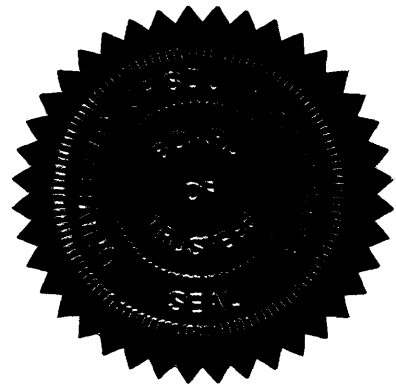


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The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, May 4, 2007, in the University Center. In attendance were Chair Bruce Baker and Trustees W. Harold Calloway, Mark A. Day, John M. Dunn, Lauren C. Fultz '07, Jeffrey L. Knight, Amy MacDonell, and James L. Will Sr. Also attending 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 Mark Rozewski; Senior Vice President for Advancement Sherrienne M. Standley; and Faculty Senate Chair Christy Baker.

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

SECTION I - GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2007, MEETING

On a motion by Ms. MacDonell, seconded by Mr. Dunn, the minutes of the March 1, 2007 meeting were approved.

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION

Mr. Baker called on Senior Vice President Standley, who reported that the annual meeting and the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, July 2, 2007, on campus.

C. REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Baker called on Mr. Will, chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee, for a report. Mr. Will reported that the committee met prior to the Board of Trustees meeting and asked Vice President Parrent to review the report on Student Life as presented to the committee. Dr. Parrent reported that Jeff Clark, 2006-2007 president of the Student Government Association, and Lea Wasson, 2006-2007 president of the Activities Programming Board, told the committee about their organizations' structures, functions, and many activities planned on behalf of USI students. Dr. Parrent updated the committee on other aspects of Student Affairs, including the status of Banner administrative software implementation, the University's academic profile, and partnerships between Ivy Tech State College and USI.

Mr. Will asked Provost Bennett to outline the report she made to the committee regarding the Academic Development Plan. Dr. Bennett told the trustees that the committee reviewed the Academic Development Plan revised by the Academic Planning Council on March 26, 2007. She reported that the committee reviewed proposed academic programs, including Manufacturing Technology and programs in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hoops began his report by noting that Commencement weekend is an exciting time as many students celebrate the culmination of their undergraduate and graduate programs. He reported that on the evening of May 4, the Senior Graduation Celebration will be attended by Class of 2007 graduates and their families. Several awards will be presented, including the Special Recognition Award to Associate Vice President John Deem; the Faculty Recognition Award to Professor of German Susan Smith Wolfe; the Alumni Service Award to Donna Mesker '86; and the Distinguished Alumni Award to Juvenile Court Judge Brett Niemeier '81.

He reminded the trustees that a Commencement Luncheon on Saturday, May 5, will recognize the University's award recipients and honorary degree candidates. In the Commencement ceremony, the address will be presented by retired *Better Homes and Garden* editor Jean LemMon, who was the first woman editor-in-chief in the history of that magazine. She will receive an honorary doctorate, along with civic leaders and USI friends Bettie Engelbrecht and Pat and Rosemary O'Daniel.

Dr. Hoops asked Board Chair Bruce Baker, who represented USI at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's recent statewide meeting for university trustees, for a report of the meeting. Mr. Baker reported that he and Vice President Brinker attended the H. Kent Weldon Annual Conference for Higher Education. An overview of the Strategic Directions for Higher Education, a document currently under revision by the Commission, was presented and discussion focused on the goals for higher education in Indiana. Mr. Baker reported that Chuck Shalilol, State Budget Director, presented an overview of the recently passed biennial budget for higher education and discussed the investments made during the session in operating appropriations and in capital. Mr. Baker noted that the conference provided an opportunity to interact with a number of people from throughout the state and to learn more about the future of higher education in Indiana.

