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NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

Academic units to be colleges

Five academic units at the University of Southern Indiana presently designated schools will be called colleges effective July 1, 2005 to better reflect the intent of the units. The five units will be

College of Business

Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

College of Liberal Arts

College of Nursing and Health Professions

Robert H. and Elaine H. Pott College of Science and Engineering

Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said that the designation of "school" usually denotes a narrowly focused professional program with limited degree offerings. The five academic schools at USI offer a complex array of undergraduate programs and four of the five schools offer graduate programs. The change to the college designation will offer greater flexibility in future organizational planning.

Each college is led by a dean who reports to the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

The USI Board of Trustees, following recommendation by the Faculty Senate, the Academic Affairs Council, and President H. Ray Hoops, approved the change at the meeting in January 2005.