In consultation with the Chancellors, the President recommends the following guidelines for use in the development of the Resource Allocation and Management Program (RAMP) for Fiscal Year 2015:

**Operating RAMP Guidelines**

1. The salary increase request is made in accordance with the IBHE’s salary increase initiative. The request provides funds for an average inflationary salary increase for faculty and staff.

2. Inflation projections for general price increases will be made using Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Higher Education Price Index (HEPI).

3. University cost experience and written comments from suppliers and local utility companies will be used for cost projections on library materials and utilities.

4. New requests for operation and maintenance funds will be made to support new facilities on Southern Illinois University campuses including unfunded requests over the past two years.

5. The deferred maintenance request is based on one-third of SIU’s unmet annual maintenance needs for state funded facilities.

6. Funding will be requested for the combination of new programs, program priorities, and support functions as New and Expanded Program Requests (NEPRs).

**Capital RAMP Guidelines**

Projects proposed for the campuses will be developed recognizing the need to upgrade existing buildings, replace obsolete structures, repair structural and utility support systems, and make campus site improvements consistent with each campus facility master plan.

In developing the campus requests into priority listings by categories, the following project priority considerations will be recognized:

A. Projects to prevent future potential disruption in routine operations.
B. Projects to make remodeling and infrastructure improvements that maintain and protect the State’s investment in educational facilities.

C. Projects to provide equipment to complete state funded facilities.

D. Projects for which planning funds have previously been appropriated.

E. Projects providing for accessibility for the handicapped and for rehabilitation, remodeling, and reassignment of existing facilities, with special consideration given when preservation of the facility is a factor.

F. Projects to address new facility needs for instructional, public service, and research program activities that meet University priorities and state needs.

Based on these guidelines, the following request has been prepared:

Executive Summary: RAMP Planning, Operations, and Capital Budget Request, FY 2015

This request identifies the priorities, plans, and program and related resource needs, including operations and capital, of Southern Illinois University. The documents were prepared in accordance with University planning processes and with guidelines established by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The documents provide planning statements, including statements of mission, focus, and priorities; new program requests; and program priorities requests for SIUC, including the School of Medicine, SIUE, and the SIU Administration.

The request for operating funds is displayed in three categories in Table 1: Planning RAMP; Inflationary Needs; and Increase in Operations and Maintenance (O&M) of Buildings.

Planning RAMP

Total resource requirements for FY 2015 Program requests amount to $18,791,900 or a 4.4 percent increase. This includes $15,623,100 for Carbondale (including the School of Medicine); $3,151,200 for Edwardsville; and $17,600 for the SIU Administration.

The FY 2015 Program Priority Requests for Southern Illinois University Carbondale include (1) Recruit, Retain, and Reward Critical Faculty and staff (including the School of Medicine); (2) Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU; (3) University College; (4) Center for Teaching Excellence; (5) Distance Education and Off Campus Initiative; (6) Recruit and Retain Students of Color; (7) Recruit and Retain Students from Diverse Backgrounds; (8) Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in STEM and Recruitment and Retention of High-Quality Graduate Students.
The FY 2015 Program Priority Requests for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville include (1) Retaining Critical Faculty and Staff; (2) School of Pharmacy Operations; and (3) Enhancing Campus-Wide Retention.

The FY 2015 Program Priority Request for the SIU Administration includes Recruit, Retain, and Reward Critical Faculty and Staff.

The FY 2015 RAMP program funding requests are for initiatives that reflect the goals and aspirations of SIU and its respective constituency groups and are consistent with and reinforce the goals and objectives of *The Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*. The above requests were submitted in RAMP 2014 but were not funded. Because they remain a high priority for the University, they are being resubmitted for RAMP 2015.

**Inflationary Adjustment**

The total request for various inflationary adjustments equals $12,124,200, representing a 2.9 percent increase in the operating budget.

**Increase in O&M of Buildings**

The increase requested in O&M of Buildings consists of two components:

O&M of Buildings gives the projected cost of operating and maintaining buildings that will be added by the end of FY 2014 and the costs of buildings added during the past for which operating funds were not received.

Deferred Maintenance gives the projected need for addressing deferred maintenance prescribed by IBHE guidelines.

**Grand Total Increase**

The total FY 2015 Operating budget request amounts to $461,122,600 or a 9.1 percent increase over FY 2014 appropriation and income fund budget. This includes $239,244,900 for Carbondale; $56,116,700 for the School of Medicine; $163,675,100 for Edwardsville; and $2,085,900 for the SIU Administration.

**Capital RAMP**

The total request for FY 2015 Capital budget request amounts to $155,578,366 and is summarized in attached Table 2.

The regular capital list has been prioritized into a University–wide list presented for the consideration and approval of the Board and for submission to the Illinois Board of Higher Education and totals $119.9 million.

Capital renewal projects requested for FY 2015 total $31,789,966 at SIUC and $3,900,000 at SIUE. Capital renewal projects are generally of lesser size and scope
than regular capital projects. These projects involve minor remodeling of facilities to repair buildings; to upgrade electrical, mechanical, roofing, and plumbing systems; and to address deferred maintenance, safety, and accessibility code requirements.

Rationale for Adoption

The RAMP 2015 Planning, Operating, and Capital Budget Requests are required by the IBHE for communicating the University’s planning and budget decisions and resource requirements for Fiscal Year 2015. Acceptance by the IBHE requires approval by the SIU Board of Trustees.

Considerations Against Adoption

None are known to exist.

Constituency Involvement

Various constituency groups from the campuses have been involved in the review and recommendation of these requests. This includes the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council at SIUC, the Executive Committee at the School of Medicine, and the Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, and University Planning and Budget Council at SIUE. In addition, all requests have been reviewed and approved by the campus Chancellors and received the concurrence of the President.

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University in regular meeting assembled, That the Operating and Capital RAMP Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2015 as described herein are approved, and That, subject to the authority reserved to this Board to make such modifications, changes, or refinements herein as it deems appropriate in reviewing RAMP documents, the RAMP Planning, Operations, and Capital Documents for Fiscal Year 2015 for Southern Illinois University Carbondale (including the School of Medicine), Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and Southern Illinois University Administration, be and are hereby approved as presented to the Board this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President shall take appropriate steps to accomplish filing of the materials approved therein with the Illinois Board of Higher Education in accordance with the policies of Southern Illinois University.