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USI ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

Byron C. Wright, University of Southern Indiana vice president for business affairs who has served as the University's chief financial officer for 25 years, has been promoted to senior vice president. Richard W. Schmidt, an assistant vice president for business affairs, has been named acting vice president for business affairs.

USI President David L. Rice announced the promotions at the USI Board of Trustees meeting today in Indianapolis. USI Board Chairman Bruce H. Baker appointed Schmidt Board treasurer, succeeding Wright.

Wright came to USI in 1967 as the first business manager and was promoted in 1971 to vice president for Business Affairs. In 1985, treasurer of the University was added to his title; he also serves as assistant treasurer and board member for the USI Foundation. Wright earned his bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from Ball State University, where he was finance officer prior to coming to USI. He had taught high school business education in Muncie before entering university administration. Wright was honored with the USI Alumni Association's 1991 Special Recognition Award as one of those people who have "made USI a full-service institution attentive to the needs of the people of this region and an integral part of higher education in Indiana." He was recognized both for his work in University business affairs and his successful efforts as USI's representative to the Indiana General Assembly.

Schmidt also is a graduate of Ball State University where he earned his undergraduate and Master of Arts degrees. He joined the USI staff in 1972, served as controller for 12 years, and was named assistant vice president for business affairs in 1987. A civic leader, Schmidt is treasurer of Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc.; past treasurer of Raintree Girl Scout Council; and a board member of the Evansville Blind Association and Community Foundation Alliance. He and his wife Marilyn, director of USI Career Services and Placement, live at 902 Walnut, Mount Vernon, Indiana.