

USI BOARD APPROVES TWO
MASTER'S PROGRAMS,
BIENNIAL BUDGET



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The Board of Trustees of the University of Southern Indiana observed its first anniversary Wednesday by re-electing officers, approving two master's degree programs, and approving budget proposals that constitute the 1987-89 biennial financing to be sought from the Indiana General Assembly.

The master's programs include a Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Education, two key graduate programs that studies indicate are priority state university needs for residents of southwest Indiana. They are to be submitted to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the Legislature and, if approved, would be implemented through the new Evansville Center for Graduate Study.

The MBA program is designed to accommodate the employed part-time student seeking a professional degree which prepares graduates for managerial responsibility in both profit-seeking and nonprofit-seeking business and government agencies. Classes would meet evenings and Saturdays and would use the closed-circuit television network, with curricular content reflecting the philosophy and standards of the Accreditation Council of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

The graduate education program is designed to meet the need of professional educators who are employed in southern Indiana. It would meet licensing/accrediting standards of the State Department of Education and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and would provide one option for teachers to renew their license as now required by the State. Certification Renewal Units, which came into effect in September, 1985, provide an additional means for in-service teachers to maintain and improve their professional capabilities.

Finance proposals call for \$79,080 and \$41,044 for the MBA program, and \$61,016 and \$35,400 for the education program for the respective '87-'88 and '88-'89 academic years. These requests are included in the 1987-89 biennial institutional budget request, which the board

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approved for submission to the Legislature for funding. It involves a \$2.6-million increase for 1987-88 and \$1.5 million for 1988-89. The biennial request includes increases for the Southern Indiana Development Center, and the new physical education and wellness, general studies, social work, and health-related psychology programs, which are in varying stages of approval or implementation.

The USI Board held its anniversary meeting at Historic New Harmony, which through a contractual agreement is managed by USI. To enhance the development of Historic New Harmony, 36 properties will be transferred to the University. Board Chairman Robert Fair was authorized at Wednesday's meeting to represent the full board in final action on the property transfer.

In the annual meeting, Mr. Fair was re-elected Board chairman; Joseph O'Daniel, vice chairman; and Carole Rust, secretary. Robert Boyer of Terre Haute, Dr. Percy Clark, Jr., of Indianapolis, and Dr. John Pruis of Muncie began four-year terms on the board, having been reappointed by Governor Robert D. Orr.

In other business, the Board:

* Approved the appointment of Board members William Brooks Jr., Joseph O'Daniel, and Eric Williams to the Architect Selection Committee for the proposed new classroom addition, and authorized the Board chairman to select an architect, based on the committee recommendation, in order to expedite the planning procedure.

* Approved a resolution accepting the 20-acre Campus Apartments as an addition to USI student housing when the mortgage is retired. The apartment complex was purchased in June by Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc., which also manages the 160-unit Mid-America Student Housing center. Both facilities will be transferred to USI when they are cleared of debt.

* Approved a \$645,260 operating budget for Historic New Harmony for the 1986-87 fiscal year and a \$103,133 operating budget for the new Evansville Center for Graduate Study.