

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
September 4, 1986

The Long-Range Planning Committee and the Finance Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met in joint session in the USI University Center on Thursday, September 4, 1986. Present were Trustees Robert Boyer, William Brooks, Percy Clark, Joseph O'Daniel, John Pruis, Carole Rust, and Eric Williams; Honorary Trustee Al Woll; President David Rice; Vice Presidents Donald Bennett, Robert Reid, Sherrienne Standley, and Byron Wright; and Faculty Council Chairman Charles Price.

The meeting was opened at 10:30 a.m. by Mr. O'Daniel. He called on Mr. Brooks to report on the perspectives of the trustees and officers as earlier written and now combined. Mr. Brooks summarized the ideas in the document and thanked those who participated, saying the document gives the board agreement on the direction the University will take in the next five to ten years. Dr. Rice expressed his appreciation to the Board and said it would be helpful not only in the accrediting process next spring, but also as the Board continues to shape the Higher Education Services Plan for the Commission for Higher Education. A copy of the written report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. O'Daniel reported on statistics from Mid-America Student Housing, telling the committee that 64 percent of the freshmen in MASH returned, as well as 65 percent of the sophomores, 58 percent of the juniors, and 17 percent of the seniors. He said there are 186 more students in housing now than a year ago and he feels the experience of having housing accommodations close to campus will have a positive effect on student retention, and thereby on the University's growth pattern. Mr. O'Daniel distributed statistics on student housing to those present. A discussion of future planning for student housing followed.

Dr. Rice called the committee's attention to related information including the land-use master plan and the University's data base on enrollment patterns. Included in the enrollment patterns were materials on the actual and projected enrollment, the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) relationship to head count, the statistics on high school graduates in Region 13, new student enrollment in fall semester 1986, the admission yield, enrollment by academic division, students' county of residence, students by age, population projections by age, county-by-county breakdown in Region 13, college participation rates in Indiana, comparative costs of attending college, financial aid distribution by source, and information on full- and part-time faculty.

The committee viewed the audio-visual presentation which has been prepared to explain and defend the capital budget request for a new classroom building. The location of the new building was discussed as was the allocation of space in the new building.

The committee adjourned for lunch. Following lunch, the committee met briefly and recommended approval of the USI-New Harmony by-laws. It was reported that Mr. Fair will appoint a committee to review nominations and recommend additions to the Board of the USI-New Harmony Foundation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.