

# **SIU Trustees Approve SIUE Greenhouse Expansion and Transportation Contracts**

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**EDWARDSVILLE** - The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees today approved the budget for the Greenhouse renovation and expansion, and contracts for various bus transportation services on the SIUE campus.

The board approved a \$2,550,856 budget for the SIUE Greenhouse renovation and expansion, which will include adding a 1,500 square foot wing, plus a new 600 square foot head house that serves as a workspace and control center. The Capital Development

Board is funding the project, with SIUE contributing \$512,022 through private donations and University reserves. The improvements will complete the science complex renovations.

The board also approved \$3.5 million in contracts with four bus companies to provide various transportation needs for the SIUE campus. The vendors are Vandalia Bus Line, of Caseyville, Chancer LLC, of Moweaqua, North America Central School Bus, of Joliet, and First Student, Inc., of Glen Carbon. The initial contracts are effective Oct. 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and can be renewed for up to nine consecutive one-year periods dependent upon satisfactory service, continued need, favorable market conditions and availability of appropriate funds.

The board also approved naming rights for the SIUE School of Engineering's (SOE) Enterprise Holdings Foundation Atrium. The board recognized Enterprise Holdings Foundation's gift of \$1.5 million to support maintenance and upgrading of the atrium, including infrastructure, computing and communications equipment and services, furniture and signage.

The board approved two appointments at the School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Saulius Drukteinis is the new associate dean for academic affairs, and Dr. Kathy Shafer is the new assistant dean for clinical affairs. Both assumed their responsibilities in July 2019.

In a staff appointment, the board approved Tim Hall as SIUE's director of athletics. Hall stepped into that role in mid-August.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville provides students with a high quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose to shape a changing world. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottomland and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of more than 13,000.