

USI BOARD NAMES COMMITTEE
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The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees has appointed its Finance Committee to study proposals for a new telecommunications system for the University.

The 1989 Indiana General Assembly authorized the issuance of \$1 million in bonds to finance a new system to replace existing facilities and to accommodate the new Robert D. Orr Classroom Building, now under construction. Bids were received in late April and are being reviewed by a consultant.

Board members concluded Friday that more time is needed for review. The Finance Committee was authorized to act for the Board, with a meeting to be held within the next month. Dr. David L. Rice, USI president, will be authorized at that time to seek final state funding approvals.

In other action at the May meeting, the USI Board approved the following personnel changes:

* Leonard E. Dowhie, associate professor of art; Dr. Sandra M. Singer, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and associate professor of psychology; and Dr. Thomas A. Wilhelmus, chairman of the English Department, were promoted to full professors. Dowhie received an M.F.A. from Indiana State University and B.A.E. from Arizona State University, and has

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been a USI faculty member 10 years. Dr. Singer received Ph.D., M.A., and B.A. degrees from the University of Colorado and has been with USI nine years. Dr. Wilhelmus received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Notre Dame and B.A. from Wabash College. He has been at USI 18 years.

* Dr. Marie G. Hankins, chairperson for the Physical Sciences Department, and Dr. Donald S. Wolfe, assistant professor of German, were promoted from assistant to associate professors. Dr. Hankins holds a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia and a B.A. from King College. Dr. Wolfe received Ph.D., M.A., and B.S. degrees from the University of Oregon. Both have been at USI five years.

* Dr. Crayton C. Walker, who is joining the School of Business faculty as a professor of business, was granted tenure. He formerly was professor of Information Management at the University of Connecticut and has had 24 years of prior full-time experience in higher education.