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The Academic Affairs Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 5, 2013, in the University Center on campus. Present were Committee Chair W. Harold Calloway and Trustees Ira G. Boots, John M. Dunn, Amy W. MacDonnell, and Ronald D. Romain '73. Also in attendance were President Linda L. M. Bennett; Provost Ronald S. Rochon; and Faculty Senate Chair Mary Hallock Morris.

Committee Chair Calloway called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Provost Rochon for an introduction of the report.

**1. REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM IN NEW HARMONY**

Mr. Michael Aakhus, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and Dr. Michael Strezewski, associate professor of Anthropology, reported on the University of Southern Indiana Archaeology Research Program in New Harmony.

Dr. Strezewski and students in the Anthropology 397 course, Field School in Archaeology, have been involved in archaeological research in New Harmony, Indiana, since 2008. Three field seasons were spent digging remains from the Harmonist pottery kiln dating from 1815-1824. Dr. Strezewski informed the Committee that the shape of the kiln was that of a Cassel kiln used in England and Germany. In the kiln, researchers found setting wedges and cock spurs used to set the pottery as well as storage containers, chamber pots, and serving vessels. Through these findings, the purpose of the kiln was determined – to make practical items needed by the Harmonists.

In addition to the excavations, Dr. Strezewski researched the planning and organization of the town and the composition of Harmonists families. To aid with his research, he viewed 1820 census information, family ledgers, and nineteenth century maps.

Dr. Strezewski is making plans for excavations as part of New Harmony's bicentennial celebration in 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.