

University Notes

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Governor appoints USI trustees

An Evansville attorney and a USI student have been appointed to the USI Board of Trustees by **Governor Mitch Daniels**.

Ted C. Ziemer Jr. will serve a four-year term through July 1, 2011, and **Jamie L. Johnson** of Newburgh will serve a two-year term as student trustee through July 1, 2009.

Ziemer is a partner at Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP and is a past chairman of the Board of Directors of the USI Foundation. He received an honorary degree from USI in 1998.

USI President **H. Ray Hoops** said, "Ted Ziemer will be an excellent trustee. He knows the University of Southern Indiana, and he will continue his strong legacy of commitment to its growth and development."

Last year Johnson served as administrative vice president for Academic Affairs for the Student Government Association and received the 2007 USI Foundation Excellence in Learning Award. She is majoring in chemistry and carries a 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of the Honors Program at USI and earned Academic Achievement awards in analytical and organic chemistry.

Jeff Knight of Evansville was reappointed to serve a four-year term through July 1, 2011. He is executive vice president, chief legal counsel, and corporate secretary for Old National Bank.

The USI board has nine trustees and must include one alumnus of the University, one current student, and one resident of Vanderburgh County.

Evansville resident **John M. Dunn**, chairman and CEO of Dunn Hospitality, has been elected chair of the Board of Trustees. He was appointed to the nine-member board in 2006.

In addition to his work with the Board of Trustees, Dunn has been a member of the USI Foundation Board since 1993 and is a Life Director. He was chair of the USI Foundation Board for two years starting in July 2000. He received an honorary degree from USI in 2004.

Other officers of the USI Board of Trustees for 2007-08 are **Jeffrey L. Knight**, Evansville, vice chair and chair of the Finance and Audit Committee; **W. Harold Calloway**, Evansville, vice chair and chair of the Long Range Planning Committee; and **Amy W. MacDonell**, Indianapolis, secretary.

Knight is executive vice president and chief legal counsel for Old National Bank and Calloway is an agent with State Farm Insurance. MacDonell is a historic preservationist, community volunteer, and former chair of the Indiana Main Street Council.

Trustees approve increase in tuition and fees for two years

The USI Board of Trustees voted July 2 to increase tuition and fees for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years.

In 2007 resident undergraduate students at USI will pay \$157.70 per semester credit hour and resident graduate students will pay \$228.95 per semester credit hour. Full-time (30 credit

hours), in-state undergraduate students will pay \$4,791 for 2007-08, an increase of approximately \$271. Included in the total cost reported is a \$60 fee paid by full time students.

A non-resident undergraduate in 2007 will pay \$375.75 per semester credit hour fee and a non-resident graduate student will pay \$451.85.

The 2008 fees will increase for undergraduates to \$167.30 per semester credit hour for Indiana students and \$398.45 for nonresidents.

Graduate students who live in Indiana in 2008 will pay \$242.80 per credit hour and nonresidents will pay \$470.10 per credit hour.

President **H. Ray Hoops** said, "Even with the increase, University of Southern Indiana remains the best dollar value among Indiana's public higher education institutions."

USI's year-increase amount of \$271 for 2007-08 and \$287 for 2008-09 is lower than the average dollar increase at Indiana University, Purdue University, Ball State University, and Indiana State University in the same time frame. (Average dollar increase is \$289 for 2007-08 and \$300 for 2008-09 for the four-year higher education institutions in Indiana.)

The fee increase and state appropriations for USI for the next two years will fund investments in faculty, instructional technology, equipment, and ongoing operational costs.

The trustees also approved a \$78 million current operating budget for the 2007-2008 academic year. The budget includes \$46.5 for instruction and instruction-related expenses; \$6.2 million for student services; \$10.4 million for physical plant; and \$14.8 for administration.

In other business, the trustees passed two resolutions of appreciation.

The resolution for **Bruce H. Baker** recognized his more than 18 years of service - the longest tenure of any USI trustee - and his dedication to the full development of the University and the people it serves. His term ends this month.

Baker has represented the Board of Trustees as a member of the nominating committee, the USI Foundation Board of Directors, the USI/New Harmony Foundation Board of Directors, the presidential search committee, and the campus master planning committee.

He has served as chair of the board from 1992 to 1997 and from 2006 to 2007. He also was vice chair of the board and chair of the Finance Committee from 1990 to 1992 and vice chair of the board and chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee from 1997 to 2006.

He and his wife Carol were chosen as the inaugural recipients of the USI Foundation's Suzanne A. Nicholson Leadership Award.

