

AGENDA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 3, 1988

SECTION I - GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 1988, Meeting
- B. Establishment of Next Meeting Date, Time, Location
- C. President's Report
- D. Report of Joint Meetings of Finance Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee
- E. Approval of Candidates for Degrees
- F. Approval of Candidates for Honorary Degrees
- G. Proposal for a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree program
- H. Approval of a Change in the Structure of Academic Affairs
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- A. Approval of Budget Appropriations, Adjustments, and Transfers
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March 3, 1988

SECTION I - GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 1988, MEETING
- B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION
- C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- D. REPORT OF JOINT MEETINGS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
- E. APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

The candidates for master's, baccalaureate and associate degrees, to be conferred May 14, 1988, are listed in Exhibit I-A. It is recommended that award of the respective degrees be approved subject to the completion of all requirements.

- F. APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES

It is recommended that approval be given for conferral of the following honorary degrees at the May 14, 1988, Commencement.

Doctor of Laws to Ernestine M. Raclin, chairman of the board of First Source Corporation and First Source Bank, South Bend, Indiana

Doctor of Laws to Donald B. Cox, owner, Don Cox and Associates Real Estate, Evansville; Board of Directors, USI Foundation

Doctor of Letters to Arthur Bestor, professor emeritus, University of Washington; New Harmony scholar

- G. PROPOSAL FOR A MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM

A Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program, Exhibit I-B, is proposed by the University of Southern Indiana for implementation in Fall 1988. The MALS is an interdisciplinary program utilizing the faculties of humanities, science, and social science. This degree program will be of particular interest to a variety of area residents wishing to explore new disciplines in the liberal arts and science for personal satisfaction. In addition, the MALS program will provide a means for individuals in many professions (including librarians, research workers, business people, writers and journalists, teachers in private institutions, and clergy) to enhance their base of knowledge with advanced work in interdisciplinary studies. The increasing need

for such education in contemporary life has been the topic of several recent scholarly books and papers.

Students will be encouraged to develop programs of study which lead to a greater understanding of international affairs and cultural diversity. In addition, the possibility exists for reciprocal transfer of course work taken in the MALS program and the USI master's degree program in Secondary Education. Thus, many of the courses can be taught in both degree programs. Because it will serve a student population with diverse interests, this program reflects the University's commitment to provide broad educational opportunities for residents of the region.

Approval of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree program, Exhibit I-B, is recommended.

H. APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN THE STRUCTURE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

On November 5, 1987, the Board of Trustees approved a new structure for Academic Affairs, which included the establishment of schools. By another action at that meeting, the Board approved new programs in Nursing leading to baccalaureate and associate degrees. On November 13, 1987, the Commission for Higher Education approved the new degree programs in Nursing and recommended funding from the Program Start-up Funds. This funding was approved later in the month of November by the State Budget Committee.

In moving forward with the program, planned to accept students for the fall semester, 1988, advice was sought from consultants in the field and from the Indiana State Board of Nursing. Based on this information, together with the projected growth for the Nursing programs at USI, it is recommended that the structure of academic affairs include a fifth school, the School of Nursing and Health Professions.

Approval of this change in the structure of Academic Affairs is recommended.

I. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND MINORITY RECRUITMENT

SECTION II - FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, ADJUSTMENTS, AND TRANSFERS

Approval of the following Budget Appropriations, Adjustments, and Transfers is recommended.

Transfer and Appropriation of Funds

From: Unappropriated Restricted Funds

To: 4-45928	1987-88 Honor Symposium Supplies and Expenses	\$636
To: 4-45929	Faculty/Student: Professor Jones Supplies and Expenses	\$650
To: 4-45930	Faculty/Student: Professor Jermakowicz Supplies and Expenses	\$603
To: 4-45931	Habitat Research Grant Supplies and Expenses	\$650
To: 4-45932	Decorative Arts Supplies and Expenses	\$1,375
To: 4-45934	Faculty/Student: Professor Goss Supplies and Expenses	\$400
To: 4-45935	Faculty/Student: Professor McNaughton Supplies and Expenses	\$950

