

**AGENDA**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**September 6, 2007**

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##### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 2, 2007, MEETING

##### B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION

##### C. REPORT OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long-Range Planning Committee will meet prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on September 6, 2007. A report will be presented.

##### D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

##### E. APPROVAL OF NEW DEGREE PROGRAM: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

The Pott College of Science and Engineering proposes to offer a Bachelor of Science in Advanced Manufacturing. The implementation date is the spring semester, 2008.

The proposed program has two primary objectives: to provide skilled baccalaureate-degreed technologists for the advanced manufacturing industry; and to support regional business and industry in workforce development and training by providing professional development and certificate training opportunities.

The proposed program in Advanced Manufacturing evolved from Indiana Commission for Higher Education recommendations. On May 10, 2002, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education endorsed the agreement entitled *Purdue University and University of Southern Indiana Proposal for Delivery of Engineering Education Alternatives in Southwestern Indiana (April 28, 2002)*, which recommended the "consolidation of existing USI Engineering Technology offerings into a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Manufacturing Technology".

The program is recommended by the Dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering and has been approved by the University Curriculum Committee, the Academic Planning Council, the Faculty Senate, and the President.

Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Advanced Manufacturing degree is recommended.

##### F. APPROVAL OF NEW DEGREE PROGRAM: DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

The College of Nursing and Health Professions proposes to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). The implementation date is the fall semester, 2008.

The proposed program will serve Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) graduates who are currently practicing as nurse educators, nurse practitioners, or nurse administrators. The objective is to prepare experts in advanced nursing with emphasis on innovative and evidence-based practice. The expanded knowledge base from the sciences and nursing will enhance the DNP graduate's contribution to patient care.

Students entering the program must have completed an MSN degree to be eligible to enroll in the DNP program and may apply a maximum of 42 graduate credits toward the required 78 credit hours for the degree.

The 2007 President's Task Force on Workforce and Economic Development supported the need for clinical nursing and other health-related programs. The addition of the proposed program will support the education, social, and economic growth of southern Indiana by providing expert nurse clinicians, educators, and administrators.

A task force of nursing faculty from the College of Nursing and Health Professions proposed the program. It is recommended by the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions and has been approved by the Graduate Council, the Academic Planning Council, and the President.

Approval of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree is recommended.

#### **G. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS**

In 1983, the Indiana General Assembly enacted amendments to the Indiana "conflicts of interest" law, which provides that "The public servant who knowingly or intentionally: (1) has a pecuniary interest in; or (2) derives a profit from a contract or purchase connected with an action by the government entity that he serves, commits a conflict of interest, a Class D felony."

I.C. 35-41-1-2 defines "public servant" as a person who (1) is authorized to perform any official function on behalf of, and is paid by, a governmental agency; or (2) is elected or appointed to office to discharge a public duty for a governmental entity.

The 1983 amendment provides a method by which public servants can avoid the criminal aspect of the conflicts of interest law by filing a disclosure statement with the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees must then review and accept such disclosures, and must forward all disclosure statements to the State Board of Accounts. Following their board orientation session in August, the two recently appointed trustees completed disclosure statements for 2007. A summary of these statements is in Exhibit I-A.

Approval to certify that the Board of Trustees has reviewed and accepted the disclosure statements is recommended.

**SECTION II – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Finance/Audit Committee will meet prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on September 6, 2007. A report will be presented.

**B. APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 HOUSING RATES**

Approval of the following 2008-2009 housing rates is recommended.

<u>FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
<u>McDONALD or O'DANIEL APARTMENT</u>			
Two Bedroom: Two students per bedroom	\$1,642	\$1,675	7-01-08
One student per bedroom	2,941	3,000	7-01-08
One Bedroom: Two students	1,983	2,023	7-01-08
One student	3,691	3,765	7-01-08
<u>GOVERNORS, NEWMAN, O'BANNON, or RUSTON HALL</u>			
One and Two Bedroom: Two students per bedroom	\$1,642	\$1,675	7-01-08

**SUMMER SESSIONS**

Summer session rates are indexed to semester rates. The rate for each five-week summer session is one-third of the academic year semester rate.

**C. APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 MEAL PLAN RATES**

Students who live in the Residence Halls (Newman Hall, Governors Hall, O'Bannon Hall, and Ruston Hall) are required to purchase a Resident Meal Plan. Three plans are available from which students can choose. The proposed rates allow for normal increases in food and labor costs.

Approval of the following meal plan rates for 2008-2009 is recommended.

<u>FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Red Eagle Plan	\$1,629	\$1,649	7-01-08
White Eagle Plan	1,569	1,610	7-01-08
Blue Eagle Plan	1,435	1,480	7-01-08

**SUMMER SESSIONS**

Meal plans are not offered during summer sessions.

**D. APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE VEBA (VOLUNTARYEMPLOYEES' BENEFIT ASSOCIATION) TRUST**

The VEBA (Voluntary Employees' Benefit Association) Trust Investment Policy requires the approval of the Board of Trustees for a transfer of funds to the VEBA Trust.

Approval to transfer \$500,000 to the VEBA Trust is recommended.

**E. UPDATE ON CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

A report on the status of current construction projects will be presented.

### SECTION III – PERSONNEL MATTERS

#### A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Approval of the following personnel actions are recommended.

##### 1. Retirement

Associate Professor of Engineering Leonard M. Cook, in accordance with the revised retirement policy, has requested retirement effective June 30, 2008, including leave with pay for the period January 7, 2008, through May 11, 2008. Severance pay based on 33 years of service to the University will be paid as of June 30, 2008.

##### 2. Emeritus Status

It is recommended that the following faculty member be retired officially with the effective date shown and that the appropriate emeritus title, as indicated, be conferred:

Associate Professor Emeritus of Engineering Leonard M. Cook  
33 years at USI, effective June 30, 2008.

**Possible Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements  
Filed for 2007**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME/ TITLE</b>	<b>VENDOR/ CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST</b>
8-15-07	Ted C. Ziemer, Jr. Trustee	Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders	Partner
8-15-07	Jamie L. Johnson Trustee	N/A	N/A