

## MINUTES

### LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 1, 2012

The Long-Range Planning Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 1, 2012, in the University Center on campus. Present were Committee Chair Jeffrey L. Knight and Trustees John M. Dunn and Susan E. Ellspermann '13. Also in attendance were Provost Ronald S. Rochon; President of the Student Government Association Sarah Krampe; and Faculty Senate Chair Paul Parkison.

Committee Chair Knight called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

#### **1. REPORT ON PRESERVATION OF LAND SOUTH OF BROADWAY**

At its meeting on September 20, 2012, the University of Southern Indiana Foundation Board of Directors approved the preservation of its property south of Broadway to aid in educational opportunities.

Dr. James Bandoli, professor of Biology, discussed these educational opportunities in his presentation entitled, "USI's Land South of Broadway: A Golden Opportunity." Dr. Bandoli described the unique features of the property, including elevation, terrain, and lakes, and its history, including logging, oil exploration, and erosion.

Students and faculty have begun the process of identifying plants and wildlife in the preservation area. Dr. Bandoli described the types of plants and other life discovered and noted the number of species found on the property indicates the environmental quality of the land is good.

He recommended to the committee that signage be posted on the property informing the public that the land belongs to the University of Southern Indiana and is a preservation area. No trespassing is allowed.

In addition to its intended use as a research area for University faculty and students, Dr. Bandoli suggested the area also could be utilized by local elementary, middle, and high schools, giving the land south of Broadway great potential for the University as well as the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.