

MINUTES

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 28, 2020

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, May 28, 2020. As authorized by Indiana Executive Order No. 20-04 (March 16, 2020), Indiana Executive Order No. 20-09 (March 23, 2020), and Indiana Executive Order No. 20-25 (May 1, 2020), this meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom Video Communications. Present were Chair Kenneth L. Sendelweck '76 and Trustees Josi M. Barszcz '22; W. Harold Calloway; John M. Dunn; Christine H. Keck; Jeffrey L. Knight; Ellis S. Redd; Ronald D. Romain '73; and Christina M. Ryan. Also in attendance were President Ronald S. Rochon; Provost Mohammed Khayum; Vice President for Finance and Administration Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95; Vice President for Development David A. Bower; Vice President for Marketing and Communications Kindra L. Strupp; Vice President for Student Affairs Khalilah Doss; and Government and Legal Affairs Officer Aaron C. Trump.

Chair Sendelweck called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

SECTION I – GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO TRUSTEE ELLIS S. REDD

Mr. Sendelweck called on Trustee Keck who presented the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Ellis S. Redd was appointed to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees by Indiana Governor Mike Pence in July 2016; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Redd has served the Board and the University as a member of the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management Committee and Finance/Audit 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 Physical Activities Center Renovations I & II, Screaming Eagles Arena, Fuquay Welcome Center, Stone Family Center for Health Sciences, and College of Nursing and Health Professions Renovation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redd was appointed as Trustee representative to the University of Southern Indiana Foundation Board of Directors and served capably and was also an active and generous donor during his tenure as a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018, Mr. Redd joined his colleagues on the Board of Trustees in the development of the Campus Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in April 2018, Mr. Redd joined his colleagues on the Board of Trustees in the selection of Ronald S. Rochon as the fourth President of the University of Southern Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redd's term on the Board of Trustees will end on June 30, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, assembled virtually due to

the COVID-19 crisis on May 28, 2020, commends Ellis S. Redd 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. Redd for his devoted service to the University of Southern Indiana.

On a motion by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Calloway, the Resolution of Appreciation to Trustee Ellis S. Redd was approved.

SECTION II – FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF INTERIM CURRENT OPERATING BUDGET

Chair Sendelweck called on Steve Bridges, vice president for Finance and Administration, to discuss a recommendation regarding the current operating budget. Mr. Bridges began by reminding the Trustees of the 2019-2020 current operating budget approved by them at the July 11, 2019, meeting. Due to the unprecedented circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Bridges requested that the Board approve that same budget as USI's interim 2020-2021 budget. Mr. Bridges referred the Trustees to an electronic handout outlining the current operating budget.

The Trustees reviewed the balanced budget based upon estimates of fee revenue, state appropriation, and other available sources from last year. The Board previously supported the continuation of this budget until June 30, 2020, and were asked to continue that support until USI obtains the specific data related to USI's potential state appropriation adjustment and enrollment projections, the information needed to determine the 2020-2021 operating budget. Mr. Bridges indicated USI will adjust the budget if necessary, when the actual data is available. Approval of the interim budget will provide the stability to operate until December 31, 2020, after which USI will begin with a final budget for the second half of the fiscal year from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. USI will begin to develop this final budget as soon as data becomes available, but the fall semester staffing levels would be set today with Board approval of the interim budget. This will allow the University to make key operational plans related to personnel, the largest and most key expense, while keeping Hoosiers employed. Additionally, USI will continue to reduce spending where possible in the event there is a revenue shortfall as part of the request for Board approval today.

On a motion by Mr. Knight, seconded by Ms. Ryan, the Interim Current Operating Budget was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Josi M. Barscz '22
Secretary