The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees held its annual meeting on Monday, July 2, 2007, in Carter Hall in the University Center. Present were Chair Bruce H. Baker and Trustees Mark A. Day, John M. Dunn, Lauren C. Fultz '07, Jeffrey L. Knight, Frank F. McDonald II '73, and James L. Will, Sr. Also in attendance were President H. Ray Hoops; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda L. M. Bennett; Vice President for Governmental Relations Cynthia S. Brinker; Vice President for Advancement Annie M. Krug; Vice President for Student Affairs Robert W. Parrent; Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer Mark Rozewski; Faculty Senate Chair Christy Baker; and Student Government Association President Kristina Pelly.

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Vice President Krug called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

B. READING OF THE NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Vice President Krug read the notice of the annual meeting.

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2006-2007 ANNUAL MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. McDonald, the 2006-2007 annual meeting minutes were approved and reading of the minutes was waived.

D. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. McDonald, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee, which also included Mr. Will and Ms. Fultz, recommends the following slate of officers for the 2007-2008 year and moved the approval of the slate:

- Chair .......................................................... John M. Dunn
- Vice Chair/
- Chair, Long-Range Planning Committee ......................... W. Harold Calloway
- Vice Chair/
- Chair, Finance/Audit Committee ................................. Jeffrey L. Knight
- Secretary .......................................................... Amy MacDonell

Mr. McDonald noted that the committee has been guided by the statement pertaining to leadership of the Board and continuity and change, first adopted by the Trustees in 1986. He read the statement and requested that it be entered into the minutes of this annual meeting.

"It is the sense of the nominating committee that the leadership of the officers of the Board of Trustees should be balanced between the elements of continuity and change -- continuity to provide a kind of stability in the officership of the Board; change to take advantage of the talents of the several members of the Board."

"To that end, without establishing maximum terms of office for any officer position of the Board, it is recommended that, at each annual election of officers, the Board consciously consider the values both of continuity and change for each officer position and of the development of new leadership among the Board and the University officers."
E. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Baker called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he declared the nominations closed. On a vote of the Board, the nominating committee slate was approved. Mr. Baker presented the gavel to the new chair, Mr. Dunn.

F. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mr. Dunn reported that the bylaws of the USI Board of Trustees require the annual appointment of the Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer. He appointed Annie Krug as Assistant Secretary for 2007-2008 and Mark Rozewski as Treasurer for 2007-2008.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dunn appointed Mr. McDonald, Mr. Day, and Mr. Will to serve on the Finance/Audit Committee, with Mr. Knight as chair. He noted that the membership of the Finance/Audit Committee also serves as the ad hoc Construction Committee.

Mr. Dunn appointed Ms. MacDonell and two trustees whose appointments are pending to serve on the Long-Range Planning Committee, with Mr. Calloway as chair.

Mr. Dunn appointed Mr. Calloway, Mr. Knight, and the student trustee, whose appointment is pending, to the USI Foundation Board of Directors for 2007-2008; and Ms. MacDonell, Mr. Will, and a second trustee whose appointment is pending to serve on the USI/New Harmony Foundation Board of Directors for 2007-2008.

Mr. McDonald presented the following Resolution of Appreciation for retiring Vice President Sherianne Standley. On a motion by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Will, the resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, Sherianne M. Standley has served the University of Southern Indiana with distinction as director of Publications, assistant to the President, vice president for University Relations, vice president for Advancement, and senior vice president for Advancement; and

WHEREAS, in the offices she has held in the President’s Office and Advancement, she has embraced and upheld the public trust with the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Standley, the University’s first vice president for Advancement, coordinated the development of the University’s external relations and communications and identified and secured resources necessary for the University to “advance” or move toward its goals; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in coordinating the transition of the regional campus of Indiana State University-Evansville into the separate public university known today as the University of Southern Indiana; and

WHEREAS, under her direction, the University’s first capital campaign exceeded its goal, raising a total of $18 million in gifts and pledges and $6 million in deferred gifts; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Standley broadened educational opportunity in southwestern Indiana by establishing lasting relationships between the University and countless individuals, organizations, and corporations in the region and the State; and

WHEREAS, she has represented the University in local, regional, state, and national organizations, and her excellent leadership in these efforts has brought attention to the University of Southern Indiana; and
WHEREAS, Sherrianne M. Standley has been a revered colleague of faculty and staff and a consistent friend of students and alumni; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Standley retired as an officer of the University on June 30, 2007, having made major achievements in the realm of University administration; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to formally recognize her effective leadership in administration at the University of Southern Indiana;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that at its twenty-third annual meeting on July 2, 2007, the Board of Trustees, assembled on the campus of the University of Southern Indiana, acting on behalf of the entire University community, extends its sincere appreciation to Sherrianne M. Standley and wishes her well in retirement;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Vice President Standley and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees for all time in recognition of her service to the University from 1976 to 2007.

Mr. Will presented the following Resolution of Appreciation for retiring Board Chair Bruce Baker. On a motion by Mr. Will, seconded by Mr. McDonald, the resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, Bruce H. Baker was appointed to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees by Governor Evan Bayh on October 31, 1989; and

WHEREAS, in that capacity, Mr. Baker served with distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees for more than 18 years, having served the longest tenure of any University of Southern Indiana trustee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker has been actively involved in the growth of the institution and has been a leader in fully developing educational opportunities at the University of Southern Indiana; and

WHEREAS, he represented the Board of Trustees as a member of the Nominating Committee; the USI Foundation Board of Directors; the USI/New Harmony Foundation Board of Directors; the Presidential Search Committee; and the Campus Master Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his leadership abilities, Mr. Baker served as vice chair of the Board and chair of the Finance Committee (1990-1992) and as vice chair of the Board and chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee (1997-2006); and

WHEREAS, in further recognition of his leadership abilities, he was elected to serve as chair of the Board of Trustees from 1992 to 1997 and from 2006 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, during this period of exemplary leadership, the University experienced significant growth in enrollment, facilities, and financial resources, and has seen the development of new academic and student life programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker’s term on the Board will end in July 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at its twenty-third annual meeting on July 2, 2007, the Board of Trustees, assembled on the campus of the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana, commends Mr. Bruce H. Baker for his 18 years of service and 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 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. Bruce H. Baker for his devoted service.

Mr. Will presented Mr. Baker with an album of photographs of University events that occurred during his years of service as a Trustee. Mr. Baker thanked his colleagues on the Board of Trustees, President H. Ray Hoops, President Emeritus David L. Rice, and the administration and staff of the University for their assistance and support throughout his tenure as a University trustee. President Hoops and Mr. Dunn expressed appreciation, on behalf of the University and the Board of Trustees, for Mr. Baker’s dedicated service to the University of Southern Indiana.

There being no further business, Mr. Dunn declared the annual meeting of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Annie M. Krug
Assistant Secretary