Inspired by Nicholson, director emerita of University Development and president emerita of the Foundation, the award honors those who have exercised strong leadership roles in fulfilling the Foundation's mission and who embody Nicholson's dedication and spirit in meeting the needs of the University.

The award was presented to the Bakers at the USI Foundation Board of Directors meeting on May 17.

The second resolution recognized the distinguished career of **Sherrienne M. Standley**, senior vice president for Advancement, who retired June 30, 2007.

The University's first vice president for Advancement, Standley coordinated the development of external relations and communications and identified and secured resources necessary for the University to move to its goals.

She broadened educational opportunity in southwestern Indiana by establishing lasting relationships between the University and individuals, organizations, and corporations in the region and the state. Under her direction, the University's first capital campaign exceeded its goal, raising a total of \$18 million in gifts and pledges and \$6 million in deferred gifts.

Early retirement was approved for **Jim Patton**, director of Student Financial Assistance, (effective September 15, 2008 including approved leave from March 15 to September 14, 2008) and **Barry Hart**, director of Security, (effective July 1, 2008 including approved leave from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008). Both will carry the title director emeritus.

USI accounting professor awarded Fulbright grant

Dr. Mehmet Kocakulah, professor of accounting, has been awarded a grant through the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to teach and conduct research in Turkey during the fall semester.

As a Fulbright scholar, he will teach graduate classes and complete cost/management accounting research at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. His appointment will begin September 1 and conclude in mid-January.

In announcing the award, officials of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) said the principal purpose of the Fulbright Program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of the more than 150 participating countries. The FSB is a 12-member body appointed by the president of the United States to establish policies for the program and select recipients.

Dr. Mohammed Khayum, dean of the College of Business, said, "To receive a Fulbright grant is a significant accomplishment. Dr. Kocakulah's participation in this program will augment his teaching and research experiences and undoubtedly advance his professional development."

Kocakulah is a native of Turkey. He holds a doctorate from Istanbul University, a master's degree from University of Louisville, and an undergraduate degree from Ege University in Izmir, Turkey.

At USI he teaches undergraduate and graduate-level accounting courses and is a faculty advisor to the College of Business chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, an international honor society available only to students enrolled in business schools accredited by AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. A member of the USI faculty since 1987, he previously taught at Indiana State University and University of Louisville.

Kocakulah has written a number of articles for professional journals. He holds membership in the American Accounting Association, the Institute of Management Accountants, and other professional organizations. He is a longtime member of Rotary International in Evansville.

Alumni & Volunteer Services offers summertime fun

USI alumni and friends have a couple of opportunities to gather for fun and entertainment in July. Join fellow graduates for Alumni Night at the New Harmony Theatre on Saturday, July 21 for a performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Tickets are \$18, including a complimentary pre-show reception from 6:30 to 7:30

p.m. at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, 506 Main Street. The play begins at 8 p.m. at the recently renovated Murphy Auditorium, 419 Tavern Street.

The following Saturday, July 28, is USI Night at the Otters at Bosse Field. USI alumni and friends will gather from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a picnic in the Left Field tent. Game time begins at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$6.50 for children ages 4 to 8. Cost includes reserved seating and a picnic dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, and beverages.

For more information or reservations, call Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1928 or email alumni@usi.edu.

On Saturday, August 25, head to Santa Claus, Indiana, for USI Day at Holiday World and Splashin' Safari with the USI Alumni Association. Tickets are \$33 for adults; \$28 for children 3-6; and free for children age 2 and under. Cost includes admission to the park; Grand Buffet (Moonlight BBQ, hot dogs, hamburgers and fixings); and free unlimited soft drinks, parking, sunscreen, and inner tubes at the water park. Return your payment to the USI Foundation by August 6 to receive advance tickets by mail.

Moody's reports stable outlook for USI

Moody's Investors Service, one of the leading credit rating, research, and risk analysis companies in the world, has affirmed the A2 underlying rating on USI's \$81.7 million of student fee bonds, and the A3 underlying rating on \$36.7 million of auxiliary system bonds. The rating outlook remains stable.

USI strengths listed by Moody's Investor Service are the approved seven percent operating support increases for USI in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 from the State of Indiana; sufficient coverage of outstanding debt and operations from limited expendable financial resource base of \$90 million; sound market position as regional public university with moderate enrollment growth over the past five years; and consistently healthy operating performance.

Publishing Services has new name, assistant director

The department formerly known as Printing Services has been renamed Publishing Services and has a new assistant director, **Terri Bischoff**. Bischoff is a graduate of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a Bachelor of Arts degree in visual communication. She was formerly employed as a prepress manager with Krieger Ragsdale Commercial Printing Company.

