

MINUTES

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 6, 2008

The Long-Range Planning Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 6, 2008, in the University 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 2 p.m.

1. REVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. Calloway called on Provost Bennett for a review of the following Academic Program Development Plan (Attachment A). She noted that there have been no changes from March 2008. The Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies is being reviewed by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Provost Bennett reported that the academic programs most likely to move through the approval process in the coming year are the Master of Arts in Communication, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, and Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.

2. REPORT ON LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Mr. Calloway called on Provost Bennett, who introduced Brian Posler, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Studies. Dr. Posler introduced Dr. Jeff Thomas, academic coordinator of the living learning communities, and Ms. Laura Berry, director of Residence Life, who discussed USI's living learning communities in a presentation entitled *USI Living Learning Communities: Helping Students Connect and Succeed*.

The living learning communities program combines a campus residential experience with coordination of class schedules so students living together in the same residence hall also take the same classes. The combination of these activities requires effective collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. The Office of Residence Life creates programming in the residence hall to coordinate with the academic themes of the learning communities. Themes usually focus on an academic major, but the University also has an international living learning community in which international students participate. Currently, there are 165 students participating in seven living learning communities with plans to expand the program. The result is a retention rate for these students that is often 20 percentage points higher than the general student population.

Pippa Cunningham, a resident advisor in the living learning communities, commented on her positive experience as a student in the living learning community.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**Attachment A
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
New Program Development Plan**

**Revised by Academic Planning Council
October 27, 2008**

Associate Degree

Baccalaureate Degree

Graduate Degree

2007-2009 Biennium

Biochemistry
Criminal Justice
Environmental Science

2009-2011 Biennium

Anthropology
Arts and Heritage Management
Business Economics
Business/Engineering
Entrepreneurship
Geography
Health Informatics
International Business
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Respiratory Therapy

Communications
Food and Nutrition (Dietetics)
Health Administration (MSW/MHA)
Physical Therapy
Public Health Administration (MSW/MPA)
Special Education/Exceptional Needs

2011-2013 Biennium

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Environmental Science
Human Performance
Imaging Sciences
Medical Records and Health Informatics
Occupational Therapy
Pharmacy

2013-2015 Biennium

Forensic Science