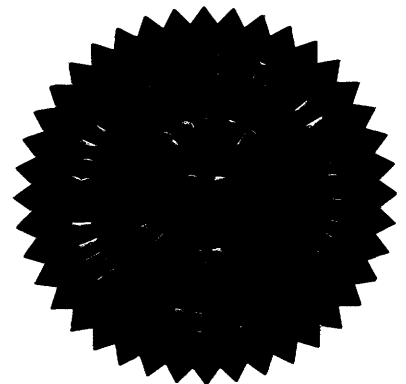


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The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, September 8, 2005, at the New Harmony Inn and Conference Center in New Harmony, Indiana. Present were Chair G. Patrick Hoehn and Trustees Bruce H. Baker, Mark A. Day, Lauren C. Fultz '07, J. David Huber, Frank F. McDonald II '73, Harolyn G. Torain '71, 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 Student Affairs Robert W. Parrent; Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer Mark Rozewski; Vice President for Advancement Sherrienne M. Standley; Faculty Senate Chair Mark Krahlung; and Student Government Association President Scott Carr.

Chair Pat Hoehn called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

SECTION I - GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2005, MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Will, the minutes of the July 7, 2005, meeting were approved.

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was set for Wednesday, November 2, 2005, on campus, a change from the original date of November 3, 2005.

C. REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long-Range Planning Committee met prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on September 8, 2005. Mr. Hoehn called on Committee Chair Bruce Baker for a report. Mr. Baker reported that the committee heard a report about recent activities in the area of Advancement, including an overview of the newly designed USI web site and the new Lilly Endowment Challenge. Joined by the Finance/Audit Committee for the last half of the meeting, the committee heard a presentation about the progress of the Campus Master Plan.

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hoops began his report by welcoming Lauren Fultz as the newest trustee. He reported that a resident of Seymour, Indiana, who graduated from Brownstown High School, Ms. Fultz is a highly respected student leader in and out of the classroom. A junior chemistry/pre-medicine major, she is a student ambassador, vice president of the American Chemical Society Student Affiliate, and vice president of Sigma Zeta Science and Mathematics Honor Society. She represents the Pott College of Science and Engineering in the Student Government Association.

Dr. Hoops announced that the University of Southern Indiana has joined with the nation in supporting victims of Hurricane Katrina. The University extended to displaced students the opportunity to enroll for the fall semester without paying tuition. He remarked that a few students took advantage of the offer and USI is happy to be of service in assuring they can continue their education. He also noted that the University is pleased that many students and staff have organized monetary and supplies drives for the relief effort.

Dr. Hoops called on Scott Carr, president of the Student Government Association (SGA) for a report. Mr. Carr reported that SGA has been very active in the first week of the fall semester. SGA hosted a successful dinner for new students during Welcome Week and will partner with other student organizations to raise funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina. An annual fall cookout will be sponsored in partnership with the Interfraternity Council, and SGA continues to promote The Red Zone, its support group for USI athletics.

President Hoops reported that since the last meeting of the Board, the University has welcomed new and returning employees to the opening of a new academic year and honored 60 support staff employees at an annual luncheon to recognize them for their years of service. He reported that USI also honored its volunteers, who have given \$12.3 million in service since Volunteer USI began tracking volunteer hours in 1996.

He invited Provost Bennett to report on the fall meeting for faculty and administrative staff. Dr. Bennett told the trustees that during the meeting, Vice President Mark Rozewski was formally introduced to the University community, 6 faculty members who have been promoted to full professor were honored, and 39 new full-time faculty were welcomed to the University of Southern Indiana. The guest speaker was Dr. William Buskist, distinguished professor in the teaching of psychology at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, and faculty fellow at Auburn's Biggio Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. He gave an inspiring presentation titled "The Call to Teach". Following the presentation, small groups of faculty continued a discussion begun at last year's fall meeting on the subject of assessment of effective teaching. Provost Bennett reported that it was a productive way to begin the academic year.

President Hoops called on Provost Bennett to introduce Patricia Aakhus, instructor in English and the coordinator of The Parthenon Project in September 2004 and the upcoming Ram in the Thicket in September 2005. Ms. Aakhus reported on the success of The Parthenon Project, an interdisciplinary colloquium featuring USI faculty which explored the history and influence of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece, and which was attended by 2,500 students and faculty. She announced that this year's colloquium will center on the Ram in the Thicket, one of many beautiful art objects made of gold, lapis, and shell circa 2600 BCE at UR, the legendary birthplace of Abraham. The colloquium will examine inherited and shared cultural motifs from the Cradle of Civilization, their origins and manifestations from the time of the Ram in the Thicket to the present. It will investigate the rich heritage of the Middle East, from its earliest beginnings in the creation of writing, urban life, western religion, poetry, metallurgy, and science and medicine. Fourteen Liberal Arts faculty members will give lectures and present poetry and prose readings.

