

## MINUTES OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 14, 1991

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees Long-Range Planning Committee met in the Conference Center of the New Harmony Inn in New Harmony, Indiana on Thursday, November 14, 1991. Present were Trustees Percy Clark, Jr., Thomas McKenna, Kristel Swan, and Harolyn Torain. Also attending were President David Rice and Vice Presidents Robert Reid and Sherrienne Standley.

Dr. Clark convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and called on Dr. Reid to report on the University's Higher Education Services Plan. Dr. Reid explained the role of the Academic Planning Council, which is involved in reviewing academic developments and recommending new programs. The Academic Planning Council reviews preceding Higher Education Services Plans and prepares new plans as appropriate. Dr. Reid called the committee's attention to a handout summarizing the accreditation status of USI programs. Discussion followed on these programs.

Dr. Reid reviewed the University's mission statement. Dr. Rice added that during the last biennium, the University focused on the following themes: increasing postsecondary educational participation of young people and adults in southern Indiana, emphasizing programs and services for part-time, commuting, and older students, and developing partnerships with high schools. Dr. Reid said that the Academic Planning Council reviewed the mission statement and did not recommend any major changes. Mr. McKenna said it is apparent that the University is focused on its goals. Discussion followed on specifics of the mission statement.

Dr. Reid called the committee's attention to the actual and projected enrollments handout. He said the projection includes a 4 1/2 to 5 percent increase each year until 1995 and a 2 1/2 percent increase each year thereafter. He added that this is consistent with the projections the University has done previously. Discussion followed on the enrollment projections.

Dr. Reid reported to the committee that another classroom building may be necessary in the 1993-95 biennium to meet the enrollment demands now being placed on the University. He added that other anticipated needs may include expansion of the University Center, a Performing Arts Center, and expansion of the Library. Dr. Rice added that these needs comprise an informal list, and the University will be preparing a capital request for the 1993-95 biennium.

Dr. Reid presented information on new programs and program improvements to be included in the 1993-95 development plan, including a Master of Social Work degree program and a Master of Science in Elementary Education degree program. Mrs. Torain expressed concern about the need for more science education training for elementary education majors. Mr. McKenna added that graduate programs in social work and elementary education and the distance learning initiative correspond with the University's mission statement. Dr. Reid emphasized the importance of funding for the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy program. Discussion followed on the University's needs for new programs and program improvements. Dr. Reid reported that the University's part-time faculty (including adjunct and overload assignments) comprise 42 percent of its total faculty. Discussion followed on strategies to lower this percentage.

Dr. Reid also announced attendance results of Assessment Day held November 12, reported on activities within the Extended Services department, and reviewed current grant proposal activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.