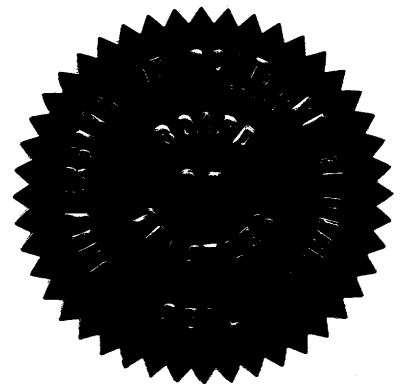


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The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on Thursday, January 13, 2000, in the Embassy Suites Hotel in Indianapolis. Present were Trustees Bruce Baker, Louise Bruce, Ryan Helzerman, G. Patrick Hoehn, Tina Kern, Harolyn Torain, and James Will Sr. Also attending were President H. Ray Hoops; Vice Presidents John Byrd, Robert Reid, Richard Schmidt, and Sherrienne Standley; Faculty Senate Chair Mark Krahling, and SGA President Brian Pauley.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### SECTION I - GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

##### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 1999, MEETING

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mrs. Kern, the minutes of the November 4, 1999, meeting were approved.

##### B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was set for Monday, March 6, 2000, on the University of Southern Indiana campus.

##### C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hoops announced that the Board is pleased to be able to meet in Indianapolis, combining its meeting with the annual legislative breakfast, which continues to grow in numbers each year. The University appreciates the efforts that trustees make to represent USI so ably with legislators. Each contact a legislator or state official has with a trustee, student, alumnus, faculty, or staff member adds to the relationships USI is building.

Dr. Hoops reported that earlier this month, USI hosted the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee hearing on property tax reassessment. He noted that more than sixty citizens of southwestern Indiana attended the hearing, giving testimony to help shape an issue which is certain to dominate much of the legislative session this year. Dr. Hoops also remarked that eighteen legislators from across the state attended the hearing, many of them visiting USI for the first time. To hold this hearing on our campus was a significant statewide recognition for USI, and it gave USI an opportunity to extend its special brand of southern hospitality. Following the hearing, those in attendance attended a reception and dinner at the University Home.

USI also entertained city and county elected officials at the University Home this fall. This annual event gives USI an opportunity to share its future planning with Evansville and Vanderburgh County officials, many of whom help the University meet its goals. It also gives elected officials a chance to say how USI might serve the region better.

Dr Hoops was pleased to report that USI survived the Year 2K crisis without one. There was much careful planning that occurred across the University to make certain that staff had eliminated all potential glitches. He thanked the staff who worked so diligently on this potential problem.

Dr. Hoops announced that USI senior Megan Russell, a senior art major and member of the women's soccer team, is the bronze medallist in the sculpture division of the Olympic Art and Sport Contest. Her sculpture, titled "Frustration" depicts a melting tennis racket carved from ash and other woods. Her piece is one of three representing the United States in the next level of competition at the International Olympic

Committee Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland. A victory in Switzerland could lead to recognition at the summer games in Sydney, Australia next summer. The winners will be announced in March. The U.S. art competition is sponsored by the United States Sports Academy in Alabama for athletes who participate in Olympic-type sports, regardless of age. Dr. Hoops wished her well in the competition, but noted that she already has brought great honor to USI and its excellent art department.

At its meeting this week, the Academic Planning Council voted to delete two associate degree programs - Electrical Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology - from its inventory of academic programs. Trustees may recall that this action resulted from a study of low-enrollment programs.

DARS, an acronym for "Degree Audit Reporting System", became active for our students this year. USI already is reaping the benefits of this system which is designed to compare a student's academic work - at any point in the student's career - with the requirements of an institution's academic programs, and to prepare a comprehensive audit report detailing the student's progress toward meeting those requirements. DARS is not only a decision aid fully capable of certifying a student for graduation, but also is a computer-aided advising tool useful throughout a student's academic career. Monies which became available through the Lilly Endowment grant assisted in adding this tool for students.

The University has been engaged for over two years now in a wide variety of projects to improve student retention. Some of those projects have been carried out with the help of a major grant received from the Lilly Endowment while others have been funded by the University's regular budget. He reported on the results achieved to date in work with students who have yet to declare a major. In addition to our general retention programs aimed at all students, the University established the Office of Career Counseling in the fall of 1997 to work primarily with undeclared students. USI also initiated the University Advising Fellows program that uses regular faculty to provide additional advising support in the University Division, which is the academic home for all undeclared students.

Dr. Hoops mentioned that looking back on some significant events in the fall, he wanted to report that the Student Housing Association organized its second annual "Box City" at Eicher Barn. SHA sponsors the event as a part of Homeless awareness Week. The organization collects canned goods during the event and presents them to homeless shelters in the surrounding communities. SHA's Box City was well publicized through the *Evansville Courier and Press* and local television stations. Over 50 students and staff attended the overnight event, sleeping in cardboard refrigerator boxes in pretty cool temperatures.

Also, the students in Newman Hall opened their doors to community children Halloween week, donning costumes and acting as hosts for nearly 75 people who came for an evening of trick or treating and games in a safe environment.

