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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: Earl E. Lazerson, Acting President

SUBJECT: Appointment of Earl S. Beard as Acting Vice President and Provost

I am pleased to announce that Earl S. Beard has accepted appointment as Acting Vice President and Provost of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He will assume his duties immediately, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

The University community is well acquainted with Dr. Beard, who joined the faculty as a professor of history and dean of the School of Social Sciences in 1967. After serving five years as dean, he assisted with a variety of other administrative roles, including service as chairman of the Graduate Council and coordinator of the University Self-Study Report for the North Central Association. He also was a member of various committees of the University Senate.

Dr. Beard was named special assistant to the vice president and provost in July, 1977, and he accepted the position of assistant vice president for academic personnel administration in September, 1978. He has assisted faculty and staff in planning programs of professional development and has advised and assisted other administrators concerning governance, promotion and tenure policies and appeals procedures.

Dr. Beard's previous administrative experience includes four years as dean of the Sheybogan County Center of the University of Wisconsin, two years as head of the Social Sciences Division of Mansfield State College in Pennsylvania, and two years as director of the Kansas State University Correspondence Study Program.

Dr. Beard began his teaching career in 1953 at the University of Maryland. A native of St. Louis, he completed his master's and doctoral degrees in history at the University of Iowa after undergraduate studies at St. Louis University and Baylor University.

Dr. Beard has the overwhelming support of the constituency heads, academic deans and directors, and other members of the faculty and University administration with whom I have consulted, and I am persuaded he is our best choice to assume the acting position as the University's chief academic officer.

I know we can count on the full support of the entire University community as we go forward to meet the challenges and opportunities of the exciting days ahead.

Please accept my appreciation for the generous outpouring of encouragement you have given since my appointment as acting president was announced last week. Your confidence and enthusiasm will make the job much easier as we strive together to meet our common goals.