

October 24, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

We appreciated our discussion last Spring regarding our change in Carnegie Classification and our future plans regarding research support as a Professional-Doctoral University or an R2. The conversation was important and rich. While we recognize the change in Carnegie classification as a better reflection of our institutional character and strength, we believe our future requires additional campus discussion and input. We must determine whether staying a Professional-Doctoral institution is most in keeping with our history, mission, and future or whether SIUE should begin planning for a future as an R2 institution. The next Carnegie reclassification will occur approximately three years from now. The decisions we make should be intentional and informed by critical and inclusive discussion regarding the implications of our choices.

As the Provost mentioned in a recent Graduate Council meeting, we believe there is precedent and rationale for the Graduate Council to lead this campus discussion. We are pleased that you have accepted this important role in our shared governance, and we appreciate your leadership. As such, please consider this a formal charge to initiate an ad hoc advisory committee on the future of the Teacher-Scholar model and SIUE's Carnegie Classification.

We ask that you address the following issues in forming the ad hoc committee:

- Diverse disciplines and types of scholarship.
- At least one faculty member from each School/College and LIS.
- Members holding multiple perspectives on this issue.
- Faculty member from at least one Coop Ph.D.
- Faculty representative from our current Doctorate in Education.
- Faculty member from at least one academic department that does not include a graduate program.
- At least one representative of a University Research Center.
- A representative of staff senate.
- Two student representatives appointed by SGA (one graduate and one undergraduate).

Administrative support for the committee will be provided by the Graduate School and/or the Office of the Provost.

The committee will:

- Become knowledgeable of the Carnegie Classification system, SIUE's current position, and possibilities for the future.
- Determine the advantages and disadvantages of remaining in the Doctoral-Professional category.

- Determine the advantages and disadvantages of becoming R2.
- Consider implications for SIUE's future, in terms, of quality of educational experience, enrollment, supporting current faculty, recruiting and retaining future faculty, cost, state and regional impact, national exposure, rankings, and branding.
- Hold open forums to share what they have learned and to gather feedback.
- Use multiple mechanisms for feedback and sharing information. The group should consider developing a website, online survey, etc.
- Organize findings and feedback and provide recommendations to the Provost and Chancellor.

The final written report should be submitted by April 15, 2020.

This is a critical campus conversation. The choices we make will amplify SIUE's mission and vision for years to come. We are grateful for your contributions and commitment to our institution's success and impact.

Sincerely,



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Chancellor



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