From: Unappropriated Current Operating Funds

To: 1-10200	Humanities Supplies and Expenses	\$3,254
To: 1-10100	General Instruction Capital Outlay	\$25,000
To: 1-10500	Engineering Technology Supplies and Expenses	\$1,026
To: 1-10600	Social Science Personal Services	\$1,000
To: 1-10400	Allied Health Capital Outlay	\$588
To: 1-10900	Continuing Education Capital Outlay	\$7,100

To: 1-13200 Library	
Supplies and Expenses	\$2,352
Capital Outlay	\$3,800

From: Unappropriated Unexpended Plant Funds

To: 6-60701 Computer Equipment Fund	
Capital Outlay	\$425,000

B. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CONCERN: EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CONCERN: EAP is a comprehensive employee assistance program which provides assessment, short-term counseling, referral and follow-up services for employees and members of their immediate families. The program was initiated on February 1, 1987.

A renewal rate of \$22.00 per employee per year has been quoted for a twenty-four month period beginning February 1, 1988. The University pays the annual cost for the program. The fee schedule for the Concern program is calculated according to employee population. This is the primary factor contributing to the 10% increase in the annual employee cost for the CONCERN: EAP.

Approval of the renewal of the master policy with Deaconess Service Corporation beginning February 1, 1988, is recommended.

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR INTERIM FINANCING

An interim financing loan is necessary to provide funds for the costs of the Classroom Building until permanent financing is obtained by the sale of bonds authorized by the 1987 Indiana General Assembly.

Approval of the following resolution is recommended.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for temporary financing for the Classroom Building project until such time as permanent financing is obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the Treasurer of the Board to investigate, solicit and evaluate a proposed plan ("Plan") for submission to the Board for interim financing of the Classroom Building;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to investigate, solicit and evaluate, a plan of financing and to present such plan for approval to the Board.

D. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR CLASSROOM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

The architects will be ready to present final construction documents and cost estimates in April. If Board approval is given in April, rather than May, the advertising for bids can follow, and the completion schedule could be expedited.

Approval of the following resolution is recommended.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Southern Indiana wishes to enhance the completion of the Classroom Building on a timely basis, and

WHEREAS, the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is not until May 1988,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chairman of the Board is authorized to appoint a committee of Trustees to review the Classroom Building final construction documents and cost estimates, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is authorized to approve the final construction documents on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee will report the results of the review at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION III - PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF FACULTY AND STAFF

Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-12-1-4 the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees on March 5, 1987, authorized the President of the University of Southern Indiana to employ faculty and staff, and to establish salaries and wages within budgetary capabilities.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President of the University of Southern Indiana to employ qualified faculty and staff, to grant leaves of absence, and to establish salaries, wages, and benefits for employees within the capabilities of the budget. Further, the Board, which establishes the employment contract for the President of the University, including salary and benefits, authorizes the chairman of the Board to convey to the President his employment contract, including salary and benefits.

B. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

1. Recommendations for Tenure

The following faculty members are recommended for continuous appointment, effective August 22, 1988.

David C. Cousert, Associate Professor of Social Work

Marie G. Hankins, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Donald S. Wolfe, Assistant Professor of German

2. Appointment to Emeritus Status

The following staff member will retire at the end of the current fiscal year. It is recommended that she be retired officially effective with the date shown below and that the appropriate emeritus title, as indicated, be conferred:

Ann L. Humphrey; Director of Publications Emerita; 10 years at USI; effective June 30, 1988.

3. Approval of Early Retirement

Kenneth B. Settle, Chairman, Division of Business and Professor of Business, in accordance with the early retirement policy, has requested early retirement effective December 31, 1988, including leave with pay for the period of July 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988. Severance pay based upon 16 years' service to the University will be paid as of January 1, 1989.

Kenneth G. Vance, Assistant Professor of Communications, in accordance with the early retirement policy, has requested early retirement effective May 13, 1989, including one-half assignment for the 1988-89 academic year with full pay, August 22, 1988, through May 12, 1989. Severance pay based upon 19 years' service to the University will be paid as of June 30, 1989.

Approval of the preceding personnel items is recommended.