As assistant director, she will assist **Leslie Parker**, director of Publishing Services, in managing daily operations; consult with internal customers on project planning and progress; have oversight of outsourcing projects and services; oversee preventative maintenance activity; and direct the work of staff in the copy center, graphic design, and offset printing areas.

Parker said the department's new name "more accurately reflects the scope of work being done by our unit. The department encompasses professional graphic design, large format printing, offset printing, high-end printing acquisitions, bindery, fulfillment, the comprehensive copier program, and centralized copy center production. And as USI moves to embrace the broader initiative of institutional branding, the roll of this department in the endeavor will be more clearly represented."

For more information about services available from Publishing Services, call 812/464-1954.

USI News now available by RSS Feed

USI News and Information Services is offering a tool that allows employees, students, alumni, and friends to receive online updates of University news and upcoming events.

RSS, which stands for Really Simple Syndication or Rich Site Summary, notifies individuals when new information has been posted on the USI News pages. Subscribers will receive information about upcoming lectures, art exhibitions, plays, and special events at the University, as well as feature stories about faculty, students, and other topics.

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Names in the News

In sympathy

Carl David Sclareno, assistant professor emeritus of English, died June 17 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was with USI from 1968 to 1988. A private funeral and memorial service were to be held at a later date in Chicago. Memorial contributions may be made to the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust, 951 Chicago Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302, a local Hospice group, or a favorite charity.

Welcome to the USI family

Mark Razor, options program coordinator in the University Division, and wife **Karla**, announce the birth of their son **Samuel Miles Razor**, born June 20, 2007. Samuel weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Welcome

John Greenwell has accepted a position as security officer in the Office of Security. He holds a commercial underwater diving degree from Divers Institute of Technology. Greenwell was formerly employed as a chief boatswains mate for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Krystle Roudebush has accepted a position as administrative assistant in Recreation, Fitness and Wellness. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from USI.

Accomplishments

The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana will bestow Jim and Barbara Blevins with the 2007 Arts Advocates of the Year award at its Annual Arts Awards Banquet on September 6 in the Wayne Henning Atrium at Old National Bank. **Jim Blevins** is dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and was USI's first artistic director and producer of The New Harmony Theatre. **Barbara Blevins** co-founded the USI Society for Arts & Humanities. Tickets to the event may be purchased through the Arts Council office. Call 812/422-2111 for more information.

Steven J. Bridges, assistant director and controller of the Business Office, is the recipient of the 2007 National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) Rising Star Award. He is one of only two recipients nationwide. Mary LaGrange, director of accounting at the University of Nebraska, also was awarded the Rising Star Award, which identifies future leaders in higher education - "up-and-coming" individuals in the areas of finance, administration, and business known for their innovative, meaningful contributions to the improvement of their profession and the efficiency of their institution.

Dr. Steven Zehr, professor of sociology, is spending the 2007-08 academic year in Washington DC, working as the program officer for science policy and social studies of science with the National Science Foundation's Science and Society Program. The program

includes four components: History and Philosophy of Science, Ethics and Values of Science, Science Policy, and Social Studies of Science. Each component also addresses engineering and technology. Zehr also is program officer for the cross-directorate program of nanotechnology and society.

In the community

Seth Davidson, instructor in communications, is directing "Revelation: The Rock Opera" at American Baptist East Church, 6300 Washington Avenue. The rock opera plays at 7 p.m. July 13-14 and 20-21, and 2 p.m. July 15. Music direction is by Melissa Bethel. The cast and crew consist of local community members, students, and nationally-touring recording artists. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

FYI

Prepare for MyUSI upgrade before July 29

The Computer Center's upgrade to MyUSI will begin Sunday, July 29. MyUSI and associated applications will not be available during the upgrade, which should take about a week to complete. To avoid inconvenience and the loss of data on your MyUSI account, take the actions outlined at faq.usieagles.org:8080/FAQ/1177020608/index.html. For more information, contact the MyUSI Support Team at 812/456-1070.

Multicultural Center hosts Cultural Diversity Welcome Reception

The USI Multicultural Center will host a Cultural Diversity Welcome Reception from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, August 23, in the University Center Room 201.

Students of color and their families are invited to enjoy a variety of appetizers and connect with the USI community.

RSVP to **Kacheyta McClellan**, senior administrative assistant in the Multicultural Center, at kkmcclella@usi.edu.

For more information, check out the USI Multicultural Center online at www.usi.edu/mcc/.