

MINUTES
LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
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The Long-Range Planning Committee of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 2, 2005, in the University Center. Present were Committee Chair Bruce H. Baker and Trustees Harolyn G. Torain '71 and Lauren C. Fultz '07; 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; Faculty Senate Chair Peter Cashel-Cordo; and Student Government President Scott Carr.

Chair Bruce Baker convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Mr. Baker introduced Dr. Bennett, who asked Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Extended Services Ed Jones to report on the International Baccalaureate Program. Dr. Jones explained that the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program is an articulation program with high schools which offer the IB curriculum, a rigorous academic program for high-achieving students. The IB curriculum is comparable to a university liberal arts and science curriculum that comprises a core curriculum. Students completing the curriculum in high school can earn the equivalent of up to 30 hours of college credit. USI has been working with Apollo High School in Owensboro, Kentucky in developing the articulation program, and Bosse High School and the Signature School in Evansville are both seeking approval to become IB providers. In Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois, there are approximately 20 high schools now accredited as IB schools. Dr. Jones said this articulation program is an excellent way to recruit and recognize top high school students. The first enrollment date is summer 2006.

2. REPORT ON THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Dr. Bennett introduced Dean of Liberal Arts David Glassman who gave an overview of the College of Liberal Arts, including faculty and student profiles, the Liberal Arts Center and other facilities used for teaching and learning, and recent program developments. Dean Glassman shared the accomplishments of faculty and students in the College and its Strategic Plan for 2006-2011.

The committee was asked for future topics in which it might be interested. One suggestion was a discussion of the links with the IU Medical Center and opportunities it provides to students.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.