

## MINUTES

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 29, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the University of Southern Indiana met on Friday, April 29, 2016, in University Center East on the University campus. Present were Chair Jeffrey L. Knight and Trustees Ira G. Boots; W. Harold Calloway; John M. Dunn; Amy MacDonell; Kenneth L. Sendelweck '76; Evan K. Stieler '17; and Ted C. Ziemer, Jr. Trustee Ronald D. Romain '73 was absent. Also in attendance were President Linda L. M. Bennett; Provost Ronald S. Rochon; Vice President for Finance and Administration Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95; Vice President for Government and University Relations Cynthia S. Brinker; Vice President for Enrollment Management Andrew W. Wright; Faculty Senate Chair Rex M. Strange '92; and Student Government Association President Alexa L. Bueltel '16.

Chair Knight called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

#### SECTION I – GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

##### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2016, MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Calloway, seconded by Ms. MacDonell, the minutes of the March 3, 2016, meeting of the Board of Trustees were approved.

##### B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION

Mr. Knight called on Vice President Brinker, who reported the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2016, on campus.

##### C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bennett began her report.

Dr. Bennett called on Vice President Brinker to review the Commencement activities planned for the weekend. Ms. Brinker noted that 77 percent, or 1,107 of the 1,439 students eligible to graduate, will participate in Spring Commencement. She outlined the schedule of the five ceremonies:

###### Friday, April 29, 2016

6:30 p.m. Graduate Ceremony  
Commencement speaker: Danyelle E. Granger M'06  
Honorary degrees will be bestowed on Donald E. Pitzer and Philip H. Hagemann

###### Saturday, April 30, 2016

9 a.m. Romain College of Business  
Commencement Speaker: Robert A. Hon '89

Noon College of Liberal Arts  
Commencement Speaker: Becky J. Boling '75

3 p.m. Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education  
Commencement Speaker: Eileen M. Weber '98  
Kathy V. Rodgers will be honored with the Distinguished Professor Award  
Maria A. Anderson '16 will be honored with the President's Medal

6 p.m. College of Nursing and Health Professions  
Commencement Speaker: Lisa R. Gish '00 M'04

Following each ceremony, the USI Alumni Association will host a reception in UC East.

Dr. Bennett reported that since 1990, past and current members of the Board of Trustees have generously contributed to build a permanent endowment in the USI Foundation for the Trustees Distinguished Merit Award. The awardee is selected by the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee. It recognizes outstanding achievement in the student's major and in the core curriculum and includes a \$1,250 stipend. President Bennett announced the 2016 recipient of the award is Rachael Riedford '17, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She thanked the Trustees for their generous support of the Trustees Distinguished Merit Award.

Two other important awards to be celebrated during Commencement ceremonies are the Distinguished Professor Award and the President's Medal. President Bennett reported that Dr. Kathy V. Rodgers, professor of Mathematics, was selected by her colleagues to be named the Distinguished Professor. Dr. Rodgers has made an outstanding and significant impact on USI for over 25 years. She will deliver the Commencement Address at the Fall Commencement ceremonies in December 2016. Maria Anderson '16 will receive the President's Medal, the highest award given to a USI graduate, when she graduates *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

President Bennett called on Provost Rochon, who introduced Activities Programming Board (APB) President Andrew McGuire '17 and Student Government Association (SGA) President Alexa Bueltel '16 for a report of their organizations' activities. Mr. McGuire reported on several of the over 68 programs planned throughout the year to provide students with educational activities. Attendance across all APB events this year exceeded 10,600 students. Mr. McGuire noted that the organization's focus for 2015-2016 was on advertising in an effort to more effectively promote APB events to the student body. He concluded his report by discussing APB's efforts to assist the campus community in achieving the University's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan goals.

Ms. Bueltel began the annual report of SGA by noting that SGA's enhanced efforts in recruitment had increased membership from ten to 36 members this year. She highlighted the major events sponsored by SGA including the SGA Welcome Week Dinner and Campus Involvement Fair. SGA held another successful Alcohol Awareness Week and assisted the Faculty Senate in the development of a revised finals week schedule for Graduating Seniors to propose to University administration. SGA members hosted the annual Student Government Coalition Conference, the annual USI Day at the State House, and Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, an annual event to raise awareness and stop rape, sexual assault, and gender-based violence. Ms. Bueltel concluded her final report of SGA by discussing SGA's future role in helping the University accomplish the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan Goals.

President Bennett expressed her appreciation to Ms. Bueltel and Mr. McGuire for their leadership in 2015-2016.

