AGENDA
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 5, 1987

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A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1987, MEETING

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION

C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D. REPORT OF MEETINGS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

E. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The following amendments to the Bylaws of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees were presented in writing at the September 3 Board meeting.

Approval of the following amendments to the Bylaws is recommended.

Article III should be amended to read:

Section 8. Powers of the Board of Trustees. In addition to the powers specifically granted by statutes of the State of Indiana, the Board of Trustees has and may exercise all other implied powers reasonably required for the conduct of the affairs of the University of Southern Indiana. The Board of Trustees may from time to time, by resolution, prescribe the manner in which all contracts shall be executed. In the absence of such provision, all contracts shall be executed by the Chair or a Vice Chair, and the corporate seal shall be affixed and attested by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

Article IV should be amended to read:

Section 1. Officers of the University. The officers of the University shall be the Chair, one or more Vice Chairs, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, the President and one or more Vice Presidents. The Chair, Vice Chair(s), Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve for terms of one year or until successors are elected and qualified. The President and Vice Presidents shall serve such terms as may be determined by the Board of Trustees at the time of their appointment or election. The one or more Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Trustees.
Section 2. At its annual meeting the Board of Trustees shall elect from among its membership a Chair, one or more Vice Chairs, and a Secretary and shall also appoint qualified persons, not members of the Board of Trustees, to serve as Assistant Secretary and as Treasurer. Each officer shall be elected for a term of one year or until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

Section 5. The Vice Chairs. The Vice Chairs shall perform all duties incumbent upon the Chair during the absence of or disability of the Chair and perform any such other duties as the bylaws may require or the Board of Trustees may prescribe.

F. PROPOSAL FOR A BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAM

A Bachelor of Science degree program in nursing is proposed by the University of Southern Indiana for implementation in August, 1988. The program is both a response to the recent study of nursing education of the Commission for Higher Education and an extension of developments at the University. Designed to respond to the current and projected need for nurses in the service area of USI, the program provides a baccalaureate nursing curriculum which includes an option for an Associate of Science degree in nursing as a component of the multiple entry and exit points for students. Its purpose is to prepare professional nurses who can function as generalists responsible for the planning and provision of health care for individuals, families, groups, and communities in structured and unstructured health care settings.

A description of the proposed program is found in Exhibit I-A. The budget is being formulated and reviewed; it will be included in the addenda to the agenda.

Approval is recommended.

G. REPORT FROM THE TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

In April, 1987, a Task Force on Academic Affairs was appointed to "study the present structure and develop a plan to establish an organizational structure appropriate for the University's present stage of development and to accommodate future institutional progress." The Task Force included representatives from each of the present units reporting to the Vice President for Academic Affairs; the plan was to be completed by October 15.

This final report includes: (1) recommendations and supporting rationale for the new structure and (2) role and responsibility descriptions for the deans, directors, department chairpersons, and the two administrators responsible for graduate studies and extended services. Draft copies of the final report were made available to all members of the faculty and a general faculty meeting was held on October 21, 1987, to discuss the findings and recommendations. The
recommendations of the Task Force, amended to reflect concerns expressed about the school title for Science, Engineering Technology, and Health Professions are as follows:

1. Establish four schools: the School of Business, the School of Education and Human Services, the School of Liberal Arts, and the School of Science, Engineering Technology, and Health Professions.

2. Identify administrative heads of the schools as deans.

3. Create academic departments within each of the four schools and recognize the administrative heads as department chairpersons.

4. Identify two positions as having both staff and line responsibilities reporting to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Among the responsibilities of one of these positions will be administering the graduate studies programs. The other will administer extended services in addition to other duties.

5. The four deans, the Director of Library Services, and the two administrators responsible for graduate studies and extended services will constitute the Academic Affairs Council.

Approval to implement the above recommendations is recommended.
SECTION II - FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

GRANTS:

From: Unappropriated Restricted Funds

To: 4-45924 Faculty/Student Research Project  
(Dr. Palladino #1)  
Supplies and Expense $825.00

To: 4-45925 Faculty/Student Research Project  
(Dr. Palladino #2)  
Supplies and Expense 130.00

B. VISA AND MASTERCARD - NEW MERCHANT AGREEMENT

A new agreement with Citizens National Bank, Evansville to include Electronics Ticket processing and Travel Vouchers has been requested. The resolution in Exhibit II-A, authorizing the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer to execute an agreement on behalf of the University, is recommended for approval.

