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MEMO TO: Deans, Chairs and Directors of Graduate Studies
Doctoral Programs

FROM: David L. Wilson
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SUBJECT: Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the competition for the twenty-first annual Outstanding Dissertation Award and to issue this request for nominations. The award, funded by Richard and Donna Falvo through the SIU Foundation and approved by the Graduate Council in September 1987, was awarded for the first time at the May 1988 commencement. We expect to present this award at the May 2008 commencement.

As outlined in the attachment, the following rules apply:

- (1) Only one dissertation from your doctoral program may be nominated.
- (2) The nominated dissertation must have led to graduation during the 2006-2007 academic year (December 2006, May 2007 and August 2007 graduations).
- (3) The attached nominating form (attachment #2) is to be completed, with the student's approval, by the dissertation adviser.

Please submit one copy of the completed dissertation, along with the nomination form, including the abstract to David Wilson, Graduate School, Woody Hall B120. This copy will be returned to the department.

If you do not have a dissertation from your program that you deem is truly outstanding, please do not feel compelled to make a nomination. Due date for completed nominations is **Friday, January 25, 2008**. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Attachments