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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 15, 1993

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 Monday, November 15, 1993. Present were Trustees Brent Auberry, Percy Clark, Jr., and Thomas McKenna. Also attending were Vice Presidents Robert Reid and Sherrienne Standley; Faculty Senate Chairperson Marlene Shaw; and Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions Nadine Coudret.

Dr. Clark convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and called on Dr. Reid to report on Indiana Commission for Higher Education Initiatives. Dr. Reid said that the Commission is conducting studies relating to campus profiles, faculty productivity, funding alternatives, K-12 postsecondary articulation, admissions policies, and capital. Dr. Reid called the Board's attention to two of the Commission initiatives: 1) the statewide cooperative plan for improving preparation for postsecondary education and 2) campus profiles. Discussion centered on the postsecondary education draft, which describes high school curriculum and university admission requirements and the campus profile draft, which describes the University's purpose, responsibility, and admissions policy.

Dr. Clark expressed concern about the importance that foreign language, computer science, and technology classes should be part of the expected curriculum, not an elective. Discussion followed on the college preparatory curriculum requirements.

Dr. Reid called on Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions Nadine Coudret to describe the Master of Science in Nursing degree proposal. Dean Coudret described the role of a primary care nurse practitioner, acute care nurse practitioner, and case manager/nurse administrator in the rapidly changing health care industry. She said that future needs were a primary factor in developing this proposal.

Dr. Clark expressed concern about the importance of developing good interpersonal skills as a part of the degree program. Discussion followed on the degree proposal. On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Auberry, the Long-Range Planning Committee agreed to support the Master of Science in Nursing degree program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.