President Hoops was pleased to report that USI has been recognized in national news at the close of the semester and reported that:

- The USI Accounting Team qualified again this year for the "final four" of the Institute of Management Accountants National Video Case Competition. The team will compete in the final event in Phoenix, Arizona, in June and will be formally recognized at the IMA's convention luncheon. Last year's team, the first USI team to attempt a national competition, also made the final four.
- Brian Hinterscher, an academic advisor in University Division, won the 2007 national award for the Outstanding New Advisor given by the National Academic Advising Association.
- Steve Bridges, director of USI's Business Office, has been chosen for the prestigious "Rising Star" award from the National Association of College and University Business Officers. The annual award identifies emerging leaders in higher education in the area of finance, administration, and business known for their innovative, meaningful contributions to the improvement of their profession and the efficiency of their institution. Only two individuals were selected nationally for this honor.

Dr. Hoops offered congratulations to all these USI family members for putting USI on the national stage.

Dr. Hoops announced that Sheri Risner, a USI accounting major, won a statewide entrepreneurial competition this spring, taking first place for an innovative business idea in competition with more than 400 students from 21 colleges throughout the state. He asked Provost Bennett to introduce Ms. Risner, who reported on her experience at the Indiana Collegiate Entrepreneur Boot Camp and the Boot Camp Elevator Pitch Competition. Ms. Risner reviewed her product, a software package for home food management and inventory. The package, which includes a bar code reading device, allows the user to scan food items when purchased and when consumed and includes meal planners, recipes, and shopping guides to aid in inventory. She described her experience at the one-day Boot Camp, which included advice from venture capitalists and her first-place finish in the competition. She expressed appreciation to the University and the faculty and administration in the College of Business for the many opportunities provided to her and other students.

President Hoops asked Professor Mark Krahlung to introduce a presentation by student trustee Lauren Fultz. Dr. Krahlung noted that Ms. Fultz will report on her senior chemistry seminar presentation, a unique course at USI that fulfills both a requirement for the student's major and a core curriculum requirement. Ms. Fultz reported on her research project titled "Increased Dietary Supply of Glutamine to Improve Chemotherapeutic Efficacy of L-Asparaginase during Treatment of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia". Ms. Fultz completed her research under the direction of Dr. Tracy Anthony in the Indiana University School of Medicine Evansville Center. She described Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) as the most common form of childhood malignancy and L-Asparaginase as the common anti-cancer drug used to treat ALL. She shared a summary of her research with mice that were given glutamine as a dietary supplement. She noted that a summary of the research indicates that further testing of doses, methods of delivery, and forms of glutamine is warranted. She reported that Dr. Anthony has since repeated the study and will continue the research.

President Hoops thanked Ms. Fultz for her service on the Board of Trustees and for being an excellent addition to the trustees' deliberations and a valued colleague. He noted that she will graduate with highest honors, and has been accepted by the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Student Government Association President Jeff Clark also will graduate, and President Hoops thanked Mr. Clark for his service this past year. He remarked that Mr. Clark has done an outstanding job as SGA president and in representing USI positively to external groups. He announced that the 2007-2008 SGA President is Kristina Pelly, who will be introduced at the July meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Hoops called on Faculty Senate Chair Christy Baker, who reported that the Faculty Senate and its committees had a successful year. She noted that all committees completed their charges, including the Faculty Affairs Committee, which focused on proposed revisions to the University Handbook on the topics of emeritus status, sabbatical leaves, and grievance and hearing procedures. The committee's report also focused on recommendations for emergency procedures. These recommendations have been shared with the University administration, as were recommendations from the full Senate regarding distance education, recruitment and hiring of faculty, and faculty retention. She expressed appreciation to the administration for its response to Faculty Senate recommendations and concerns. Dr. Hoops noted the level of cooperation between the administration and the Senate is exceptional and that the Senate has been a positive part of the management of the institution, which has always tried to be responsive, within budgetary limitations, to the Senate's requests.

