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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University

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The Board of Trustees at its meeting in Edwardsville July 16 moved toward greater autonomy for the Edwardsville campus and, effective Sept. 1, 1971, designated Chancellor John S. Rendleman to serve as President of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The administrative reorganization resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees is as follows: "The Board on August 3, 1970 designated September 1, 1970 through August 31, 1971 as a transitional period for reorganization of the administration of the University; substantial progress has been made but reorganization is not yet complete. However, through the excellent work of the University Administrative Council, it appears that the picture has sufficiently cleared for new and decisive steps to be taken. The following resolution is therefore recommended for adoption at this time:

Resolution

"BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University in regular meeting assembled, That commencing September 1, 1971:

"1. The Chief Administrative Authority of the University shall be vested in the President of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale for all units and functions which shall at that time be under the jurisdiction of the Chancellor of the Carbondale Campus, and shall be vested in the President of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for all units and functions which shall at that time be under the jurisdiction of the Chancellor of the Edwardsville Campus; each such President shall report directly to this Board on all matters of direct concern to his respective University, and his responsibilities shall include but not be limited to all his University's academic, business and student affairs, public services and relations, and internal self-governance structures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That commencing September 1, 1971:

"1. The period for decentralization of units and functions shall be extended for the minimum period required for the attainment of the operational autonomy of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, but not in any event to exceed the period ending December 30, 1971.

"2. For coordination of decentralization, there is hereby constituted a Decentralization Committee to be comprised of the two System Vice Presidents, the two University Presidents, and the Chief of Board Staff. The Chief of Board Staff shall serve as presiding and convening officer without vote and shall report to this Board on Committee recommendations; since each Committee member reports directly to this Board, an automatic channel for minority or individual dissents is provided hereby.

"3. Until decentralization is complete, the System Vice Presidents shall assume the duty of evolving recommendations to the Decentralization Committee for such completion, will maintain operational control of all units and functions not yet decentralized, and will report directly to this Board.

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"4. The University Administrative Council's present administrative authority having been vested in the Presidents, and its decentralization responsibilities having been vested in the System Vice Presidents and the Decentralization Committee, this body shall be dissolved as of the above date, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall constitute the required Notice of all amendments of Board Legislation required, implied or suggested by the above resolves."

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In other actions of the Board of Trustees adopted was a resolution declaring its intent to approve salary adjustments as soon as possible after appropriate legislative action has been taken approving spending of the full amount of the University income fund. The text resolution is as follows:

"Whereas the Board of Trustees has established that it can operate within the limitations of the appropriations approved by the Governor without additional appropriations from the General Revenue Fund, provided that the Illinois General Assembly approves spending of the full amount of the University's income fund.

"And whereas those funds cannot legally be spent or obligated without additional legislative approval.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that it is the intent of the Board of Trustees to approve salary adjustments for University personnel as soon as possible after appropriate legislative action has been taken approving spending of the full amount of the University income fund.

"Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees urge the Illinois General Assembly to take appropriate emergency action at its next meeting scheduled to begin October 5 to authorize expenditure of the full amount of the income fund."

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