

MINUTES

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 3, 2008

The Long-Range Planning Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, in the Liberal Arts Center. Present were Committee Chair W. Harold Calloway and Trustees Jamie L. Johnson '09, Steven J. Schenck '72, and Ted C. Ziemer Jr. Also in attendance were Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda L. M. Bennett; Vice President for Student Affairs Robert W. Parrent; Faculty Senate Chair Lesa Cagle; and Student Government Association President Amy Beard.

Committee Chair Harold Calloway convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. REPORT FROM COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Mr. Calloway called on Provost Bennett, who introduced David Glassman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Dean Glassman led four Liberal Arts faculty in a presentation about a sample of community outreach projects in the College of Liberal Arts entitled *College of Liberal Arts in the Community*. Dr. David Hitchcock, assistant professor of Spanish, discussed an information guide he developed through the University's Center for Applied Research for German American Bank, Inc. The guide is based on Latino culture and addresses Latino perceptions and needs related to the American system of banking.

Ms. Maggie Felton, instructor in psychology and the 2008 recipient of the University's Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Community Service Award, described the project undertaken by students in her psychology class. The students worked with low income teenage mothers, providing early child development information, giving direction in educational and workforce opportunities, and helping identify available social support services. The community partners for this project were Even Start Early Literacy Program and Cedar Hall Elementary School.

Dr. Ronda Priest, chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies and associate professor of sociology, and her sociology students completed a project for Habitat for Humanity of Evansville through the University's Center for Applied Research. The USI students conducted structured face-to-face interviews with neighbors of Habitat "partner families" to identify the impact these homes have had on Evansville neighborhoods. This study is a first for the national organization and has already generated scholarship for the faculty involved.

Dr. David Black, assistant professor of radio and television, in conjunction with the University's department of Instructional Technology Services, is producing a documentary for Dr. David L. Rice, president emeritus of the University of Southern Indiana and a member of the White County Bridge Commission. The documentary will facilitate the effort to save the New Harmony Bridge. In addition, the documentary will provide both archival footage of events surrounding the proposed closing of the bridge and an understanding of the importance of the bridge to the local and external communities.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.