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The Long-Range Planning Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 1, 2011, in the University Center. Present were Committee Chair Jeffrey L. Knight and Trustees Susan Ellsperman '13 and Ted C. Ziemer Jr. Also in attendance were Provost Ronald S. Rochon; Faculty Senate Chair Adrian Gentle; and Student Government Association President Jordan Whittedge.

Committee Chair Jeff Knight convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**1. REPORT ON STUDENT INTERNATIONAL STUDIES EXPERIENCE**

Mr. Knight called on Provost Rochon to introduce Dr. Mohammed Khayum, dean of the College of Business. Dean Khayum introduced Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar, associate professor of economics and chair of Department of Economics and Marketing; Dr. Niharika Banerjea, assistant professor of sociology; and USI students Amy Brown, Chanse Ford, and D.J. Horstman. The students, accompanied by Dr. Banerjea, spent 15 days in India in summer 2011, and they shared their international studies experience with the Committee. While in India, they assisted the Society for Development Studies, a non-governmental organization, with a five-year project to decrease subsidy and streamline economic value. Through the project, residents are taught how to produce products that are relevant and needed in order to alleviate hunger and poverty in the region.

Dr. Banerjea expressed the appreciation of Dr. Vinay D. Lall, director general and chief executive officer of the Society for Development Studies, who considered it a privilege to work with the University of Southern Indiana students.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.