

**JOINT MEETING OF
FINANCE COMMITTEE AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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The University of Southern Indiana Finance Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee met in a joint session on Thursday, March 14, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. in the University Center. Present were Trustees Bruce Baker, Louise Bruce, Nicole Cable, Charles Combs, Tina Kern, Thomas McKenna, and Harolyn Torain. Also attending were President H. Ray Hoops; and Vice Presidents John Byrd, Robert Reid, Richard Schmidt, and Sherrienne Standley.

The Committee began its meeting with discussion of some of the issues presented at the Commission for Higher Education Conference for University Trustees held in January in Indianapolis.

Student retention was the first issue reviewed. A retention task force has been formed at the University. Discussion continued on what both the task force and the University can do to improve its retention rate.

The second issue reviewed was the reconsideration of state financial assistance. Dr. Byrd presented information pertaining to the University's types of financial aid including scholarship aid. Discussion followed on how changes in state financial assistance may affect the University.

It was decided that the other issues discussed at the Commission meeting be reviewed by the Board at a later committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.