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Long-Range Planning Committee

March 3, 1994

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees Long-Range Planning Committee met in the University Center Room 308, on Thursday, March 3, 1994. Present were Trustees Brent Auberry, Thomas McKenna, and Harolyn Torain. Also present were Vice President Robert Reid and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Ed Jones.

Dr. Reid convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and called on Dr. Jones to review the distance education management plan. Dr. Jones presented a brief overview of the Partnership for Statewide Education, its organizational structure, education delivery systems, and coordination of course offerings described in the management plan. Dr. Jones explained that the primary focus of the Partnership is statewide delivery by distance learning technology of courses and programs. He added that the secondary goal is to meet local or regional needs by supporting or working with area institutions or consortia.

Mrs. Torain mentioned the importance of maintaining up-to-date training for faculty on distance education. Mr. McKenna expressed concern that the University needs to remain focused on providing access to the economically less advantaged. Dr. Jones stated that a distance education program will enable the University to increase access to the undereducated, but it will require more self-discipline on the part of the student. Discussion followed on the future of distance education and the University's involvement.

Dr. Reid explained the relationship of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to the tech prep program. He said a series of week-long summer workshops will be offered to assist Science and Mathematics teachers in implementing tech prep. Dr. Reid added that after attending the workshops, the teachers should be able to take information back to other teachers. He said the goal eventually is to include all southwestern Indiana schools in the Tech Prep process. Discussion followed on the University's involvement in the tech prep program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.