

## MINUTES

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 19, 2018

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in the Griffin Center on campus. In attendance were Chair W. Harold Calloway and Trustees John M. Dunn; Jeffrey L. Knight; Anjali Patel '19; Ellis S. Redd; Ronald D. Romain '73; and Kenneth L. Sendelweck '76. Trustee Amy W. MacDonell attended by electronic means. Trustee Ted C. Ziemer, Jr. was absent. Also in attendance was President Linda L. M. Bennett.

Chair Calloway called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

#### SECTION III - PERSONNEL MATTERS

##### A. DISCUSS THE SELECTION OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Mr. Calloway reported in October 2017, with the assistance of the search firm Storbeck, Pimentel and Associates, a 17-member Presidential Search Committee was appointed and began working to find USI's fourth president. The committee met from October 2017 through March 2018 to review applicants, narrow the candidate pool and recommend finalists. The credentials on well over 90 individuals were received and reviewed. Four finalists of high caliber, expertise and integrity were forwarded to the Board of Trustees for review on April 10, 2018, in Executive Session.

Chair Calloway thanked his fellow committee members for their commitment to ensuring a successful process, and he expressed appreciation to the USI community for their valuable input, and Linda Cleek, coordinator of the presidential search, for her work.

On a motion by Mr. Knight, seconded by Ms. MacDonell, the appointment of Dr. Ronald S. Rochon as the fourth president of the University of Southern Indiana effective July 1, 2018, was put forth.

Chair Calloway called for discussion on the motion.

Trustees Knight, Romain, Redd and Sendelweck each commented in high favor of the motion, noting Dr. Rochon's superior qualifications, high level of integrity, student-centered focus, rigor and knowledge, as the leadership qualities needed to project USI forward.

With no further discussion Chair Calloway called for a vote, the motion was approved.

President Bennett thanked the Presidential Search Committee and the Board of Trustees for their dedication to the process. She noted the selection of Dr. Rochon after a highly competitive national search is a testament to the strength of his leadership, integrity and desire to serve this University and the wider community. She added his experience and vision hold the promise of a very bright future for USI.

Chair Calloway invited Dr. Ronald S. Rochon to address the audience. Dr. Rochon expressed gratitude to the Presidential Search Committee, Board of Trustees, President Bennett, the community and USI family for this opportunity.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Anjali Patel  
Secretary