Dr. Bennett called upon Vice President of Enrollment Management Andrew Wright for a report. Mr. Wright began by introducing the newest member of the Enrollment Management team, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Rashad Smith, who comes to USI from Kentucky Wesleyan College where he served as Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness and prior to that Director of Admissions. Mr. Wright closed by providing a brief update of fall 2016 application, admission, and enrollment numbers for new freshmen, transfer students, and graduate students.

President Bennett asked Dr. Rex Strange to bring a report from Faculty Senate and thanked him for his service and leadership as chair of Faculty Senate in 2015-2016. Dr. Strange reported that Dr. Nicholas L. LaRowe, assistant professor of Political Science and Public Administration, will serve as chair of Faculty Senate for the 2016-2017 academic year. Dr. Strange advised that the new Faculty Senate leadership will be decided at the August retreat. Before closing, he provided the Board with year-end reports from the following Faculty Senate Committees: Assessment Committee; Faculty Awards for Service, Teaching, and Research Committee; Economic Benefits Committee; Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee; and Curriculum Committee.

President Bennett called on Student Government Association (SGA) President Alexa Bueltel '16 for her final report. Ms. Bueltel began her report by discussing a symbolic resolution passed by SGA which recommends an increase in the University's non-mandatory Student Activity Fee. She commented that rebranding the former Red Zone to Archie's Army had a positive impact on student involvement. Archie's Army is the official student fan section for all USI athletic and club sports.

In closing, President Bennett thanked Ms. Bueltel for representing USI students in Board of Trustees meetings and events for the year and welcomed SGA president elect, Ashley Wright '17, who will join the Board of Trustees at the table at the next meeting.

**D. APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Knight appointed Ms. MacDonell, Mr. Stieler, and Mr. Sendelweck to the Nominating Committee, with Ms. MacDonell as chair. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of officers to be presented to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting on July 14, 2016.

**E. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO TRUSTEE IRA G. BOOTS**

Mr. Knight called on Mr. Stieler, who presented the following resolution on behalf of the Board:

**WHEREAS**, Ira G. Boots was appointed to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels in July 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, in his capacity as Trustee, Mr. Boots has been an active partner in broadening educational opportunity and advancing higher education in Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Boots has served the Board and the University as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, and as a member of the Finance/Audit Committee and Nominating Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as a Trustee, the University experienced the development of opportunities in academics and student life and the expansion of facilities, including the Business and Engineering Center, University Center East, Applied Engineering Center, USI Performance Center, and the Griffin Center; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2010, Mr. Boots joined his colleagues on the Board of Trustees in approving a five-year strategic plan to guide the University from 2010 to 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2016, Mr. Boots joined his colleagues on the Board of Trustees in approving the University's second five-year strategic plan to guide the University from 2016 to 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Boots term on the Board of Trustees will end on June 30, 2016;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees, assembled on the USI campus on April 29, 2016, commends Ira G. Boots for his dedication to the full development of the University of Southern Indiana and the people it serves; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be adopted by the Board of Trustees and spread upon its minutes for all time as a perpetual recognition of the deep gratitude owed by the University and its trustees, officers, students, and faculty, to Mr. Boots for his devoted service to the University of Southern Indiana.

On a motion by Mr. Stieler, seconded by Mr. Dunn, the resolution was approved. Mr. Knight presented Mr. Boots with a University Chair on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

## **SECTION II – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **A. REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS ISSUED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Knight called on Vice President Bridges, who reviewed the construction change orders in Exhibit II-A.

### **B. REPORT ON CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Mr. Knight called on Vice President Bridges, who introduced Director of Facility Operations and Planning Jim Wolfe for a report on current construction projects. Exhibit II-B is a summary of the cost and funding sources for each project.

Mr. Wolfe began by reporting on the progress of the Chick-fil-A and Steak 'n Shake projects currently under construction in the University Center East and shared project designs with the Trustees. He noted that renovations to student housing buildings Saletta and Marshall in McDonald East and Welsh in O'Daniel North will begin in May. Mr. Wolfe advised that the roof replacement projects for the Physical Plant and Atheneum were nearly complete.

Mr. Wolfe concluded his report by referring the Trustees to a list of projects in design in Exhibit II-B.

## SECTION III - PERSONNEL MATTERS

### A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Mr. Knight called on Provost Rochon, who reviewed recommendations for tenure and promotion. On a motion by Mr. Calloway, seconded by Ms. MacDonell, the following recommendations for promotion and continuous appointment were approved.