President Hoops was pleased to report that the fall semester is off to a smooth start and the University continues to be impressed with the quality of students who come to USI each year. He asked Vice President Parrent to give the trustees information on this year's entering class and continuing students. Dr. Parrent reported that student enrollment for the fall 2005 semester totals 10,004, and that the University enrolled its largest freshman class in history this year. First-time undergraduate students total 2,148, an increase of 44 students. Dr. Parrent shared other enrollment statistics, including an increase of 35 students in the total undergraduate enrollment and an increase of 40 first-time graduate students. He reported that the transfer population is the third largest in the history of the University and that 679 re-admission students enrolled. Students enrolled in fall 2005 represent all 92 counties in Indiana, 31 other states, and 29 nations. Dr. Parrent noted that the quality of the enrolling class of freshmen is apparent in that 306 are automatic qualifiers for the University Honors Program. He reported that engineering majors in the freshman class total 105, an increase of 28 students over fall 2004.

Dr. Hoops asked Director of Historic New Harmony Connie Weinzapfel to give a report on activities in New Harmony. Ms. Weinzapfel reported that the National Trust for Historic Preservation recently invited Historic New Harmony to become one of its first "Partner Places", and she was pleased to report that Historic New Harmony has entered into a renewed contract with the Colonial Dames for the operation of the Lenz House as a tour site. Ms. Weinzapfel noted that partnerships such as these are increasingly important as Historic New Harmony attempts to work within its budget. In order to continue its commitment to historic preservation following the elimination of the position of Preservation Coordinator, Historic New Harmony has a contract with the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, which will assist with preservation and planning for all of the University's resources in the town of New Harmony. Ms. Weinzapfel reported that Phase I of the Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott House project is complete and that the offices of Historic New Harmony will move to the home in Spring 2006. She noted that the tour program is operating successfully and that there is an increase in the number of visitors. She concluded by reporting on special programming and events for tourists, recent promotion in travel magazines and other media, and the redesign of the Historic New Harmony web site.

The president referred the trustees to a handout of a feature story from *American Basketball Quarterly* about Head Men's Basketball Coach Rick Herdes.

He called on Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall to bring a report on the intercollegiate athletics programs. Mr. Hall announced that USI student-athletes finished 2004-2005 with an average 3.0 GPA and received numerous academic awards. Baseball's Matt Keener was the recipient of the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Sharf Paragon Award, given to the top male and female athletes in the conference. He reported that on the playing fields, USI won three conference championships in 2004-2005 in volleyball, men's basketball, and men's tennis, and that three other programs participated in NCAA post-season tournaments. Some students excelled individually in women's long jump, golf, and cross country.

Mr. Hall reported on the successful NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country National Championships, hosted by USI in 2004. He noted that the planning required a total campus effort and the University was praised for its effort in executing the tournament. He reported that three audits of the compliance program took place in 2004-2005. A compliance audit was conducted by an internal committee, followed by a Compliance Blueprint Audit by the NCAA and an audit by an outside compliance auditor to analyze the procedures. He was pleased to announce that each audit affirmed the soundness of the compliance program. Mr. Hall reported that events planned for 2005-2006 include a Walk for Women's Athletics, the Division II Tip-Off Classic in Orlando, Florida, and men's basketball exhibition games at the University of Tennessee and the University of Louisville. He closed with a report on the addition of Drury University, Rockhurst University, and the University of Missouri-Rolla to the GLVC.

Dr. Hoops announced that USI would celebrate its 40th anniversary with a special dinner on September 9, 2005, during which the members of the southern Indiana legislative delegation over the past 40 years will be honored. He reported that Founder's Day activities on September 15 would include the placement of the cornerstone in the Rice Library.

He closed his report by referring the trustees to their meeting materials, which included the latest edition of *Southern Indiana Review*, and a copy of the recent *USI Magazine's* 40th Anniversary issue.

E. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

In 1983, the Indiana General Assembly enacted amendments to the Indiana "conflicts of interest" law, which provides that "The public servant who knowingly or intentionally: (1) has a pecuniary interest in; or (2) derives a profit from a contract or purchase connected with an action by the government entity that he serves, commits a conflict of interest, a Class D felony."

I.C. 35-41-1-2 defines "public servant" as a person who (1) is authorized to perform any official function on behalf of, and is paid by, a governmental agency; or (2) is elected or appointed to office to discharge a public duty for a governmental entity.

The 1983 amendment provides a method by which public servants can avoid the criminal aspects of the conflicts of interest law by filing a disclosure statement with the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees must approve such disclosures and must forward all disclosure statements to the State Board of Accounts.

Chair Hoehn called on Vice President Rozewski, who referred the trustees to the *Possible Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements* submitted since July 2005 and recommended their approval.

On a motion by Mr. Will, seconded by Mr. McDonald, the *Possible Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements* from Trustee Lauren Fultz, Acting Dean of the College of Business Mohammed Khayum, and Acting Dean of the College of Science and Engineering Scott Gordon were approved.

