

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
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The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met Thursday, January 8, 1987, in Room C on the 21st floor of the Hilton Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. Present were Trustees William Brooks, Jr., Percy Clark, Jr., Robert J. Fair, Carole D. Rust, George B. Weathersby, and Eric Williams. Also attending were President David Rice; Vice Presidents Robert Reid, Sherrienne Standley, and Byron Wright; Faculty Council Chairman Charles Price; and Student Government Association President Rob Hon.

There being a quorum present, Mr. Fair called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

#### SECTION I - GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

##### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 1986, MEETING

The minutes of the November 6, 1986, meeting were approved by consensus.

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

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, March 5, 1987, at 1:00 p.m. at the University of Southern Indiana. Committee meetings at 10:00 a.m. will precede the Board meeting March 5.

##### C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rice reported that the University of Southern Indiana was pleased to be honored along with Old National Bancorp at the Indiana Society of Chicago meeting on December 13.

Dr. Rice informed the Board that on December 12 the Commission for Higher Education approved a plan for the University of Southern Indiana to proceed with the development of the Master of Business Administration degree program cooperatively with the University of Evansville. The University of Southern Indiana will be the fiscal agent and the University of Evansville will grant the degree.

He also reported to the Board that a meeting of southern Indiana legislators, county commissioners, and mayors was held at the University of Southern Indiana in early December. This was an opportunity to seek the advice and counsel of southern Indiana officials for current and long-range plans of the University.

Dr. Rice then called on Mrs. Standley to report to the Board the year-end progress in fundraising. She reported that the 1986 year-end fund drive preliminary figures total \$73,330, compared to \$19,560 the previous year. The budget for the USI Foundation has been increased this year, and this fund drive will help meet the new goal. Also, the first fund drive for the USI-Historic New Harmony Foundation was held, and more than \$14,000 has been raised. A five-year development plan incorporating all areas of the university is being formulated and will be presented to the Board later.

Dr. Rice then called on the other Vice Presidents for reports.

Dr. Reid informed the Board that the University will have an exhibit beginning January 11 at the Evansville Museum. "The Golden Anniversary of the 1937 Flood," will be on display for two weeks, then move to a local shopping mall. In May and June the exhibit will be in New Harmony.

Mr. Wright reported that the Directors and Officers liability insurance was renewed with a premium reduction of \$10,000 less than the previous year. Another exclusion was added, therefore the coverage will not apply to any suit arising from the University's refusal to give tenure. The company reported that they may no longer provide Directors and Officers insurance to public institutions. Mr. Wright added that the premium for the University's long-term disability insurance for employees has decreased, effective January 1, 1987, from \$12.27 to \$7.49 per month per employee. Also, Mr. Wright noted that the Commission for Higher Education has sent its higher education budget recommendation to the legislature. Mr. Wright said he plans to mail a copy of the Annual Financial Report to each board member soon.

D. DISCUSSION OF THE JOINT USI-UE M.B.A. DEGREE PROPOSAL

The Board continued a discussion which had begun in the morning committee meetings about the M.B.A. degree program to be offered jointly by the University of Southern Indiana and the University of Evansville. In the morning committee meetings, the Board had discussed a draft of the program proposal and had expressed concerns about certain aspects of the arrangement. The concerns discussed included: (1) USI's involvement in the admissions process and in setting entrance requirements to insure the widest possible access, (2) USI's involvement in insuring the academic qualifications of faculty, (3) the eventual option for students to choose either university for conferral of the degree, (4) assuring that the focus of the program meets the needs of regional employers by being operationally-oriented rather than research-oriented, and (5) that the University of Southern Indiana carefully outline its fiscal agent role so that the University has an appropriate assignment of program responsibility and fiscal accountability.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that the minutes should reflect these concerns together with their suggestions that as discussions and negotiations with both the Commission for Higher Education and the University of Evansville continue, (1) that it be made clear that the Board of Trustees welcomes this opportunity for a cooperative program, but regards the initial agreement as a beginning and expects greater balance in the arrangement as the program is refined; (2) that institutional philosophies could best be represented by joint USI and UE committees responsible for setting entrance and admission policies, faculty qualifications, and curriculum; and (3) that students should be able to choose either institution for degree conferral. The Board felt continuing evaluation of program development and institutional agreements is necessary if the Board and the University are to satisfy their fiscal agent roles.

SECTION II - FINANCIAL MATTERSA. CONCERN: EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CONCERN: Employee Assistance Program is a comprehensive employee assistance program affiliated with Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. This program provides assessment, short-term counseling, referral and follow-up services for employees and members of their household. Individuals experiencing problems such as drug abuse, alcoholism, family and marital concerns, and financial and legal problems may use the services.

Annual cost of this program is \$20 per employee.

On a motion by Dr. Weathersby, seconded by Dr. Clark, the Employee Assistance Program for all eligible employees, with the University paying the annual fee, was approved.

B. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

On a motion by Dr. Weathersby, seconded by Mrs. Rust, the following appropriations to fund grants received were approved.

1. Appropriation transfers

From: Unappropriated Athletic Funds

To: 3-30609 Athletic Cross Country Supplies and Expense	\$535
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From: Unappropriated Day Care Funds

To: 3-30800 Day Care Center Supplies and Expense	\$1000
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From: Unappropriated Restricted Funds

To: 4-45905 Faculty/Student Research Palladino Personal Services	\$100
Supplies and Expense	\$620

To: 4-45906 Faculty/Student Research Petranek Personal Services	\$500
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To: 4-45907 Computer Training 86-87 Capital Outlay	\$1,100
Personal Services	\$33,500
Supplies and Expense	\$9,900

To: 4-45908	1937 Flood Project	
	Personal Services	\$240
	Supplies and Expense	\$260
To: 4-45908	1937 Flood Project	
	Supplies and Expense	\$331
	Repairs and Rehabilitation	\$210
To: 4-45909	Honor Symposium 1986-87	
	Supplies and Expense	\$597
To: 4-45910	Improving General Education in Humanities	
	Personal Services	\$10,000
	Supplies and Expense	\$10,000
To: 4-45911	Faculty/Student Cook	
	Supplies and Expense	\$670
To: 4-45912	Faculty/Student Cook #2	
	Supplies and Expense	\$200
To: 4-45914	Images of Indiana	
	Personal Services	\$200
	Supplies and Expense	\$3,641.20
To: 4-45094	GABA (Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid) Research	
	Supplies and Expense	\$11,700

SECTION III - PERSONNEL

A. LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

J, Jeff Hays, Purchasing Agent; leave of absence without pay from January 6, 1987, through the final meeting day of the 1987 Indiana General Assembly,

On a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Dr. Weathersby, this personnel item was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Carole D. Rust, Secretary