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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREE
CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

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MASTERS OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT
MASTERS OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF ARTS
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREE

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MASTERS OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Beal, Larry John
Heaton, Carl Edward

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MASTERS OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Fowler, Ricky Alan

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ackerman, Marie D.
Ambrose, Tracie L.
Angermeier, Roger A.
Blackgrove, Tina L.
Bush, Victoria
Campbell, Sara L.
Carroll, Michael B.
Dezember, Lisa M.
Eastman, Lisa A.
Everley, Timothy
Gilles, Michael J.
Gogel, Attilia L.
Harris, Vickie L.
Head, Tracey L.
Herke, Tania M.
Johnson, Douglas S.
Klipsch, Theodore P.
Logel, John L.
McCormick, Terri L.
McWilliams, Douglas K.
Mikulich, Bonita S.
Myres, Glenn A.
Nyhuise, Carol S.
Scott, Tina L.
Scott, Todd Tracy
Serber, Loren R.
Thomasson, Richard T.
Waters, Connie E.
Weitzel, Lee A.
Wilhite, Nancy K.

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Abbott, Larry Dwight
Abdalla, Basim A.
Abney, Cynthia L.
Albin, Alvey D.
Aldridge, William S.
Anselment, Lana K.
Armstrong, Sheri L.
Arnold, Jacqueline E.
Badar, Robert M.
Baker, Abbie J.
Baker, Darlene E.
Baker, David M.
Baker, Robison J.
Barnes, Lanette M.
Below, John D.
Bennett, Catherine P.
Biggs, Gregory W.
Bilderback, Lee Allen
Blackwell, Charles R.
Bland, Crista J.
Board, Gina R.
Borman, Paula
Boyd, Mary Anne Thrasher
Brack, Christopher A.
Bradford, Brent A.
Brandt, Julie A.
Brauer, Kathleen A.
Braunecker, Kelli L.
Breedlove, Cynthia H.
Brinkmeyer, James J.
Brown, Bradley S.
Brown, Susan E.
Brown, Theresa C.
Buis, Liana J.
Bunting, Betsy F.
Burnett, Lisa A.
Burns, Shannon L.
Burns, Sharon M.
Bush, Paul D.
Camp, David W.
Caputo, David A.
Carlson, William C.
Carter, Dale W.
Casey, Stephen J.
Cassidy, Judith A.
Chanley, Scott W.
Cherry, Angela L.
Christian, Carla G.
Cleek, Randall W.
Clippinger, Julie V.
Cloin, Sandra A.
Coakley, Jennifer S.
Cochren, Kelly M.
Cooper, Tony W.
Crouch, John J.
Crowder, William E.
Daly, Laurin C.
Daniel, Marlene F.
Dart, Lisa L.
Daunhauer, Lori A.
Davis, Angela E.
Davis, Lori A.
Dayton, John W.
Deal-Reese, Tracy L.
Dealph, Steven B.
Dedmond, Jeffrey T.
Deig, Charles C.
Denk, Richard L.
Denu, Nancy S.
Dietz, Penelope L.
Dillon, Pepper Patrice R.
Dobbs, Steven D.
Donovan, Ann
Dorris, Sandra L.
Doss, Andy R.
Dossett, Paula A.
Dugheish, Basem A.K.
Duke, Paul R.
Eades, Brenda S.
Earles, Ellen J. (James)
East, John E.
Eckart, Jeffrey J.
Egler, Kenneth F.
Eli, Timothy R.
Elpers, Cathy A.
Ernspiger, Kim L.
Espina, Gisela M.
Etienne, Ronald P.
Ewers, Melanie Russell
Farny, Vonda K
Faulkner, Wendy C.
Fehribach, Tim T.
Fentress, Kimberly A.
Fischer, Kristi K.
Fisk, Ward M.
Fleischer, Tamara E.
Flinders, Steven Dane
Fowler, Don M.
Franklin, Gregory W.
Fritch, Andrew J.
Funkhouser, Roberta A.
Gabbard, James R.
Galbraith, Michael T.
Gamblin, Darryl J.
Gee, Gregory B.
Gentry, Barbara S.
Gerber, Darla M.
Gerth, James G.
Glinis, Donald W.
Goad, Cheryl A.
Goodin, Sonya L.
Gower, Kent B.