SECTION II – FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Finance/Audit Committee met prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on September 8, 2005. Mr. Hoehn called on Committee Chair Frank McDonald, who reported that the committee approved recommendations for Board approval of student housing rates and meal plan rates for 2006-2007, approved year-end budget appropriations, adjustments, and transfers, and discussed the proposed sale of several New Harmony properties.

B. APPROVAL OF 2006-2007 HOUSING RATES

Chair Hoehn called on Vice President Rozewski, who reviewed the recommendation of the Finance/Audit Committee for proposed housing rates for 2006-2007. On a motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Baker, the following housing rates for 2006-2007 were approved.

		<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
<u>FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER</u>				
<u>McDONALD or O'DANIEL APARTMENT</u>				
Two Bedroom:	Two students per bedroom	\$1,585	\$1,617	7-01-06
	One student per bedroom	2,840	2,897	7-01-06
One Bedroom:	Two students	1,915	1,953	7-01-06
	One student	3,565	3,636	7-01-06
<u>GOVERNORS, NEWMAN, O'BANNON, or RUSTON HALL</u>				
One and Two Bedroom: Two students per bedroom		\$1,585	\$1,617	7-01-06

SUMMER SESSIONS - Summer session rates are indexed to semester rates. The rate for each five-week summer session is one-third of the academic year semester rate.

C. APPROVAL OF 2006-2007 MEAL PLAN RATES

Mr. Hoehn called on Mr. Rozewski, who reviewed the Finance/Audit Committee recommendation for proposed meal plan rates. Mr. Rozewski reported that students who live in the Residence Halls (Newman Hall, Governors Hall, O'Bannon Hall, and Ruston Hall) are required to purchase a Resident Meal Plan. Three plans are available from which students can choose. The proposed rates allow for normal increases in food and labor costs.

On a motion by Mrs. Torain, seconded by Mr. Baker, the following meal plan rates for 2006-2007 were approved.

	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Red Eagle Plan	\$1,599	\$1,629	7-01-06
White Eagle Plan	1,499	1,519	7-01-06
Blue Eagle Plan	1,290	1,369	7-01-06

SUMMER SESSIONS - Meal plans are not offered during summer sessions.

D. REPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

The Construction Committee met prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on September 8, 2005. Mr. Hoehn called on Committee Chair Frank McDonald, who reported that the Construction Committee reviewed and approved change orders to the Rice Library Project.

E. UPDATE ON CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Mr. Hoehn called on Mr. Rozewski who introduced Steve Helfrich, director of facilities operations and planning, for a report on the status of current construction projects. Mr. Helfrich reported on the progress of the new David L. Rice Library, which is approximately 70 percent complete. He was pleased to report that the renovation and repair projects planned for the summer months were completed in time for fall classes to begin. These included the renovation of Forum III, repair work on the exterior of the Physical Activities Center (PAC), improvements to a pedestrian crosswalk on University Boulevard, and the construction of a small parking lot. He also reported that the Summer Rehabilitation Program in student housing was a success. This project requires the work of 75 individuals and involves the thorough cleaning and repair of each apartment and suite in student housing. Mr. Helfrich closed his report with a description of ongoing projects, including the renovation of the upper level of the Forum Wing of the Wright Administration Building and continuing work to upgrade the PAC.

SECTION III – PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Chairman Hoehn called on Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda Bennett, who reviewed the recommendations for retirement and emeritus/emerita status. On a motion by Mr. Will, seconded by Mr. McDonald, the following personnel actions were approved.

1. Early Retirement

Professor of English Sherry B. Darrell, in accordance with the early retirement policy, has requested early retirement effective May 11, 2008, including leave with pay for the period January 17, 2008 through May 11, 2008. Severance pay based on 30 years of service to the University will be paid as of June 30, 2008.

Professor of English John H. Gottcent, in accordance with the early retirement policy, has requested early retirement effective December 16, 2006, including leave with pay for the period August 21, 2006 through December 16, 2006. Severance pay based on 36.5 years of service to the University will be paid as of January 31, 2007.

Associate Professor of Mathematics C. William Stegemoller, in accordance with the early retirement policy, has requested early retirement effective May 6, 2007, including leave with pay for the period January 2, 2007 through May 6, 2007. Severance pay based on 29 years of service to the University will be paid as of June 30, 2007.

2. Retirement

Dean of the College of Business R. Eugene Klippel has requested retirement effective August 12, 2005.

3. Emeritus/Emerita Status

It is recommended that the following faculty members be retired officially with the effective dates shown and that the appropriate emeritus/emerita title, as indicated, be conferred:

Professor Emerita in English Sherry B. Darrell
30 years at USI, effective May 11, 2008

Professor Emeritus in English John H. Gottcent
36.5 years at USI, effective December 16, 2006


Associate Professor Emeritus in Mathematics C. William Stegemoller
29 years at USI, effective May 6, 2007

It is recommended that the following emeritus title be conferred upon Jerome R. Cain, who resigned as Dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering and who will remain a Professor of Biology:

Dean Emeritus of the Pott College of Science and Engineering Jerome R. Cain
9 years at USI, effective March 21, 2005

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Harolyn G. Torain
Secretary