C. GENERAL PURPOSE CLASSROOM BUILDING

The Board of Trustees approved on July 2, 1986, a process for the selection of an architectural firm to plan the Classroom Building. The firm of Odle/Burke of Bloomington, Indiana, was chosen by the selection committee on July 9, 1986.

On November 6, 1986, the architect presented schematic plans for the proposed classroom building to the Trustees, and they were approved.

The 1987 Indiana General Assembly authorized the Trustees to issue and sell bonds for the construction of the classroom building.

On May 8, 1987, the Trustees authorized President Rice to request approval of the Governor of the State of Indiana, the State Budget Committee, and the Commission for Higher Education to approve proceeding with the project.

On September 11, 1987, the Commission for Higher Education reported that the staff had acted upon the request and had forwarded it to the Director of the State Budget Agency with a recommendation of approval.

On September 24, 1987, the Indiana Budget Committee approved the request for the issuance of bonds for the construction and equipping of a classroom building, plus any amounts required to fund a reserve fund for such bonds and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds.

The Board of Trustees' Finance Committee met with bond counsel and bond underwriters on October 26, 1987, to consider a financing proposal. A resolution concerning financing of the project will be presented in the addenda to the agenda.
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING

The curriculum of the baccalaureate nursing program is designed to provide articulation with multiple types of accredited nursing programs including: Associate of Science (AS) with major in nursing; Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN); Diploma; and Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN or LVN). The degree awarded will be the Bachelor of Science (BS) with a major in nursing; the option to exit with an Associate of Science (AS) with a major in nursing also will be available. The program is developed to meet the accreditation standards of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (NCA), the National League for Nursing (NLN), and the Indiana State Board of Nursing.

The baccalaureate program in nursing will include a strong clinical component, a strong academic base which includes electives for personal enrichment, and a wide variety of community health resources. The program increases opportunity for advancement for practitioners from a variety of educational programs (associate degree and diploma) including the graduates of the diploma program at Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing and the graduates of the new ADN program under development at IVTC-Southwest.

With the exception of the ADN program of Vincennes University, no nursing program is available through a public institution of higher education in southwestern Indiana. Expanded opportunity for qualified persons, including Registered Nurses (RN) in Evansville and surrounding counties, to earn a baccalaureate degree appropriate to changing health care systems is a major reason for this proposed program. Hospitals need more highly skilled nurses to support more sophisticated treatment for seriously ill patients. At the same time, alternatives to hospitalization have increased, creating a need for nurses prepared for primary care settings such as the home, the clinic, and other forms of community health services.

The program is expected to begin with 50 new freshmen in the fall, 1989, together with 40 part-time students who have completed two or more years of nursing education. Given the current nursing shortage reported in the state and the nation, this program expands opportunity by establishing a public nursing degree program in the only metropolitan area of Indiana which does not have a baccalaureate nursing program in a public university setting.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

"Be it resolved that the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, or any one or more of them, be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to enter into and execute an agreement, on such terms as they deem advisable, in the name of and on behalf of this Corporation, with Citizens National Bank (hereinafter called "Bank") relating to the sale by this Corporation to Bank of sales slips evidencing purchases from this Corporation of merchandise sold and delivered and services rendered, or both, and from time to time to modify such agreement and make and modify arrangements with Bank as to the terms on which such sales slips are to be sold to Bank, and they are hereby further authorized and empowered to sell, assign, deliver, endorse, negotiate or otherwise transfer to Bank all accounts, sales slips, and other obligations, and any instruments evidencing or securing same, now or hereafter owned or acquired by this Corporation, and for said purposes to execute and deliver any and all assignments, transfers, endorsements, contracts, guarantees, agreements or other instruments in respect thereof and to make remittances and payments in respect thereof by cash, checks, drafts or otherwise and to do and perform all such other acts and things deemed by such Officer or Officers necessary, convenient or proper to carry out or modify any such contract and arrangements with Bank, hereby ratifying, approving and confirming all that any said Officers have done or may do in the premises."