President Hoops reported that in January 2007, he appointed a second Task Force on Economic and Workforce Development to replicate a study and report issued in 2000. He called on Associate Vice President Ed Jones, chair of the task force, to give the Trustees an interim report. Dr. Jones reported that when President Hoops convened the Task Force on Economic and Workforce Development last fall, he assigned four charges:

- Conduct an audit of existing curriculum, educational, and training programs;
- Study economic, workforce, and social trends in the region and identify possible gaps between the existing program offerings and identified needs;
- Complete a new study of USI's economic impact on the regional economy; and
- Mount a regional effort to generate awareness of these issues and to solicit feedback on the role of the University.

Dr. Jones referred the Trustees to a handout titled *Curricular/Program Changes in Response to 2000 Task Force*, a list of community suggestions and needs in 2000 and the University's responses. He noted many changes made in response to the report of the 2000 Task Force, including the addition of undergraduate programs in Engineering, Special Education, and Early Childhood Education, and the addition of the Master of Public Administration program. He further noted that requests from across the region resulted in the development of Connect with Southern Indiana and USI's involvement in Evansville's Certified Technology Park. An increase in student internships and development of the Center for Applied Research and Economic Development also resulted from recommendations made to the 2000 Task Force. Dr. Jones reported on the activities of four current task force subcommittees on Curriculum Audit; Economic and Workforce Trends; Economic Impact Study; and Community Relations. The Task Force expects to present its final report by June 30, 2007.

A public hearing, required by Indiana law, has been scheduled to review tuition and fees for the 2007-2009 biennium. President Hoops announced that the hearing will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in Carter Hall, and he invited the Trustees to attend. At its meeting in July, the Board of Trustees will approve tuition and fees for 2007-2008.

The president concluded his report by referring the trustees to two reports of interest in their meeting packets. One is the "Statement on Board Accountability" from the Association of Governing Boards. The other is a publication from the Lumina Foundation with a feature story on a USI program.

E. REPORT ON THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Baker called on Vice President Brinker for a report on the 2007 session of the Indiana General Assembly and the biennial budget for 2007-2009. Ms. Brinker reported that the General Assembly passed a two-year \$26.1 billion budget that increases state spending by 4.6 percent in 2007-2008 and 3.4 percent in 2008-2009. The budget provides a balanced budget each year of the biennium and repays the delayed payments from 2002 to local units of government and universities.

She referred the trustees to a handout titled *University of Southern Indiana Summary of 2007-2009 Biennial Budget* which provided a narrative review of the budget; a summary of the funding received by the University; and a detailed comparison of the budget from the time of the University's request to the final budget. She reviewed the Operating Budget Appropriation increase for 2007-2009, including the base adjustment for enrollment change, personal services, and equity appropriation and adjustments. She also reviewed Degree Change and Time to Degree (new performance incentives in the second year of the biennium), quality improvement funding, and the operating appropriation.

Vice President Brinker provided details about the capital budget, line item appropriation, and funding for the State Student Assistance Program. She reviewed language in the budget bill regarding the establishment of tuition and fees by state educational institutions. She summarized the legislative session as very positive for higher education and expressed the University's appreciation of the recognition at the state level as to the important role of USI in this region and throughout the state. She thanked the legislators, especially the local delegation, and others with whom she worked throughout the session.

F. APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Baker appointed Mr. McDonald (chair), Mr. Will, and Ms. Fultz to the Nominating Committee.

G. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO LAUREN C. FULTZ

Mr. Baker called on Mr. Will, who read the following resolution on behalf of the Board:

- WHEREAS, Lauren C. Fultz was appointed to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005, becoming the eleventh student to be so appointed in the history of USI; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Fultz has served with distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees; and
- WHEREAS, she has served the Board as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Nominating Committee, and as Secretary of the Board; and
- WHEREAS, through her active leadership and communication with the Student Government Association and other student groups, she has caused positive progress in the area of student governance; and
- WHEREAS, her term on the board will expire in summer 2007;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the USI Board of Trustees express to Ms. Fultz their sincere appreciation for her involvement and her vision; and
- FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board wishes Ms. Fultz well as she pursues a degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine; and
- FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be adopted and spread upon the minutes of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees for all time as a perpetual recognition of the deep gratitude owed by the University and its trustees, officers, students, and faculty, to Ms. Lauren C. Fultz for her devoted service.