#### 1. Promotion

Recommendation for promotion from associate professor to professor effective August 16, 2016:

Dr. Hilary Braysmith, Associate Professor of Art History  
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Cindy Deloney-Marino, Associate Professor of Biology  
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Joyce Gulley, Associate Professor of Education  
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

M. Shan Jensen, Associate Professor of Theatre  
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Kent Scheller, Associate Professor of Physics  
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Recommendation for promotion from clinical assistant professor to clinical associate professor effective August 16, 2016:

Joy Cook, Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiologic and Imaging Sciences  
College of Nursing and Health Professions

Claudine Fairchild, Clinical Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
College of Nursing and Health Professions

Mary Rock, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing  
College of Nursing and Health Professions

Amy Wilson, Clinical Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
College of Nursing and Health Professions

#### 2. Tenure and Promotion

Recommendation for continuous appointment and promotion from assistant professor to associate professor effective August 16, 2016:

Dr. Richard Bennett, Assistant Professor of Biology  
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Julian Davis, Assistant Professor of Engineering  
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Matthew Hanka, Assistant Professor of Political Science  
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Nicholas LaRowe, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Administration  
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Amy Montz, Assistant Professor of English  
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Gabriela Mustata Wilson, Assistant Professor of Health Services and Health Administration  
College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Kristalyn Shefveland, Assistant Professor of History  
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Kenneth Shemroske, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems  
Romain College of Business

Dr. Melissa Stacer, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Studies  
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Serah Theuri, Assistant Professor of Food and Nutrition  
College of Nursing and Health Professions

## **B. REPORT ON FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE RETIREMENTS**

Mr. Knight called on Provost Rochon, who reviewed the following faculty and administrative retirements.

Professor of English Betty L. Hart, in accordance with the revised retirement policy, will retire effective July 1, 2017, after 26 years of service, including leave with pay for the period January 4, 2017, to May 3, 2017.

Director of Historic New Harmony Connie A. Weinzapfel, in accordance with the early retirement policy, will retire effective July 1, 2017, after 31.5 years of service, including leave with pay for the period January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017.

## **C. APPROVAL OF EMERITUS STATUS**

Mr. Knight called on Provost Rochon, who reviewed recommendations for emeritus status. On a motion by Mr. Sendelweck, seconded by Mr. Boots, the following titles were approved.

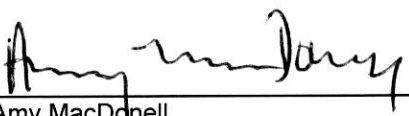
Instructor Emeritus of Advanced Manufacturing Keith G. Benedict

Professor Emerita of English Betty L. Hart

Director Emerita of Historic New Harmony Connie A. Weinzapfel

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Amy MacDonell  
Secretary

**Summary of Construction Change Orders  
Authorized by the Vice President for Finance and Administration**

**1. GRIFFIN CENTER**

**Empire Contractors, Inc. – General Contractor**

CO-013	Masonry and stone modifications, addition of interior solid surface bench, pump insulation, gutter work and railing escutcheons	\$18,671
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**Summary  
Construction Projects  
April 29, 2016**

**Projects Under Construction**

**Housing Renovation of Saletta, Welsh, and Marshall Buildings**

**Project Cost** \$ 1,700,000

Funding Source: Housing Reserves

**University Center Renovation: Chick-fil-A and Steak 'n Shake**

**Project Cost** \$ 800,000

Funding Source: Food Services Reserves

**Parking Lots A & B Landscaping Replacement**

**Project Cost** \$ 600,000

Funding Source: Landscape Reserves

**UC 205/206 University Suite Renovation**

**Project Cost** \$ 300,000

Funding Source: Special Projects

**Physical Plant Roof Replacement**

**Project Cost** \$ 132,000

Funding Source: General Repair and Rehabilitation Appropriation

**Install Additional Drainage Pipes for Parking Lot K**

**Project Cost** \$ 126,000

Funding Source: Parking and Transportation Reserves

**Atheneum Roof Replacement**

**Project Cost** \$ 117,000

Funding Source: Special Projects Reserves



**Projects in Design**

**Physical Activities Center (PAC) Renovation**

**Project Cost** \$ 16,000,000

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2013

**Health Professions Center: Classroom Renovation/Expansion**

**Project Cost** \$ 8,000,000

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2015

**Multi-Institutional Academic Health and Science Research Center**

**Project Cost** \$ 6,000,000

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2015

**Fuquay Welcome Center**

**Project Cost** \$ 2,500,000

Funding Sources:

Private Gifts \$ 2,000,000

Special Projects Reserves \$ 500,000

**Orr Center Roof Replacement/Repair**

**Project Cost** \$ 405,000

Funding Source: General Repair and Rehabilitation Appropriation

**Energy Management System Upgrade:**

**Health Professions Center, Science and Education Center, and Physical Plant**

**Project Cost** \$ 180,000

Funding Source: General Repair and Rehabilitation Appropriation

**Housing Exterior Steps Replacement**

**Project Cost** \$ 170,000

Funding Source: Housing Reserves