The USI Children's Center has received a grant of \$28,000 for each of the next four years to expand services and programs for low-income students. Because of this grant, the Children's Center is implementing evening care for children of students and staff on two evenings a week beginning this semester. There are many Institutions which have felt they could not put a children's center in place, but for USI students who heavily rely on work as part of their education, it is especially important.

USI continues its outreach programs through the Office of Extended Services. Extended Services has developed a partnership with ALCOA Warrick Operations to offer credit programming at its site this semester. The program begins with a five-course Leadership Certificate program which is available for ALCOA employees and their families; coursework may be applied to degree programs and will be expanded as needs are determined.

Historic Southern Indiana has been designated by INDOT and the Indiana Department of Tourism as the Indiana manager of a year-long project to develop an interpretive plan for the Ohio River Scenic Byway, which encompasses Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

In cooperation with WFIE-TV, Historic Southern Indiana developed "Images of Evansville", a book on the city's history leading to the Millennium. Dr. Darrel Bigham, HSI director and professor of history, was the author. More than 4,000 copies of the book were sold with royalties shared between HSI and WFIE-TV. The station used the book to develop a series of 52 weekly features aired on regional newscasts to highlight the area's history.

Also recently published is a pictorial history of New Harmony, Indiana, compiled by Dr. Bigham, Susan Branigin of the State Historic Sites staff, and Connie Weinzapfel, director of Historic New Harmony. The photos in the book were printed from old glass negatives given to the University by Don Blair, long-time Posey County resident.

The USI Foundation's annual *Honor Roll of Donors* publication, which recognizes all donors to University programs in the past fiscal year, was mailed in December to all donors. During 1998-99, gifts to the USI Foundation totaled \$8 million and included the \$2 million Pott Foundation gift and the \$1.3 million Epi Hab Evansville gift. It is interesting to note that 54 percent of USI's gifts were directed to academics and enrichment programs; 23 percent were for scholarships; 6 percent for community outreach; another 6 percent for capital projects; 4 percent to athletics; another 4 percent to Annual Fund and unrestricted gifts, and 3 percent to *Campaign USI* featured objectives. Since 1995, USI's charitable giving has grown from just over \$2 million annually to the \$8 million this year. Dr. Hoops remarked that it is difficult to maintain this pace year after year, but thanks to good USI friends, we are off to a positive beginning in the new fiscal year.

Don and Allene Hazeltine of Sarasota, Florida, have created a million dollar charitable gift annuity to benefit the University. Don is a long-time USI Foundation Board member who now serves on the Foundation Advisory Council. Allene assisted the University in its formative years by helping to establish Greek-letter organizations for women students. While they lived in Evansville, they owned a McDonald's franchise, and when they retired, they moved to Florida. They believe the University is making a difference in their former community and wanted to give back by investing in USI.

Dr. Hoops noted that this is USI's sixth \$1 million or more gift. Others were Nick and Jo Carter, 1994; Nick Carter, 1996; Dallas Suhrheinrich, 1997; the Pott Foundation, 1998; Epi Hab of Evansville, 1999. Incidentally, the Hazeltine gift is the first \$1 million gift by a USI Foundation Director or Advisory Council member.

USI has benefited from the Foundation-inspired and funded Presidential Scholarship Program, which attracts many of Indiana's brightest and best students to our campus. The Foundation's newest scholarship program, developed in response to needs expressed by the academic schools, is the Deans' Scholarship, which is intended to be used to recruit academically-talented students who might not be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship program. Dr. Olen Pumphrey and his wife Inez have initiated the Deans' Scholarship program by making a gift through the Gibson County Community Foundation, endowing two of these Deans' Scholarships. Dr. Pumphrey is a retired veterinarian and his wife is a retired teacher. By making their \$100,000 gift through the Gibson Community Foundation, they qualified for a match - half of which went into their endowment fund and the other half went to build the assets of the Gibson Community Foundation. The Pumphrey fund to benefit USI is now over \$150,000.

Dr. Hoops called attention to another annual publication, the *Annual Report of the University*, compiled by the Business Affairs office in partnership with the State Board of Accounts. This document is circulated to elected officials, state agencies, and financial and bonding institutions with whom USI works. It outlines the year's progress and notes compliance with state regulatory agencies.

Dr. Hoops reported that the Affirmative Action Statement has been reworded to include sexual orientation as something for which we do not discriminate. This has always been the policy and practice; it simply represents a formal statement in University documents.

In two weeks, the USI men's and women's basketball teams will take on University of Indianapolis, which is always a spirited contest and well attended by USI and UI fans alike. He invited trustees to attend both games on Saturday, January 29, and to an alumni gathering afterwards.

Dr. Hoops commented five outstanding alumni who live and work in the Indianapolis area will join trustees for lunch following the meeting.

Dr. Hoops gave a presentation on USI's progress and future plans, the same presentation given to the Evansville Rotary Club earlier in the month.