Mr. Will presented Ms. Fultz with a University Chair. Ms. Fultz expressed her appreciation for the experience of serving on the Board of Trustees and for the many opportunities she had as a USI student.

SECTION II – FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Finance/Audit Committee met prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on May 4, 2007. Mr. Baker asked for a report from Mr. Dunn, who chaired the committee meeting in the absence of Chair Frank McDonald.

Mr. Dunn reported that the committee reviewed a recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve a resolution for financing the design of the College of Business/General Classroom Building, completion of the lower level of the Education Center, and construction of a Physical Plant/Support Services Facility. He noted that this recommendation will be presented in Item B.

He reported that the committee approved a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to authorize the lease of surplus educational broadband service capacity. This recommendation will be presented in Item J.

B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR THE FINANCING OF THE DESIGN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS/GENERAL CLASSROOM BUILDING, COMPLETION OF THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE EDUCATION CENTER, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PHYSICAL PLANT/SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITY

Mr. Baker called on Vice President Mark Rozewski to review the Resolution for the Financing of the Design of the College of Business/General Classroom Building, completion of the Lower Level of the Education Center, and Construction of a Physical Plant/Support Services Facility in Exhibit II-A. Mr. Rozewski noted that at its meeting on January 11, 2007, the Board of Trustees selected Old National Bank to provide interim financing of \$6.6 million for the design of the College of Business/General Classroom Building, completion of the lower level of the Education Center, and construction of a Physical Plant/Support Services Facility. The term is five years at a variable rate set every six months over the term, according to the formula in the loan agreement. The interim financing was authorized by the Indiana General Assembly in 2005 and subsequently by the Commission for Higher Education and the State Budget Committee. Vice President Rozewski reported that the specific business terms of this borrowing have been reviewed by the Indiana Finance Authority and the State Budget Director and the recommended resolution is necessary to close the borrowing.

On a motion by Mr. Will, seconded by Mr. Calloway, the Resolution for the Financing of the Design of the College of Business/General Classroom Building, Completion of the Lower Level of the Education Center, and Construction of a Physical Plant/Support Services Facility in Exhibit II-A was approved. Mr. Day, Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Knight abstained.

C. REPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Baker asked Mr. Dunn for a report from the Construction Committee in the absence of Construction Committee Chair Frank McDonald. Mr. Dunn reported that the Construction Committee met on April 4, 2007. Following the review of seven proposals received for the design of the University Center Expansion/Renovation Project, the committee selected four firms for interviews with the committee. These four firms were interviewed on May 1, 2007. Mr. Dunn reported that the committee's recommendation will be presented in Item D.

D. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF ARCHITECTURAL FIRM TO DESIGN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER EXPANSION/RENOVATION PROJECT

Mr. Baker called on Vice President Rozewski for a report. Mr. Rozewski noted that at its meeting on March 1, 2007, the Board of Trustees authorized the Construction Committee to select and interview firms interested in designing the University Center Expansion/Renovation Project and to present a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. He reported that the Construction Committee, following interviews of architectural firms at its meeting on May 1, 2007, recommends the team of Holzman Moss of New York City with Hafer Associates of Evansville. He thanked the committee for its work in the selection process.

Upon the recommendation of the Construction Committee, the selection of the team of Holzman Moss and Hafer Associates for the design of the University Center Expansion/Renovation project was approved.

E. UPDATE ON CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Mr. Baker called on Vice President Rozewski, who asked Director of Facilities Operations and Planning Steve Helfrich for a report on current construction projects. Mr. Helfrich reported that Phase I of the quadrangle project is on schedule. He reported that the concrete terracing has been installed and the utility tunnel constructed under the site is complete until needed for the construction of the College of Business/General Classroom Building. The next phase will replace the walkways near the Liberal Arts Center and the University Center. The project is scheduled to be complete in fall 2007.

