

MINUTES OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
AND FINANCE COMMITTEE JOINT MEETINGS

March 6, 1986

The Long-Range Planning Committee and the Finance Committee met in joint session at the University of Southern Indiana on Thursday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Trustees Robert Boyer, William Brooks, Percy Clark, Robert Fair, Joseph O'Daniel, and Eric Williams, and Honorary Trustee Al Woll. Others present were USI President David Rice; Vice Presidents Donald Bennett, Robert Reid, and Byron Wright; Faculty Council Chairman Edward Marting; and Assistant to the President Sherriane Standley.

Mr. Brooks convened the meeting and asked Dr. Rice to review the building plans. Before discussions of the building, Dr. Rice explained the items comprising the addenda to the agenda for the meeting of the Board at 1:00 p.m. and said a resolution to accept a gift of property from Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc., had been delayed to the May meeting. Mr. O'Daniel told the committee members that an apartment complex for student housing was being purchased by Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. and would ultimately be donated to the University when the mortgage was satisfied. He said the principal purpose for the Board resolution is to exempt the complex from property taxes.

Dr. Rice turned the meeting over to Dr. Bennett for the presentation on the new classroom building. Dr. Bennett said there are three aspects of planning: first, the educational specifications are presented in narrative; second, the schematics are translated by the architect; and third, the bid documents are written with precise information. Changes can, and probably will, be made through the second stage, he said.

Dr. Bennett explained that plans now call for 17 new classrooms to supplement the 31 classrooms currently in USI's inventory; 34 faculty offices, 3 specialized laboratories (microcomputer, computer, accountancy), and a central core of offices for student and academic services. Dr. Rice said the building is envisioned as a three-level structure with level one dedicated to the consolidated student service functions, level two for classrooms, and level three for offices. He said that if feasible, level two would have a corridor to connect to the Forum Wing of the Administration Building. Dr. Bennett said that fall of 1989 would be the earliest time to occupy the building, but it most likely would be 1990.

Mr. Brooks asked if the building would really increase classroom space by 40% and asked how the university would justify this to governmental and legislative groups. Dr. Bennett explained that some portable classrooms which are not suitable would be eliminated and four classrooms would be converted to wet laboratories, so that the actual inventory would increase by about 25%. Dr. Rice said that with current classroom space, the University could accommodate 5,000 students at 100% scheduling if all noncredit and continuing education classes, which annually account for about 5,000 additional persons, were eliminated. He said the new classroom space is needed to ease current scheduling problems and to adequately plan for future enrollments.

The committee members toured the Administration Building and Science Center to see how the new building would be integrated, and to view the utility chase in the Science Center, where classrooms will be converted to laboratories.

The committee continued earlier discussions of the 1986-87 budget, and studied a new budget proposal prepared by Mr. Wright. The newest guidelines being considered are a \$2.75 per credit hour (or 6.4%) increase for undergraduate, resident students. Mr. Wright said the faculty salary increase is being projected at 5.5% with an additional 2.0% in the budget which will help the university attract and retain faculty in demand areas. He said that not all faculty members will receive the increases. Dr. Rice told committee members he would forward to them a letter describing the process of determining pay increases. Increases also have been included in the student wage area in this newest budget proposal. Dr. Rice told the committee that the University is expecting a 1 - 3% enrollment increase, but that no revenue projections based on enrollment increases are included in the budget.

The committee discussed enrollment and expressed interest in hearing the University discuss its marketing effort at a future meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

The joint committee meetings were adjourned at 11:15 a.m. to allow the Board to meet in executive session.

Following the adjournment of the executive session at 12:10 p.m., Mr. Boyer brought one more item to the attention of the joint committees. He advised the Board that in December the University will be honored, along with Old National Holding Company, at the Indiana Society of Chicago meeting. He suggested that the chairman appoint a committee to work on arrangements and notify Mr. Dan Winchell at Old National Bank of the University's acceptance. The Trustees were asked to make note of the December 13 date on their calendars so they could plan to attend.