

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

June 5, 1986

A joint meeting of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees Finance Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee was held in the University Center, Room 350, on Thursday, June 5, 1986, at 10:00 a.m. Trustees present were William Brooks, Robert Fair, Joseph O'Daniel, and Eric Williams. Also attending were USI President David Rice, Vice Presidents Donald Bennett, Robert Reid, Byron Wright, and Assistant to the President Sherrienne Standley.

Mr. O'Daniel convened the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Dr. Rice reviewed the Higher Education Services Plan, which is updated each biennium. He briefly reviewed the long-range plans from 1986-1996 and the short term plans from 1986-89. Dr. Rice explained that this plan becomes the basic planning document for the institution and provides the foundation for preparation of the biennial budget request. The committee discussed the Commission for Higher Education goals and objectives for 1985-87 and also performance objectives for 1987-89. He said the Commission has proposed a plan which would reward institutions which meet the Commission performance objectives. Dr. Rice stated that the role of the Commission is an advisory one, and that both the Commission recommendations and the University budget requests are forwarded to the legislature.

Dr. Reid reviewed items to be included under the Quality Improvements for the University such as the reduction of part-time faculty, Southern Indiana Development Center, support for the Evansville Graduate Studies Center, library improvements, computer literacy, the replacement of science equipment, the new Intelenet system, compensation for attracting and retaining faculty, developmental services to students, and a program of student assessment to promote desirable learning outcomes. He also outlined new programs which would be included in the biennial budget request. They were: Physical Education and Wellness, General Studies, Social Work, Health Related Psychology, and Medical Sonography.

Mr. Wright discussed the inflation rate used for student fees, compensation, and supplies and equipment which has been tentatively set at 5%. Mr. Brooks stated that student fees amount to approximately 25% of revenues. Mr. O'Daniel said that he would like to see a graph which indicates a composite and trends of USI and all other Indiana public institutions regarding student fees. Dr. Rice said that the biennial budget request will change somewhat and that a refined version will be presented for approval by the Board at the July 2 meeting.

Dr. Rice presented to the Board a discussion draft of the University of Southern Indiana facilities development plan. He said it is a working document and will be discussed on a future agenda.

Mr. O'Daniel noted that MASH apartment housing was totally committed, and that limited opportunities might be available in Campus Apartments. He remarked that housing availability relates to student enrollments, and that enrollments from area counties were being positively impacted by the projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.