He reviewed the project that will complete the lower level of the Education Center for the Social Work Department and ROTC offices. He showed the Trustees photographs of the project, which is on schedule and will be complete in July.

The McDonald West Recreation Building will be renovated and expanded to provide a student commons area, a new convenience store, and a bus stop/waiting area. He shared an architect's drawing of the proposed project. Construction will begin this summer.

Mr. Helfrich reported on other projects under construction, including an upgrade to seating in Murphy Auditorium in New Harmony; replacement of carpet in student housing; an emergency power upgrade for the University Center; and replacement of wood siding on three buildings in New Harmony. Additional projects in the design phase include the campus entrance and loop road; the Support Services Facility; McCutchan Art Center; expansion of the Recreation and Fitness Center; relocation of the Ceramics Center; replacement of light fixtures in parking lots and streets; renovation of the Science Center - Phase I; and renovation of the offices of Student Financial Assistance and Admissions.

F. APPROVAL OF GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE RATES FOR 2007-2008

Mr. Baker called on Vice President Brinker to review the proposed approval of group term life insurance rates. Ms. Brinker reported that the University offers two group term life insurance programs through Prudential Insurance Company of America. There are 51 employees and 73 retirees enrolled in the original program and 831 employees and 49 retirees enrolled in the revised program. Employees hired after February 1, 1988, are enrolled in the revised program.

Renewal rates from Prudential Insurance Company of America reflect a rate hold for the 12-month guarantee period beginning July 1, 2007. Life insurance rates will remain at \$.21/\$1,000 with an Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) rate of \$.02/\$1,000.

On a motion by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Calloway, the group term life insurance programs with Prudential Insurance Company of America with the proposed rates effective July 1, 2007, were approved.

G. APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE CARRIER FOR 2007-2008

Vice President Brinker reviewed the proposal to approve the supplemental life insurance carrier for 2007-2008. She reported that the University offers supplemental life insurance through Prudential Insurance Company of America to eligible employees. There are 277 employees enrolled in the program.

Renewal rates from Prudential Insurance Company of America reflect a rate hold for the twelve-month guarantee period beginning July 1, 2007.

On a motion by Mr. Will, seconded by Ms. Fultz, the supplemental life insurance program with Prudential Insurance Company of America effective July 1, 2007, was approved.

H. APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE RATES FOR 2007-2008

Vice President Brinker reviewed the proposal to renew the contract for the University's Long-Term Disability Insurance Program with The Standard Insurance Company as of July 1, 2007. The disability coverage provides income benefits and retirement contributions in the event of a long-term disability. The University pays the total premium cost for 677 eligible employees.

Renewal rates from The Standard Insurance Company reflect no increase for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2007. The current monthly premium is based on a percentage of Covered Monthly Salary (CMS) for the University:

	2006-2007 <u>Rates</u>	2007-2008 <u>Rates</u>
Income Premium	0.385% CMS	0.385% CMS
Annuity Premium	0.146% CMS	0.146% CMS

On a motion by Mr. Will, seconded by Mr. Knight, The Standard's Long-Term Disability Insurance rates effective July 1, 2007, was approved.

I. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PREMIUM RATES FOR 2007-2008

Vice President Brinker reviewed the contract for the University's Employee Assistance Program (CONCERN: EAP) with Deaconess Service Corporation to be renewed as of July 1, 2007. CONCERN: EAP is a comprehensive employee assistance program which provides assessment, short-term counseling, referral, and follow-up services for 894 employees and members of their immediate families. The utilization rate for calendar year 2006 was 5.7 percent.

Renewal rates from Deaconess Service Corporation reflect no increase for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2007. The University pays the annual cost for the program which is \$20 per employee per year. This agreement with Deaconess Service Corporation may be terminated at any time by either party upon 60 days advance written notice to the other party.