Granderson, Deborah G.
Graybill, John M.
Greenwell, James D.
Guthery, Dennis R.
Gwozda, Kathy A.
Haase, Victoria L.
Hahn, John K.
Haji-Rashid, Mohd
Hale, Regina S.
Hall, Mary Elizabeth
Halterman, David A.
Hammers, Darin R.
Happe, Jennifer L.
Harald, Melissa J.
Harder, Brian L.
Harker, Brenda S.
Harkins, Kimberly A.
Harper, Angela R.
Harper, Lisa D.
Harris, Kurt A.
Harris, Ruth A.
Hartman, Julie Ann
Hartwick, Rosalie M.
Haselmayer, Gerald A.
Hatfield, Walter O.
Head, Mark W.
Heard, Michael N.
Heathcott, Jacqueline
Hedges, Betsy D.
Heilman, Kendra K.
Helfert, Catherine L.
Herring, Michael D.
Hildenbrand, Jeffrey W.
Hill, Robert J.
Hillenbrand, Peter J., Jr.
Himsel, Sonya S.
Hobgood, Lisa G.
Hoefling, Patricia K. (Egli)
Hofmann, Daniel M.
Hogan, David H.
Holmes, Stephanie Ann
Hon, Robert A.
Hormuth, Kent E.
Horne, Sheila F.
Howard, Dennis W.
Howard, Kimberly A.
Hudson, Ann Marie
Hupfer, Thomas K.
Hurm, Debra J.
Igel, Andrew J.
Jackson, Clarence A.
Jalilpour-Esfahani, Khalil
James, Justine R.
Jenkins, Mark A.
Jessee, Tamara A.
Johnson, Gina M.
Johnson, Jeffrey W.
Johnson, Lisa M.

Johnson, Melissa L.
Jolly, Michele L.
Jones, Judith L.
Jones, Lana J.
Juncker, Brian P.
Keeton, Cheryl L.
Kent, David W.
Kippenbrock, Roger
Kirchoff, Victor J.
Kirkman, Stephen E.
Kirtley, William E.
Kissel, Debra S.
Knapp, Eric J.
Koewler, Susan M.
Kolb, Jill E.
Koppa, Jeffrey F.
Kosakowski, Lynne M.
Kotyuk, Michael J.
Krietenstein, Keith A.
Kroeger, Sally A.
Lacer, Sheila B.
Lagrange, Tamara K.
Lannert, Susan F.
Larsen, Barbara A.
Lauderdale, Karla R.
Leigh, Linda S.
Little, Tedra L.
Lockett, Kendrick G.
Loechte, Ruth A.
Long, Deborah S.
Loudermilk, Earl W.
Louthan, Kimberly A.
Lythgoe, John M.
Lytwynczuk, Lisa A.
Maglinger, Gayla E.
Maier, Jeanette C.
Maloney, Merrit A.
Marquis, Karen A.
Marshall, Janice K.
Maurer, Kent
Maxey, Julia M.
Mayer, Thomas A.
Mayse, David A.
McAnally, Michelle R.
McBride, Theresa A.
McCormick, Regina R.
McCoy, Wesley
McCullough, Barbara
McCune, Malicia S.
McDonald, Annette M.
Meeks, Michael J.
Melchior, Daniel C.
Metz, Suzanne R.
Meyer, Lee F.
Meyer, Mike L.
Meyer, Sue A.
Michael, Shelly S.
Michel, Donna R.

