

AGENDA

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

May 8, 2026

SECTION I – GENERAL AND ACADEMIC MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2026, MEETING

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

C. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

D. APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

According to Article V, Section 3, Subsection (a) of the bylaws, the Nominating Committee is appointed annually by the Chair of the Board at the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Committee prepares a slate of officers at the Annual meeting.

SECTION II – FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING BANK DEPOSITORIES AND WIRE TRANSFER AUTHORIZATIONS

At its meeting on May 9, 2025, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution regarding bank depositories and wire transfer authorizations.

Approval of the following resolution to update the procedures is recommended:

WHEREAS the University wishes to update the list of banks designated as depositories in which funds may be deposited and to update the authorizations required for transactions with the depositories; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Bank of America, Banterra Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Citibank, First Federal Savings Bank, First Financial Bank, German American Bank, Old National Bank, PNC Bank, Regions Bank, United Fidelity Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank be and hereby are designated as depositories in which funds of this Corporation may be deposited by its officers, agents, and employees; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer is authorized to sign (including using electronic and facsimile signatures) any and all checks, drafts, and orders, including orders or directions in informal or letter form, against any funds at any time standing to the credit of this Corporation with said Bank, and that the said Bank hereby is authorized to honor any and all checks, drafts and orders so signed, including those drawn to the individual order of such officer without further inquiry or regard to the authority of said officer or the use of said checks, drafts, and orders, or proceeds thereof; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the University of Southern Indiana is authorized to enter into a Funds Transfer Agreement with the aforementioned banks; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, and the Assistant Director of University Accounting be designated as the officers of the University authorized to make wire transfers; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that each of the foregoing resolutions shall continue in force until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received by the said Bank, but if the authority contained in them should be revoked or terminated by operation of law without such notice, it is resolved and hereby agreed for the purpose of inducing the said Bank to act thereunder, that the said Bank shall be saved harmless from any loss suffered or liability incurred without such notice.

B. REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS AUTHORIZED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The construction change orders authorized by the Vice President for Finance and Administration (Exhibit II-A) will be reviewed.

C. REPORT ON CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

A report on the status of current construction projects will be presented. Exhibit II-B includes a summary of the costs and funding sources for each project.

SECTION III - PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Approval of the following personnel actions is recommended.

1. Promotion and Tenure

Recommendation for continuous appointment and promotion from assistant professor to associate professor, effective August 11, 2026:

Dr. Gregory Blair, Assistant Professor of Art and Design
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Jason Callahan, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Heather Cook, Assistant Professor of Statistics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Andrew Dill, Assistant Professor of Accounting
Romain College of Business

Dr. Susan Ely, Assistant Professor of Engineering
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Julie Eyink, Assistant Professor of Psychology
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Jennifer Fehrenbacher, Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene/Assisting
Kinney College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Junghee Han, Assistant Professor of Social Work
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Sabinah Wanjugu, Assistant Professor of Marketing
Romain College of Business

Mr. Shane White, Assistant Professor of Library Science
David L. Rice Library

Dr. Erika Williams, Assistant Professor of Management
Romain College of Business

2. Promotion

Recommendation for promotion from associate professor to professor effective August 11, 2026:

Mr. Brett Anderson, Associate Professor of Art
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Perry Burnett, Associate Professor of Economics
Romain College of Business

Dr. Erin Dennis, Associate Professor of Advertising
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. James Dickerson, Associate Professor of Social Work
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Adrian Gentle, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Cristina Gilstrap, Associate Professor of Business Communication
Romain College of Business

Dr. Chad Gonnerman, Associate Professor of Philosophy
College of Liberal Arts

Mr. Paul Weimer, Associate Professor of Theatre
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Gongjun Yan, Associate Professor of Computer Science
Romain College of Business

Recommendation for promotion from clinical assistant professor to clinical associate professor effective August 11, 2026:

Dr. Katherine Peak, Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Kinney College of Nursing and Health Professions

Recommendation for promotion from clinical associate professor to clinical professor effective August 11, 2026:

Mrs. Jara Dillingham, Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work
College of Liberal Arts

Recommendation for promotion from teaching associate professor to teaching professor effective August 11, 2026:

Dr. Kevin Allton, Teaching Associate Professor of English
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Gurkirat Baath, Teaching Associate Professor of Biology
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Greg Mendel, Teaching Associate Professor of Biology
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Matthew Merlo, Teaching Associate Professor of Physics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Susan Seibert, Teaching Associate Professor of Nursing
Kinney College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Darrin Sorrells, Teaching Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Sport
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Dr. Joshua Wildeman, Teaching Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Sport
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Recommendation for promotion from advanced instructor to senior instructor effective August 11, 2026:

Ms. Carrie Andersen, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Ms. Stephanie Bush, Advanced Instructor in Biology
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Mr. Keith Carter, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Ms. Cindi Clayton, Advanced Instructor in Business Communications
Romain College of Business

Ms. Olga Donnelly, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Mr. Thomas Drury, Advanced Instructor in Music
College of Liberal Arts

Ms. Kathleen Elliott, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Mr. Stephen Glueckert, Advanced Instructor in Chemistry
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Ms. George Ann Griffin, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Ms. Jennifer Horn, Advanced Instructor in English
College of Liberal Arts