On a motion by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Fultz, the renewal of the master policy with the Deaconess Service Corporation beginning July 1, 2007, was approved.

J. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO LEASE OF SURPLUS EDUCATIONAL BROADBAND SERVICE CAPACITY

Mr. Baker called on Vice President Mark Rozewski, who reviewed the proposed lease of the University's surplus educational broadband service capacity. Mr. Rozewski reported that USI is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensee of Educational Broadband Service (EBS) Stations WXL881 - Channels A1 and A2; WLX880 - Channels A3 and A4; and WLX878 - Channels C1 through C4, serving the area in and around Evansville. The University's licenses for these stations have been renewed by the FCC through May, 2013. The stations have been surplus to the University for many years, and are currently leased until May 17, 2007.

Mr. Rozewski reported that the University has engaged in an extensive process to determine how best to secure the maximum feasible benefit to the University of this asset, and recommends that, upon the expiration of the current lease on May 17, 2007, the stations be leased to Sprint/Nextel. Sprint /Nextel has agreed to the following terms for a 30-year agreement with a 15-year initial term and subsequent renewal options:

- \$750,000 upon execution of the agreement
- \$ 18,000 per month (\$216,000 per year) escalated three percent a year
- \$ 4,500 per month Sprint/Nextel account credit

Vice President Rozewski reported that Sprint/Nextel will use the bandwidth of the stations to offer a wide-area wireless network in Evansville commencing in 2009. He noted that the lease is subject to approval of the FCC.

On a motion by Mr. Will, seconded by Mr. Day, authorization for the University to enter into the above-described lease with Sprint/Nextel was approved.

SECTION III – PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF REVISION TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF TENURE

Mr. Baker called on Provost Bennett, who explained a request to change the University's process to synchronize the dates of promotion and tenure. She noted that the USI Board of Trustees, at its meeting on March 1, 2007, approved promotion effective August 20, 2007, and tenure effective August 18, 2008, for ten faculty members. In order to synchronize the effective date of tenure with the effective date of promotion, Provost Bennett recommended a change in the effective date of tenure to August 20, 2007, for the following faculty members.

On a motion by Mr. Will, seconded by Mr. Day, the synchronization of effective dates for promotion and tenure and a change of the effective date of tenure to August 20, 2007, for the following faculty members was approved.

Dr. Omowale Akintunde, Associate Professor of Education
Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

Dr. Maurice Hamington, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Professor of Nursing
College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Folke-Christine Moeller-Sahling, Assistant Professor of German
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar, Assistant Professor of Economics
College of Business

Dr. Iris Phillips, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

Dr. Martha Brown Sparks, Professor of Nursing
College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Chad Tew, Assistant Professor of Online Journalism
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Kevin Valadares, Assistant Professor of Health Services/Administration
College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Steven Williams, Assistant Professor of Sociology
College of Liberal Arts

B. APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR RETIREMENT

Mr. Baker called on Provost Bennett, who recommended approval of the following requests related to retirements.

On a motion by Mr. Calloway, seconded by Mr. Will, the following requests related to retirements were approved.

Associate Professor of English Eric L. vonFuhmann, in accordance with the revised retirement policy, has requested retirement effective July 1, 2008, including leave with pay for the period January 7, 2008, through May 11, 2008. Severance pay based on 42 years of service to the University will be paid as of June 30, 2008.

Instructor in Mathematics Marjorie O. Labhart, in accordance with the revised retirement policy, has requested retirement effective July 1, 2008, including leave with pay for the period January 7, 2008, through May 11, 2008. Severance pay based on 24 years of service to the University will be paid as of June 30, 2008.

The USI Board of Trustees, at its meeting on September 8, 2005, approved early retirement for Sherry B. Darrell effective May 11, 2008. Dr. Darrell has requested that the effective date be changed to May 10, 2009, including leave with pay for the period of January 5, 2009, through May 10, 2009. Severance pay based on 31 years of service to the University will be paid as of June 30, 2009.

