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BULLETIN

To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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Dear Colleague:

I invite you to meet with me on April 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Center of the University Center to exchange views on the University's mission. Copies of the SIUE Mission Statement and Goals are enclosed as background.

I hope to see you on April 1.

Sincerely,

Earl Lazerson
President

Enclosures



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT EDWARDSVILLE

Statement of Mission

Dedicated to the traditional academic pursuits of instruction, scholarship, and public service, the University assigns first priority to excellence in undergraduate education. Through general education, the University endeavors to strengthen the intellectual skills of its students and to provide them with a broad understanding of liberal learning. Through the arts and sciences and through professional programs, the University seeks to prepare its students for successful careers and satisfying lives.

The University provides graduate educational programs consistent with regional needs and institutional strengths. While such programs emphasize advanced instruction sought by those pursuing professional advancement, the University responds as well to demonstrated needs for graduate study in the arts and sciences.

Consistent with its particular commitment to southwestern Illinois and with its pursuit of academic excellence, the University strives to enhance regional access to the educational opportunities it offers. It recognizes an obligation to provide developmental opportunities for the educationally dispossessed; it pursues a commitment to meet the special needs of nontraditional students; and it makes every effort to maintain for all its students admissions standards, fees, schedules, and calendars which will encourage their access and support their progress.

The University further expresses its commitment to educational excellence by encouraging and supporting scholarly research and creative achievement. Such achievement helps to sustain the quality of instruction, the intellectual vitality of the faculty, and the responsiveness of the institution to regional needs. The University regards scope, quality, and promise as its primary criteria in evaluating scholarship and creativity. Moreover, the University strives to maintain a balance between pure and applied scholarly activity.

In pursuit of its commitment to its region, the University endeavors wherever possible to incorporate the activities and results of its instructional and research efforts into programs and services which enhance area development; to work cooperatively in instruction, scholarship, and public service with all other area educational institutions, including the community colleges and the common schools; and to pursue cooperative opportunities beyond its immediate region when there is promise of benefit to the University and its region.



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT EDWARDSVILLE

Goals

1. To maintain an environment in which learning, scholarship, and service flourish.
2. To implement a superior general education curriculum as the keystone of all undergraduate work.
3. To maintain distinguished programs in the liberal arts and sciences.
4. To provide professional programs and other services warranted by the continuing and emerging needs of this region.
5. To assist students with convenient supportive services, fee schedules, instructional formats, and calendars.
6. To increase minority participation in underrepresented academic fields.
7. To encourage scholarship, research, and creativity.
8. To merit the continuing respect and support of alumni, of other citizens we serve, and of the larger educational community.