



Approved Minutes  
July 26, 2006

Present: Karen Anderson, Gail Cummings, Deanna Engler, Yvonne Floyd, Shannon Hoehn, René Koressel, Linda Lefler, Frank Nagy, David O'Grady, Bea Purcell, Sara Rhoades, Sheree Seib, Lisa Staples, Lois Stevens, Virginia Thomas, Angela Torres, Julie Weinzapfel

Guests: Cindy Brinker, Donna Evinger, Mark Rozewski, Sherrienne Standley

Call to Order

The annual Staff Council Retreat was called to order by Sheree Seib at 10:05 a.m.

Sheree presented information to inform new Staff Council members of what to expect during their term. Sheree also introduced our guest speakers.

Campus Master Plan

Mark Rozewski discussed changes that we would see on the campus over the next few years.

This year we should see:

- a large scale landscaping project in front of the library
- a beltway around the entire campus started
- an increase in the size of the Fitness Center
- the move of the Social Work department and ROTC to the lower level of the Education building
- a makeover of the McWest Recreation Center
- a new Physical Plant building to be placed by the Foundation office
- a new Art Gallery
- updates of the Forums and Wright Administration building
- the move of Career Services to the lower level of the Orr Center
- the start of replacing outdoor furniture
- new furniture placed in the Technology Center

In the future we will see:

- the start of a new College of Business building
- the old library will become part of the University Center
- start of construction to move the drive to the outer section of campus

- better signage to direct guests on campus

### Budget Requests

Cindy Brinker presented information about the process she goes through in order to obtain money for the University. The General Assembly provides over 55% of the operating budget for USI. There are two types of budget requests, one is capital and the other is operating budget. Two initiatives being taken to the assembly are for an increase in money to support economic development in Southern Indiana, and the other is for STEM, an initiative by Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

### Self-Study

Sherianne Standley discussed where we are now in the self-study process. There will be a site visit September 25-27. We will have a room in the library set up for the committee. We will also assign them a staff member for assistance and to help keep them on schedule.

There are 5 criteria the committee will focus on:

1. Mission and integrity
2. Future
3. Student learning and effective teaching
4. Acquisition
5. Service and engagement

A copy of the self-study will be posted on-line at [www.usi.edu/accreditation/draftintro.asp](http://www.usi.edu/accreditation/draftintro.asp) and a copy will be in the library available for review. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) would like unfiltered commentary about the self-study. Their website can be accessed at [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org). All conference rooms have been reserved for the two days that the HLC will be on campus. Please wear your nametags during the visitation. We will have table tents in the UC, a story in the Shield, and information cards that will help to implement awareness of the visit.

### Advancement Updates

In 2000 we conducted an economic impact study asking the community how USI is doing. We started 13 new academic majors from the results of our last study. Pres. Hoops would like us to repeat the process, and it is set to start this fall with a report due next spring.

The USI Foundation had their best year ever by raising \$11 million. They will be mounting a fundraising event soon for the new College of Business building.

There are four new University Trustees:

1. Amy MacDonell – from Indianapolis
2. Jeff Knight – from Evansville
3. John Dunn – from Evansville
4. Harold Calloway - from Evansville

The Board is committed to education and would like to keep a great relationship between the Board and the University President.

#### Fall Support Staff Meeting

Donna Evinger asked for volunteers to assist with the library tour during the annual Fall Support Staff Meeting.

Break for lunch at noon.

#### Elections

Chair: Chris Jines  
Vice Chair: Dave O'Grady  
Secretary: Angela Torres

#### Other Committees

Traffic Appeals: Julie Weinzapfel  
Safety & Risk Management: Deanna Engler  
Substance Abuse: Shannon Hoehn is serving a 2 yr term (05-07); René Koressel is interested in this committee should Shannon leave the University  
Equal Employment Opportunities: Chris Jines is serving a 3 yr term (05-08)  
Smoking: Dave O'Grady  
Wellness: Yvonne Floyd

#### Staff Council Committees

##### Economic Benefits Committee Members

Christine Crews  
Gail Cummings  
Deanna Engler – Chair  
Linda Lefler  
James Morgan  
Frank Nagy  
Lisa Staples  
Angela Torres  
Julie Weinzapfel

##### Employee Relations Committee Members

Karen Anderson  
Jeri Broshears  
Yvonne Floyd – Co-Chair  
René Koressel  
Bea Purcell  
Sara Rhoades – Co-Chair  
Lois Stevens  
Virginia Thomas

Nominating Committee Members

René Koressel

Linda Lefler - Chair

Bea Purcell

Virginia Thomas

Break-out into committees.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the June 30, 2006 Staff Council meeting minutes as amended was made by Yvonne Floyd and seconded by Deanna Engler.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Discussion/Announcements

The next Staff Council meeting will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>. We will receive a reminder e-mail with the time and location.

The next Employee Relations Committee meeting will be on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. was made by Yvonne Floyd and seconded by Virginia Thomas.