

MINUTES OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
November 7, 1985

The Long-Range Planning Committee met Thursday, November 7, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. in the Columbia Club in Indianapolis. Those present were Trustees William Brooks, Robert Boyer, Joseph O'Daniel, Eric Williams, Carole Rust, Robert Fair, and John Pruis; Honorary Trustee Albert Woll; President David Rice; Vice Presidents Robert Reid, Donald Bennett, and Byron Wright; Assistant to the President Sherrienne Standley; Faculty Council Chairman Edward Marting; Student Government President Rob Hon; and Mrs. Joseph O'Daniel.

Dr. Robert Reid convened the meeting and reviewed the topics to be considered by the Committee. The first was the University mission statement which had been reviewed by the Commission for Higher Education and returned to the Board for consideration of suggested language refinements. Dr. Rice outlined the specific changes, and explained that the document is a descriptive, not prescriptive, one. Mr. Brooks moved that this latest document, as presented to the Committee, be approved by the Committee and presented to the full Board. Ms. Rust seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Reid reviewed the history of the development of the Bachelor of Occupational Studies (BOS) degree program and explained that the Commission for Higher Education, which had reviewed the program, liked the concept but was uncomfortable with the title. The title Bachelor of General Studies, strongly urged by the Commission, would be similar to program titles used at other Indiana universities. It was pointed out that this program would still keep the occupational studies option so the needs of IVTC graduates could be addressed. By consensus, the Committee agreed to this title change.

Dr. Rice and Dr. Reid reviewed the progress of the Graduate Center concept and explained which programs might be included and which institutions might be involved in delivery of instruction. Concern was expressed by some Committee members that such a Center might not meet the expressed needs of southern Indiana residents and that USI might not have enough control to see that programs are delivered as needed. They urged serious and careful deliberations in the negotiation process. Dr. Rice explained that certain safeguards are built in to the proposal — first, USI is the fiscal agent and will control the budget process, and second, the project has been given two years to prove its need, thus allowing USI to withdraw if it is not successful. He said administrators will continue discussion in the next two to three months, keeping in mind the concerns of the Board members.

Dr. Reid presented the two degree programs which were on the agenda for the Board meeting that afternoon, and reminded the Committee of earlier deliberations on these programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.