

**MINUTES
LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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The Long-Range Planning Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on November 14, 2002, in the University Center, Carter Hall ABC. In attendance were Trustees Bruce H. Baker, Louise S. Bruce, G. Patrick Hoehn, J. David Huber, and Walter J. Jermakowicz and Vice Presidents Cynthia S. Brinker, Robert W. Parrent, Robert L. Reid, Robert W. Ruble, and Sherrienne M. Standley. Also in attendance were Dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services C. Thomas Pickering; Associate Dean Robert E. Mays; Chair of the Social Work Department David C. Cousert; Chair of the Physical Education Department Jane A. Davis-Brezette; and Chair of the Teacher Education Department Charles L. Price.

There being a quorum present, Chair Bruce Baker called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

1. REPORT ON THE BOWER-SURHEINRICH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Dean Pickering presented the committee with an overview of the Social Work, Physical Education, and Teacher Education Departments in the School of Education and Human Services. He reported that USI has one of two Master of Social Work programs in the state of Indiana, that the University's Teacher Education Department is the sixth largest in the state, and that the Physical Education Department is recognized locally and beyond for the quality of its graduates.

Professor Cousert reported that the Master of Social Work program was awarded continuing accreditation one year ago and that a successful continuing accreditation site visit was just completed for the bachelor's program. He described an increased interest in school social work and noted that the social work programs draw students from more than 20 Indiana counties.

Professor Davis-Brezette reported that as many as 3,000 USI students participate in the Physical Education Department when they take two required courses in wellness and physical education. She noted that the department conducted a five-year assessment survey with good results from the students. She announced that there are 109 majors in physical education, and that the department will increase its on-line graduate class offerings to four classes this year. Dr. Davis-Brezette ended her report by describing SOUL Empowerment, a successful wellness program organized by the department, that serves 250 individuals in Evansville's inner city. The program focuses on the nutritional and exercise needs of minority women.

Professor Price reported that the University's teacher education programs were re-accredited for five years in 2001. He described the programs in Early Childhood Education, Teacher Education, and Graduate Studies. He noted that the Teacher Education Department had 150 graduates in 2002, including the first graduates in the field of special education. He reported that graduate studies offers courses for current educators to continue their education, and that a leadership program is under development to prepare individuals who want to obtain a principal's license. Dr. Price referred the committee members to a brochure describing the Master of Science in Education.

Associate Dean Mays told the committee that the USI Office of Field Experiences has a thirty-year history of collaborating with area schools to provide field experiences to students. He reported that in 2001-2002, more than 700 students were placed in the Initial Experiences Program, an exploratory phase program designed to provide real classroom experiences for students. In addition, more than 200 students were placed in student teaching settings. The Office of Field Experiences utilizes over 100 schools in the tri-state area and more than 600 teachers participate in the programs.

Dean Pickering closed the presentation by extending appreciation to the Board of Trustees for its support of the programs in the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.