Mr. James Hunter, Advanced Instructor in English
College of Liberal Arts

Ms. Jill Kinkade, Advanced Instructor in English
College of Liberal Arts

Ms. Mary Knust, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Mrs. Jeanette Maier-Lytle, Advanced Instructor in Accounting
Romain College of Business

Mrs. Patricia Marcum, Advanced Instructor in Kinesiology and Sport
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Mr. Ronald Mitchell, Advanced Instructor in English
College of Liberal Arts

Mr. John Morris, Advanced Instructor in Radio and Television
College of Liberal Arts

Ms. Mary Beth Reese, Advanced Instructor in Communications
College of Liberal Arts

Mr. Anthony Rintala, Advanced Instructor in English
College of Liberal Arts

Mr. David Ritterskamp, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Mr. Christopher Robinson, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Mrs. Amanda Scott, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Ms. Yu-Li Alice Shen, Advanced Instructor in English
College of Liberal Arts

Mrs. Judith Williams, Advanced Instructor in Mathematics
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Ms. Carrie Wright, Advanced Instructor in Geology
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

B. REPORT ON FACULTY, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND STAFF RETIREMENTS

The following faculty, administrative, and staff retirements will be reviewed.

Service Desk Analyst, Gigie L. Hyneman in accordance with the regular retirement policy, retired on March 27, 2026, after 34 years of service.

Archives and Special Collections Metadata Librarian and Teaching Professor of Library Science, Mona L. Meyer in accordance with the revised retirement policy, will retire effective May 1, 2027, after 38.75 years of service, including leave with pay from November 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.

Associate Professor of Sociology, Steven D. Williams in accordance with the revised retirement policy, will retire effective July 1, 2027, after 27 years of service, including leave with pay from January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2027..

Director of Facility Operations and Planning, James E. Wolfe in accordance with the regular retirement policy, will retire effective June 1, 2026, after 11.75 years of service.

C. APPROVAL OF EMERITUS STATUS

Approval of the following emeritus titles is recommended.

Archives and Special Collections Metadata Librarian Emerita and Teaching Professor Emerita of Library Science Mona L. Meyer

Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology Steven D. Williams

Director Emeritus of Facility Operations and Planning James E. Wolfe

D. APPROVAL OF REVISED EMERITUS STATUS

Approval of the following revised emerita title is recommended.

Senior Instructor Emerita in Mathematics George Ann Griffin

**Summary of Construction Change Orders
Authorized by the Vice President for Finance and Administration**

HEALTH PROFESSIONS RENOVATION PHASE IV

Empire Contractors – General Contractor

CO 012 **\$ 24,673**
Added a shadowbox frame around inscription. Added a secondary HVAC hot water expansion tank. Reduced duct return size to fit within existing structure. Rerouted existing storm lines from floor penetrations to existing shaft.

CO 013 **\$ 29,777**
Removed wall between two rooms to create a classroom, Changed/added electrical for the Market. Added additional bracing for south canopy. Upgraded panic button model.

WRIGHT ADMINISTRATION RENOVATION/ADDITION

Empire Contractors – General Contractors

CO 002 **\$ 32,455**
Properly disposed of asbestos material.

STEM DISCOVERY LAB, RICE LIBRARY

Garmong Construction – General Contractor

CO 003 **\$ 15,963**
Expedited arrival of partition walls and doors with air freight.

Summary
Construction Projects

May 8, 2026

Projects Under Construction

Health Professions Renovation/Addition Phase IV

Project Cost **\$ 50,000,000**

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2023

Planned Completion: August 2027

Wright Administration Renovation/Addition

Project Cost **\$ 32,000,000**

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2023

Planned Completion: December 2027

University Creative and Print New Building

Project Cost **\$ 2,500,000**

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2019

Planned Completion: March 2026

Center for Applied Business Technologies, Romain College of Business

Project Cost **\$ 1,300,000**

Funding Source: USI Foundation

Planned Completion: August 2026

University Home Improvements and Updating

Project Cost **\$ 1,250,000**

Funding Source: Legislative Appropriation - 2019

Planned Completion: July 2026

New Harmony Beale/Dr. Houses Renovation

Project Cost \$ 795,000

Funding Source: Lilly Grant

Planned Completion: January 2027

STEM Discovery Lab, Rice Library

Project Cost \$ 730,000

Funding Source: USI Foundation

Planned Completion: June 2026 (currently in use)

**Orr Center Lower Level Partial Renovation for Online and Adult Learning,
and Student Financial Success Center**

Project Cost \$ 625,000

Funding Sources: Special Projects \$ 379,857

State Repair and Rehabilitation \$ 245,143

Planned Completion: April 2026

Education Center Classroom, ED1101, Renovation

Project Cost \$ 625,000

Funding Source: State Repair and Rehabilitation

Planned Completion: August 2026

New Harmony Double Log Cabin Roof Replacement

Project Cost \$ 135,000

Funding Source: New Harmony Project Reserve

Planned Completion: April 2026

Liberty Arena Lighting and Controls Replacement

Project Cost \$ 125,000

Funding Source: State Repair and Rehabilitation

Planned Completion: August 2026

Projects in Design

Physical Plant Boilers 1 & 2 Replacement

Project Cost \$ 1,600,000

Funding Source: State Repair and Rehabilitation

David L. Rice Library 1st Floor Renovation

Project Cost \$ 875,000

Funding Source: State Repair and Rehabilitation