

AGENDA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 9, 2025

SECTION I – GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024, MEETING
- B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION
- C. REPORT OF THE JOINT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEES

The Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management Committee and Finance/Audit Committee will meet in Joint Session prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on January 9, 2025. A report will be presented.

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

E. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4 states that a public servant commits conflict of interest, a Level 6 felony, if the public servant knowingly or intentionally has pecuniary [financial] interest in, or derives a profit from, a contract or purchase connected with an action by the governmental entity served by the public servant.

It is not an offense under Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4 if the public servant makes a full and truthful disclosure, in writing, to the governmental entity of a conflict or potential conflict. A public servant may comply with the disclosure requirement by submitting a statement of pecuniary interest to the Board of Trustees on an annual basis.

To ensure individual compliance with the disclosure requirement, the University requires statements from trustees and senior staff, including those with no potential conflicts of interest to disclose. A list of individuals who have submitted a *Possible Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement* for calendar year 2024 is in Exhibit I-A. The list of disclosed potential conflicts must be approved by the Board of Trustees and then forwarded to the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Approval to certify the Board of Trustees has reviewed and accepted the disclosure statements in Exhibit I-A is recommended.

SECTION II – FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. UPDATE ON CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

A report will be presented on current construction projects. Exhibit II-A includes a summary of the cost and funding sources for each project.

SECTION III - PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. REPORT ON LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR 2025-2026

The following leaves of absence will be reviewed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Time Period</u>	<u>University Unit</u>
Dr. Jinsuk Yan	Fall 2025	Romain College of Business
Dr. Oana Popescu-Sandu	Fall 2025	College of Liberal Arts
Dr. Sang Woo Heo	Spring 2026	Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education
Dr. Erin Dennis	Spring 2026	College of Liberal Arts

B. REPORT ON FACULTY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF RETIREMENTS

The following faculty, administrative and staff retirements will be reviewed.

Network/Telecommunications Tech III Steven F. Baker, in accordance with the regular retirement policy, retired on December 20, 2024, after 26.5 years of service.

Professor of Geology Joseph A. DiPietro, in accordance with the revised retirement policy, will retire effective January 1, 2026, after 34 years of service, including leave with pay from August 12, 2025, through December 22, 2025.

Professor of English Julia Galbus Kiesel, in accordance with the revised retirement policy, will retire effective January 1, 2026, after 28.5 years of service, including leave with pay from August 12, 2025, through December 22, 2025.

C. APPROVAL OF EMERITUS STATUS

Approval of the following emeritus titles is recommended.

Professor Emeritus of Geology Joseph A. DiPietro

Professor Emerita of English Julia Galbus Kiesel

**Possible Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements
Filed for 2025**

DATE	NAME/ TITLE	VENDOR/ CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST
12/03/24	Laurie Berry Dean of Students	None	N/A
12/03/24	Carey Beury Senior Executive Associate to the President	None	N/A
12/03/24	Shelly B. Blunt Provost	None	N/A
12/04/24	Steven J. Bridges Interim President	Evansville Regional Economic Partnership (E-REP) Indiana Chamber of Commerce WNIN Stone Family Center Condominium Board	Director Director Director Director
12/12/24	William Harold Calloway Trustee	None	N/A
12/05/24	Michael Dixon Dean of the School of Graduate Studies Professor of History	None	N/A
12/18/24	Del Doughty Dean, College of Liberal Arts	None	N/A
12/06/24	John M. Dunn Trustee	Dunn Hospitality Group	Majority Stockholder
12/03/24	William Elliott, Jr. Interim Dean, Pott College of Science, Engineering and Education	None	N/A
12/18/24	Andrea R. Gentry Vice President for Development President, USI Foundation	None	N/A
12/03/24	Jon Mark Hall Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics	Hall Communications	Wife owns company
	Fouad Hamami Student Trustee	None	N/A
12/04/24	Jason Hardgrave Interim Associate Provost	None	N/A
12/09/24	Timothy M. Hollander Trustee	None	N/A

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12/18/24	Pamela F. Hopson Interim Vice President for Student Affairs	None	N/A
12/16/24	Christine H. Keck Trustee	German American Bank	Regional Advisory Board and Shareholder
12/06/24	C. Wayne Kinney Trustee	None	N/A
12/19/24	Jeffrey L. Knight Trustee	Old National Bank	Shareholder & Retired Employee
12/03/24	Julie McCullough Dean, College of Nursing and Health Professions	None	N/A
12/18/24	Sudesh N. Mujumdar Dean, Romain College of Business	None	N/A
12/04/24	Nita Musich Senior Executive Assistant to The President for Board and Executive Relations	None	N/A
12/04/24	Nicholas D. Rhew Associate Professor of Management Faculty Senate Chair	None	N/A
12/07/24	Ronald D. Romain Trustee	None	N/A
12/09/24	Christina M. Ryan Trustee	German American Bank Corp	Director & Shareholder
12/10/24	Austin K. Siders Chief Information Officer	None	N/A
12/18/24	Rashad Smith Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Admissions	None	N/A
12/06/24	Jeffrey M. Spohn Director of Procurement	None	N/A
12/04/24	Dawn M. Stoneking Executive Director of Outreach and Engagement	None	N/A
12/19/24	Kindra L. Strupp Vice President for Marketing and Communication	None	N/A

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12/12/24	Patricia A. Tieken Senior Travel Buyer Administrative Senate Chair	None	N/A
	Aaron C. Trump Vice President for Government Affairs and General Counsel	None	N/A
12/03/24	Kenneth E. Walsh Associate Professor of Chemistry Chair of Department Chairs and Program Directors		
12/04/24	Sarah Will Executive Director of Human Resources	None	N/A
12/11/24	Abby E. Yates Senior Administrative Associate Staff Council Chair	None	N/A
12/09/24	Emilija Zlatkovska Director of International Programs and Services; Affiliate Assistant Professor of English, Director of Intensive English Program	None	N/A

Summary
Construction Projects

January 9, 2025

Projects Recently Completed

Exterior Signage Replacement

Project Cost **\$ 500,000**

Funding Sources:

Parking Reserves \$ 250,000

Landscape Improvement Reserves \$ 250,000

Projects Under Construction

Health Professions Renovation/Addition Phase IV

Project Cost **\$ 50,000,000**

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2023

Health Professions Renovation/Addition Phase III

Project Cost **\$ 25,514,606**

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2019

Recreation Fitness & Wellness Center Storage and Bike Shop Addition

Project Cost **\$ 2,500,000**

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2019

University Creative and Print New Building

Project Cost **\$ 2,500,000**

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2019

Atheneum HVAC Improvements

Project Cost **\$ 750,000**

Funding Sources:

FY24 State Repair and Rehabilitation \$ 500,000

Special Projects \$ 250,000

Career Services and Internships Renovation/Relocation

Project Cost \$ 420,000

Funding Source: Special Projects

Projects In Design

Wright Administration Renovation/Addition

Project Cost \$ 32,000,000

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2023