Dr. Hoops called on Dr. Robert Reid, Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present the Academic Report. Dr. Ed Jones, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Extended Services, introduced a videotape to show the variety of distance education programs at USI. Dr. Jones also commented that last semester there were 649 students enrolled in distance education courses at USI. This includes students at a distance as well as regular students who are taking one or two distance education courses to supplement their regular schedules on campus.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CHARLES S. COMBS**

On a motion by Mr. Baker, and seconded by Mr. Hoehn, the following resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, Charles S. Combs was appointed to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in that capacity Mr. Combs has been an active partner in fully developing educational opportunities in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Combs served in leadership positions on the Board, including vice chair; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, the University has experienced a successful transition in leadership, remarkable growth in its enrollment and the level of state support, expansion of its physical facilities, and the completion of the University's successful first capital campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, assembled at Indianapolis, Indiana, on January 13, 2000, commends Mr. Charles S. Combs for his dedication to the University of Southern Indiana and the people it serves, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be adopted and spread upon the Board's minutes for all time as a perpetual recognition of the deep gratitude owed by the University, its trustees, officers, students, and faculty, to Mr. Combs for his distinguished service.

## **SECTION II - FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **A. REPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

Vice President Schmidt reported that the Construction Committee met on November 4 and 5, 1999, to interview five architectural firms interested in providing architectural and design services for the Science/Education Classroom Building. On November 18, 1999, the committee met and selected the team of Edmund L. Hafer and Associates of Evansville, Indiana, and Hastings & Chivetta Architects, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri, to design the building.

In its November 18, 1999 meeting, the committee approved design plans, cost estimates, and the plan to proceed with architectural contracts for a student residence building. Mr. Schmidt reported that updated plans with recommended changes are anticipated.

### **B. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE LIBERAL ARTS CENTER PROJECT AND THE SCIENCE CENTER LABORATORY RENOVATION PROJECT**

On a motion by Mr. Hoehn, seconded by Ms. Kern, the proposed change orders in Exhibits II-A and II-B were approved.

### **C. UPDATE ON CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Wellness, Fitness, Recreational Facility is moving forward with excavation 95 percent complete and work on the foundation to begin soon. Governors Hall is 75 percent complete. The new residence hall is expected to be ready for bids in April; site work will begin as weather permits. The link between the Science Center and the Health Professions Center is now complete with furnishings.

### **D. DISCUSSION OF TEN-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, 2001-2011**

Mr. Schmidt reported on the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2001-2011. The 2001-2003 Capital Improvement Budget Request will be submitted to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education on June 15, 2000. This item will be brought to the May meeting for approval.

**E. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR 2000-01 HOUSING RATES**

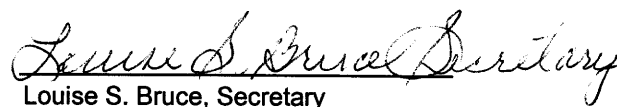
On a motion by Mrs. Bruce, and seconded by Ms. Kern, the following housing rates for 2000-01 were approved.

	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>FEE*</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>FEE*</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u> <u>DATE</u>
<b><u>FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER</u></b>			
<b><u>APARTMENT TYPE</u></b>			
Two Bedroom, Four Student	\$1,143	\$1,195	7-01-00
One Bedroom, Two Student	1,414	1,480	7-01-00
One Bedroom, One Student	2,793	3,000	7-01-00
Two Bedroom, Two Student	2,000	2,400	7-01-00
<b><u>SUMMER SESSIONS</u></b>			
<b><u>APARTMENT TYPE</u></b>			
Two Bedroom, Four Student	\$ 663	\$ 693	5-01-00
One Bedroom, Two Student	852	894	5-01-00
One Bedroom, One Student	1,677	1,800	5-01-00
Two Bedroom, Two Student	1,164	1,404	5-01-00
<b><u>SINGLE SUMMER SESSION</u></b>			
<b><u>APARTMENT TYPE</u></b>			
Two Bedroom, Four Student	\$ 221	\$ 231	5-01-00
One Bedroom, Two Student	284	298	5-01-00
One Bedroom, One Student	559	600	5-01-00
Two Bedroom, One Student	388	468	5-01-00

A charge per semester for television cable service, approved by the Board of Trustees in January, 1999, as an additional charge, is included in the current and proposed fees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Louise S. Bruce, Secretary

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA**  
**LIBERAL ARTS CENTER PROJECT**  
**SUMMARY OF CHANGE ORDERS**

**JANUARY 13, 2000**

<b>CHANGE ESTIMATE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR(S)</b>	<b>PROPOSAL AMOUNT</b>
27	Various electrical additions to the facility including installation of a sound system in the Hamilton Music Room and lights in the Utility Tunnel extension	Mounts Electric Co.	\$30,263.00
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHANGE:</b>		<b>\$30,263.00</b>



**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA**  
**SCIENCE CENTER LABORATORY RENOVATION PROJECT**  
**SUMMARY OF CHANGE ORDERS**

**JANUARY 13, 2000**

<b>CHANGE ESTIMATE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR(S)</b>	<b>PROPOSAL AMOUNT</b>
16	Furnish and install Barco expansion joints in the high temperature heating water piping system in the Utility Tunnel	Lichtenberger Construction Co.	\$14,685.00
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHANGE:</b>		<b>\$14,685.00</b>