

**MINUTES
LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

March 7, 2002

The Long-Range Planning Committee met Thursday, March 7, 2002, at the Rapp Granary in New Harmony, Indiana. Present were Trustees Bruce Baker, Louise Bruce, and Walter Jermakowicz; Acting Vice President for Student Affairs John Deem, Vice President for Advancement Sherrienne Standley, Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Reid, Student Government Association President Rick Hudson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Extended Services M. Edward Jones, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Charles Harrington, Dean of Liberal Arts Iain Crawford, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Thomas Wilhelmus, and Associate Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Philosophy and Political Science Department Paul Raymond.

There being a quorum present, Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

1. REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Mr. Baker introduced Dr. Reid, who explained that the meeting agenda would focus on the School of Liberal Arts.

Dean Crawford gave an overview of the presentation and introduced Dr. Raymond, who presented information on a new degree program being developed, the Master of Public Administration. Dr. Raymond discussed the process used for developing the program, the structure and content of the program, and the timeline for implementation. He said if internal, board, and Commission approvals are obtained in a timely way, the first students could enroll in fall semester 2002.

On a motion by Mrs. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Jermakowicz, the committee approved recommending that the degree proposal be brought to the full Board at the May meeting.

Dean Crawford discussed other programs under development in the School of Liberal Arts, including a major and minor in International Studies, a minor in Criminal Justice, a minor in Anthropology, and interdisciplinary minors in both Gender Studies and the Classics. He also informed the committee that the Department of Communications is preparing for accreditation by the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) and will have a site visit next year. If accreditation is granted, USI will become the third university in Indiana (joining Ball State and Indiana University) to be accredited, among only 109 programs in the country. Dean Crawford closed his presentation by discussing initiatives underway to assist faculty in his school in their teaching, scholarship, and creative work.

Dr. Wilhelmus was prepared to discuss School of Liberal Arts outreach programs, but in the interest of time, that presentation was delayed to the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 so that the committee members could join other trustees in a tour of the Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott house, Historic New Harmony's top restoration project.