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Dr. Colwell,

Your seven requests for Reasonable and Moderate Extension (RME), received December 26, 2018 and January 22, 2019, along with follow-up correspondence received on January 28, 2019, and March 12, 13, & 14 2019 have been reviewed. These seven RME documents are related to the plans of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) to reorganize the University in three phases, reducing eight colleges to six colleges and 57 academic departments and schools to 21 schools with no administrative units reporting to the schools. This letter affirms IBHE staff approval of these seven RMEs to establish seven schools as outlined below.

Conditions noted in the RME proposals include the following:

- **Create a School of Biological Science** by way of merger of the Departments of Plant Biology, Microbiology, and Zoology and the biological sciences programs in the College of Science. The reorganization results in the elimination of the Departments of Plant Biology, Microbiology, and Zoology.

- **Create a School of Applied Engineering and Technology** by way of merger of the Department of Technology (College of Engineering) and the two technology programs in the School of Information Systems and Applied Technology (College of Applied Sciences and Arts). The reorganization results in the elimination of the Department of Technology.

- **Create a School of Earth Systems and Sustainability** by way of merger of the Department of Geology and Department of Geography and Environmental Resources. The reorganization results in the elimination of the Departments of Geology, Geography, and Environmental Resources.

- **Create a School of Health Sciences** by way of the merger of the programs in the School of Allied Health (College of Applied Arts and Sciences) and programs in Communication Disorders & Sciences, Rehabilitation Services, Rehabilitation Administration & Services, Rehabilitation Counseling and Rehabilitation in the Rehabilitation Institute (College of Education and Human Services). The reorganization
results in the elimination of the School of Allied Health and the Rehabilitation Institute.

- **Create a School of Justice and Public Safety** by way of the merger of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (College of Liberal Arts), the Department of Paralegal Studies (College of Liberal Arts), the Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Management (College of Applied Sciences and Arts, School of Architecture), and the Master of Science in Public Safety and Homeland Security (College of Applied Sciences and Arts, School of Architecture). The reorganization results in the elimination of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Department of Paralegal Studies.

- **Create a School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences** by way of merger of the degree programs in the Department of Psychology (College of Liberal Arts) and degree programs in Behavior Analysis Therapy in the Rehabilitation Institute (College of Education and Human Services). The reorganization results in the elimination of the Department of Psychology.

- **Create a School of Computing.** The reorganization results in the elimination of the Department of Computer Science.

- In Phase One, the restructuring described in the creation of these seven schools results in a decrease in subunits and administrative positions, moving from 12 Administrative FTE to 5 Administrative FTE and 2.5 faculty support FTE.

- Until all three Phases of the restructuring process are complete, these seven new schools will be housed administratively in the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (217) 524-5829 or via email at lohman@ibhe.org.

Sincerely,

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