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## USI BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES BUDGET, SET STUDENT FEES, ELECT OFFICERS

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Cannelton, Indiana.....The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met in regular and annual meetings Thursday, July 8, and approved a \$28 million budget for the 1993-94 academic year, an increase of 11 percent over last year's operating budget. University officials told the trustees that state appropriations comprise 59.1 percent of the budget, with the remainder coming from student fees (36.5 percent) and other income (4.4 percent). The legislature increased USI's appropriation in recognition of its enrollment growth. University officials said they will use the increased appropriation to improve the proportion of full-time faculty, which has dropped to an unacceptable level in the past few years. The University also will be able to begin structuring the Master of Social Work program so that classes can be offered in the 1994-95 academic year.

Student fees were increased for the coming year, with increases ranging between 5 and 5.5 percent. Fees for in-state undergraduate students will be \$68 per semester credit hour, up from \$64.50 last year. Fees for out-of-state undergraduate students will be \$165.75, up from \$165.75 last year. For graduate students, the in-state rate will be \$99.75, up from \$94.25; and for non-residents, \$199.50, up from \$188.50. The new fees will mean an annual increase of between \$75 to \$100 for the average USI student. USI's fees remain the lowest of Indiana's public baccalaureate institutions.

Among other fee increases were those for season tickets for athletic events: men's basketball season tickets were raised \$5, with chairback seats set at \$50 and bench seats set at \$35; men's soccer season tickets were increased from \$25 to \$30.

The Board also approved bids to construct an elevator addition to the Administration Building. Deig Brothers of Evansville submitted the low bid of \$80,000. The addition of the elevator will assist physically impaired students, employees, and visitors. Bids also were approved to construct offices in the lower level of the Orr Center, subject to approval of the State Budget Committee. Low bids for the office project were submitted by Lichtenberger Construction (\$82,871 for the general construction), Goedde Plumbing and Heating (\$64,380 for the mechanical construction), and Elbrink Electric (\$32,000 for the electrical construction). All are Evansville companies.

In other business, officers of the Board were elected in the annual meeting. Bruce Baker, health care consultant from Boonville, Indiana, was re-elected to a second term as chairman. Dr. Percy Clark, Jr., superintendent of the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township, Indianapolis was re-elected vice chairman, long-range planning; Charles S. Combs, president of Merchants National Bank of Terre Haute, was named vice chairman, finance; and Thomas F. McKenna, consultant, Carmel, was elected secretary. Richard Schmidt, USI vice president for Business Affairs, was named treasurer, and Sherrianne Standley, vice president for University Relations, was named assistant secretary.