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, May 14, 1988, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Miller, Mary L.
Montgomery, Patricia
Montgomery, Robert
Moore, Brian L.
Moore, Christopher
Moran, David S.
Morrison, Kathy L.
Morrow, John W.
Morton, Robert R.
Moutoux, Nathan E.
Mulherin, Tom J.
Mundy, Jeff S.
Mundy, John J.
Mundy, Lisa K.
Nance, Brad A.
Newman, Gregory A.
Norman, Jeffrey S.
Norman, Michelle D.
Norris, Leslie A.
O'Daniel, Maureen E.
O'Dell, Timothy A.
Olwali, Maurice
O'Nan, Adam R.
Ottman, David S.
Overton, David T.
Parr, Barbara A.
Partenheimer, Robert
Paul, Darrel J.
Paul, Kenneth A.
Payne, Joan E.
Peak, Christopher L.
Pearce, David L.
Pearson, Stephanie A.
Peter, Douglas A.
Petty, Judy G.
Peyton, Rita Y.
Phillips, Mary K.
Pippin, Rebecca
Poormokhtar, Karen Hobson
Porter, Bernard W.
Porter, Lisa D.
Powell, Kimberley A.
Pruitt, Mary C.
Quinlan, Tracy L.
Reherman, Chris R.
Reinbolt, Barbara A.
Reiner, Christine K.
Reynolds, David A.
Risley, Mary N.
Rivard, Jeanne M.
Roberts, Sonya G.
Rogers, Wendy G.
Ross, Jodi L.
Roth, Franklin D., II
Royer, Grace O.
Rudisill, Robert M.
Samples, Larry K.
Sander, Michael D.
Sanders III, Carl B.
Saxton, Michelle Lynn
Schafer, Chris K.
Schafer, Kevin M.
Schenk, Scott J.
Schepers, Diane L.
Scherry, Daniel R.
Schmitt, Christine S.
Schnur, Diane M.
Schoenbaum, Mark W.
Schreiber, Karyn L.
Schroeder, Alan D.
Schuster, Kathy S.
Scott, Deborah K.
Sebastian, Frank W.
Seib, Barbara E.
Seibert, Amy
Sexton, Laura A.
Shaw, Tamara J.
Sheetz, Mitzi J.
Siesky, Christopher R.
Simpson, Carl B.
Skelton, Charlotte
Small, Gregory S.
Smith, Charles Lee
Smith, Danny L.
Smith, Louise
Smith, Mark M.
Smith, Phillip
Smith, Stephen B.
Snyder, Bradley W.
Snyder, Tammy D.
Soyugenc, Altay Y.
Spillman, Jeanene A.
Spradley, Scott A.
Stahl, Patricia Sharp
Staley, Dennis J.
Stephens, Joseph M.
Stevens, Johnny A.
Stevenson, Stacey L.
Stoll, Troy D.
Stone, Kimberly A.
Stone, Robert D.
Stone, Stacy S.
Stratman, Daniel R.
Strouse, Jeffrey A.
Sutter, Timothy J.
Tabor, Nancy Hawkins
Tavukcuoglu, Murat
Thompson, Kimberly
Titzer, Scott R.
Todd, David E.
Townson, Leanne
Tresslar, Joseph Timothy
Tribble, Gary A.
Tucker, David M.
Van Vactor, Susan J.
Van Way, Jami L.
Vaupel, Steven G.
Wagoner, W. Dean

Wahl, Melissa L.
Wallace, Gretchen L.
Wambach, Jonathan E.
Waninger, James K.
Wargel, Susan E.
Watson, Barbara A.
Watson, Beth A.
Watson, Terri L.
Webb, Katherine J.
Weber, Robert S.
Wedding, Gordon E.
Weinzapfel, Scott A.
Welp, John P.
Welton, Sheila F.
Westerfield, Ana M.
Whitaker, Pamela L.
Whitfield, Thomas M.
Whitten, Amy A.
Wilderman, Thomas R.
Wildt, Patricia S.
Wilgus, Terry S.
Will, Lauri J.
Williams, Eric R.
Williams, Lisa L.
Williams, Susan K.
Wink-Knight, Marantha A.
Wiseman, Dana G.
Wittmer, Christine M.
Wolford, Eric T.
Wooden, Eric T.
Woods, Cathy L.
Worsdorfer, Kris M.
Young, Linda L.
George O. Thompson III
Jennifer A. Walker

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Atkinson, Shari M.
Erler, Charles M.
Hormuth, Kris A.
Jones, Brenda V.
Kleeman, Amy T.
McConnell, Tera L.
Melchiors, Amy A.
Montgomery, Stephan R.
Moore, Dawn A.
Niswonger, Shawn A.
Reinhard, Christina P.
Tucker, Christine M.
Wright, Linda S.

