

MINUTES

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 7, 2006

The Long-Range Planning Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 7, 2006, in the University Center. Present were Committee Chair James L. Will, Sr. and Trustees W. Harold Calloway, Lauren C. Fultz '07, and Amy MacDonell; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda L. M. Bennett; Vice President for Student Affairs Robert W. Parrent; Vice President for Advancement Sherrienne M. Standley; Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Extended Services M. Edward Jones; Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Posler; Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs John Deem; Chair of Faculty Senate Christy Baker; and President of the Student Government Association Jeff Clark. Others in attendance were Dean of Liberal Arts David Glassman; Associate Professor of Nutrition Julie McCullough; Assistant Dean of Nursing Ann White; Dean of Bower Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services Tom Pickering; and Dean of Pott College of Science and Engineering Scott Gordon.

Mr. Will called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

1. REVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC PLANNING PROCESS

Mr. Will called on Provost Bennett to review the academic planning process. Dr. Bennett reported that planning for a new academic program begins in several ways. Faculty may generate ideas for new programs, often from field development. Some programs are planned in response to regional needs and others are considered as a result of student interest and demand. She noted that a program in development is reviewed by numerous groups on campus, including the Board of Trustees, before it is presented to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education for approval.

Provost Bennett reported that most new programs are approved by the Commission for Higher Education without requesting new resources. Funding is usually found in enrollment increase funds. As a result, there is always a resource lag in starting a new program.

Dr. Bennett reviewed the following programs being considered for 2007-2009:

- Associate Degree – Pharmacy Technician
- Bachelor Degree – Criminal Justice
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Environmental Science
 - Respiratory Therapy
- Master Degree – Special Education /Exceptional Needs

Dr. Coudret observed that in the future, a Professional Doctorate in Nursing could be considered because this may be a professional requirement for nurse practitioners by 2015.

A question was asked about co-op assignments in engineering. Dean Gordon explained that there are 79 companies with a co-op relationship with USI, and that all students who request a placement are placed. The summer of the junior year is typical to begin a co-op placement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.