C. APPROVAL OF EMERITUS STATUS

Mr. Baker called on Provost Bennett, who recommended that the following emeritus/emerita titles be conferred.

Associate Professor Emeritus of English Eric L. vonFuhrmann, 42 years at USI, effective July 1, 2008.

Instructor Emerita in Mathematics Marjorie O. Labhart, 24 years at USI, effective July 1, 2008.

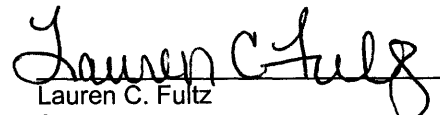
Dr. Bennett noted that the USI Board of Trustees, at its meeting on September 8, 2005, approved emerita status of Professor Emerita of English for Sherry B. Darrell effective May 11, 2008. Due to a recent change in Dr. Darrell's title and a request to revise the effective date of her retirement (Section II, Item B), it is recommended is that Dr. Darrell retire officially with the effective date shown and that the appropriate emerita title, as indicated, be conferred:

Professor Emerita of English and Director Emerita of Humanities Sherry B. Darrell, 31 years at USI, effective May 10, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Will, seconded by Ms. MacDonell, the recommended emeritus/emerita titles were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lauren C. Fultz
Secretary

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the University of Southern Indiana (the "University") has heretofore determined that a necessity exists to conduct preliminary planning and design for certain facilities and further to acquire, construct and equip certain facilities in Evansville, Indiana, all as described more fully in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly has authorized the University to proceed with the Projects through borrowings of up to \$6,600,000, plus any amounts required to fund any reserve fund, to pay costs of issuance or other incidental expenses, or to provide for underwriters' discount or original issue discount; and

WHEREAS, the Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer of the University (the "Treasurer") has negotiated with and received proposals from financial institutions for the financing of the Projects, such financing to be accomplished from proceeds of a promissory note to be issued by the University; and

WHEREAS, this Board has previously selected Old National Bank as purchaser of said promissory note; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the financing of the costs of designing, acquiring, constructing, and equipping the various components of the Projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. The Board hereby ratifies the negotiations of the Treasurer, and hereby approves the terms and conditions for financing the Projects as set forth in the various documents set forth in paragraph 2 below.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer (or Assistant Treasurer) to execute and deliver a Loan Agreement, Certificate of the Treasurer, Non-Arbitrage Certificate, Tax Certificate of the University, Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Obligations (Forms 8038-G), and Fully Registered Promissory Note, in substantially the forms presented to and approved by the Board (Exhibit B), with those changes that the Treasurer (or Assistant Treasurer) shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof.
3. The Treasurer (or Assistant Treasurer) are, and each of them acting individually is, hereby authorized and directed to perform any and all further acts, to execute any and all further documents or certificates, and to publish any notices required to complete the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement and the Fully Registered Promissory Note and the other matters referred to herein.
4. The Board hereby declares, confirms, and ratifies its official intent to advance the University's funds as needed (in an amount not to exceed \$6.6 million) for the Projects identified in Exhibit A and to reimburse such advances from proceeds of the borrowing, authorized hereby.
5. The Board hereby designates the indebtedness evidenced by the Loan Agreement and the Fully Registered Promissory Note as a qualified tax-exempt obligation under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

EXHIBIT A

THE PROJECT AND THE NOTE

The Project consists of three component parts. Part I is architectural and engineering funding of \$2,046,509 for a new facility which would house the College of Business and general classrooms. Part II would complete the construction of the Education Center by finishing the lower level of the building at a cost of \$1,968,125. Part III would relocate the maintenance department and storeroom facilities out of the central physical plant building into a new facility to be constructed on the east edge of campus at a cost of \$2,585,366. The total cost of all three components parts of the Project is \$6,600,000.

EXHIBIT B

The forms and documents noted in paragraph 2 of the Resolution are on file in the office of the Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer.