivors include his wife, Betty, a daughter, Mallory Beard, and a son, John Beard, all of St. Louis. A memorial service will be held at the University as soon as arrangements can be completed. A memorial fund in honor of Dr. Beard has been established with the SIUE Foundation.