

AGENDA

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 13, 2005

1. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE DESIGNATION OF THE FIVE ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

The Long-Range Planning Committee, in its meeting on November 4, 2004, discussed the possibility of re-naming the academic units colleges rather than schools to reflect the University's growth in size and complexity. The designation of an academic unit as a "school" usually denotes a narrowly focused professional program with limited degree offerings. All five academic schools at USI offer a complex array of undergraduate programs (including associate and bachelor degrees), and four of the five schools offer graduate programs. Given this complexity, the designation of "college" for the five academic schools is appropriate and offers the University greater flexibility in future organizational planning. This change is recommended by the Faculty Senate, the Academic Affairs Council, and the President.

Effective July 1, 2005, the five schools would become:

The College of Business

The College of Nursing and Health Professions

The College of Liberal Arts

The Robert H. and Elaine H. Pott College of Science and Engineering

The Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

Approval of a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to approve the change in designation of the five academic schools to the designation of colleges, effective July 1, 2005, is recommended.

2. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF NEW SITE AND DELIVERY MODE FOR THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

The Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services proposes to offer the Master of Social Work at a new site and through a distance education delivery mode. The implementation date for the program, described in Attachment A, is fall 2005.

The program (part-time advanced standing track) has a distance learning focus primarily conducted off-campus. At the request of Indiana State University at Terre Haute, its campus will be utilized as an initial site for the program. This degree program is recommended by the Graduate Council, the Academic Planning Council, and the President.

Approval of a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to approve a new site and delivery mode for the Master of Social Work Program (described in Attachment A) is recommended.

3. REPORT ON STUDENT PREPAREDNESS AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS

4. REPORT ON TASK FORCE ON ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION MANAGEMENT

Abstract
Site-Based Distance Learning Master of Social Work Degree Program
University of Southern Indiana

Objectives:

The overall objective is to develop, implement, and evaluate a site-based distance learning Master of Social Work Program offered through the University of Southern Indiana (USI). Indiana State University at Terre Haute requested to be an initial site for this program. The program will be offered in the Terre Haute area on a one-time basis, with evaluation to enhance the quality of the program for future offerings in Terre Haute and other possible locations.

Clientele To Be Served:

The clientele to be served will be students with Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degrees who live within 35 miles of Terre Haute. Applicants must have BSW degrees from nationally accredited Bachelor of Social Work degree programs.

Curriculum:

Curriculum consists of the 36-hour Advanced Standing Program, which is the same curriculum offered on the USI campus. The curriculum will be offered over a two-year period on a part-time basis. Two courses will be taught each semester, including summer sessions. This will involve primarily a distance education delivery mode, with some face-to-face classroom meetings for each course.

Employment Opportunities:

According to Cathy Boatman of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, the growth rate for social work positions in Terre Haute and the surrounding area is three times greater than for all occupations in the area.

Implementation Date:

Delivery of the program will begin in Terre Haute fall 2005.