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1. REPORT ON LIBRARY SERVICES

The Long-Range Planning Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on Thursday, July 8, 2004, in Room 206 of the University Center. In attendance were Committee Chair Bruce H. Baker and Trustee J. David Huber. Also in attendance were Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda L. M. Bennett; Vice President for Student Affairs Robert W. Parrent; Vice President for Advancement Sherrienne M. Standley; Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Extended Services M. Edward Jones; and Director of Library Services Ruth Miller.

Committee chair Baker called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and introduced Director of Rice Library Ruth Miller.

Ms. Miller presented "The David L. Rice Library: The Last Decade and the Next" and reported that in addition to the building under construction, there are other new elements in the library. She noted that due to enhanced technology and to social change over the last decade, there have been many changes in the nature of the library's collections, services, hardware and software, and in the needs and expectations of library users. These changes include an increasingly electronic collection; the Web-based integrated library system, Voyager, and its module, ENCompass, which searches multiple databases simultaneously; and the new security/inventory system with self-check, digital reader/printers, and wireless. She reported that while technology is the primary, and most obvious, force in much of this change, it brings with it cultural shifts in individuals' expectations and ways of working and studying, with speed and convenience as high priorities. The next decade promises to be as stimulating and challenging as the past decade, according to Ms. Miller, and the new library building will enable USI to offer its students and faculty a highly desirable setting for the next variations of library support for teaching and learning.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.