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

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Alexander, Steven W.
Anslinger, Lachere M.
Baker, Charles S.
Batts, Dennis R.
Baumgart, Francis S.
Bland, Kimberly K.
Brandt, David M.
Braunecker, Eric J.
Chapman, Marcia Diane Hall
Clark, Tina
Correll, Cecilia C.
Cravens, Jerry M.
Deal-Reese, Tracy L.
Deener, Rebecca F.
Dillon, Pepper Patrice R.
Dugheish, Basem A.K.
Fields, Wendy S.
Fleischmann, Bernard
Fowler, Judy S.
Franklin, Kelli S.
Goedde, Patricia E.
Grace, Tammy R.
Gray, Cheryl Peerman
Gustafson, Elizabeth
Hale, Donna G.
Harpenau, Angela J.
Holscher, Paula A.
Huber, Kelly L.
Jenkins, Jeff W.
Jones, Judith L.
Kirsch, Ann M.
Kissel, Kim A.
Kluesner, Kimberly
Knies, Joyce
Knies, Renee M.
Kokomoor, Mark A.
Lanigan, Karen R.
Manges, Marylou
Martin, Kevin R.
Mason, Pamela R.
McCormick, Regina R.
McCulley, Julie A.
McDonald, Timothy W.
Morris, Suzanne
Neukam, Christy
Oeding, Pamela S.
O'Leary, Judith A.
Olinger, Jane A.
Peters, Lisa A.
Poole, Timothy K.
Readinger, Holly L.
Rohlfer, Elizabeth A.
Ruff, Timothy A.
Schisler, Leslie A.
Schmitt, Cheryl K.

Schmitt, Sandra L.
Sheetz, Mitzi J.
Souders, Lisa A.
Theising, Dawn N.
Ward, Pamela R.
Whitsell, Jennifer L.
Zehr, Kristy
Zuniga, Marcela M.

PROPOSAL FOR A MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree will require 33 credit hours of graduate level work, divided among the areas of humanities, social science and science, with a final research project required of all students.

A seminar format will be used in each of the three core courses. Each course will emphasize the analysis of a major topic or theme (For example, "How biology affects behavior", "The 1920's: a multidisciplinary view", or "Economics: a global perspective"). The rigor of this analysis will be in keeping with a graduate level seminar.

A member of the graduate faculty will consult and advise each student about appropriate courses to include in an 18-hour individual program of study. Choices can be made from among a wide variety of graduate level course offerings. Courses may be chosen to provide a broad base of knowledge about two complementary disciplines--such as economics and political science. It will be possible to develop a topical program of coursework which could become the subject of the final research project. For example, as we enter an era in which world trade relationships are becoming commonplace, a topic concentrating on the culture, history, and/or political systems of important regions of the world would be particularly appropriate. The flexibility which these options provide will permit us to serve a wide range of student interest with the MALS program. The graduate advisor, in addition to working with the student in developing a coherent course of study, will help the student plan and carry out the final project. In general, the projects should yield a written piece of work, although products such as artistic creations and computer programs also may be acceptable.

Although there are few programs of this general nature in Indiana's state universities, an increasing number of universities throughout the country are offering this degree. That is especially true of urban universities which serve a diverse student body, including a large proportion of older students. A recent survey provides evidence that there is a sizeable pool of prospective students for this program among area residents. Indiana University at South Bend, in its first year offering the MALS, had 28 students enrolled in the fall semester.

The University of Southern Indiana faculty is well prepared to teach graduate courses. Many are nationally, and some internationally, known in their fields. Their expertise will provide a firm foundation for this program. In turn, the program will provide an opportunity for our faculty as they lead mature students with baccalaureate level skills and knowledge, in developing an interdisciplinary perspective. The program is extremely cost efficient. As proposed, it requires neither specialized faculty, nor program-specific equipment, and many of the courses taught in the program will be cognate courses already developed to support the Master of Science in Secondary Education program.