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# Trustees approve new law school dean

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Indiana University trustees approved a new law dean Tuesday, heard the Bloomington student body president take a few jabs at IU, and got a progress report on plans to raise faculty pay and benefits.

The new law school dean will be Alfred Aman Jr., a jazz musician and Cornell University professor specializing in administrative law, energy and natural resources regulation, international environmental law and constitutional law.

He will replace acting dean Terry Bethel on July 1. Bethel replaced Bryant Garth, who left IU in the summer of 1990 to head the American Bar Association's research wing.

Aman, who is at Cambridge University in England this year, will visit Bloomington Feb. 23 through March 1. He graduated from the University of Chicago law school, and heads Cornell's International Legal Studies Program.

He also has been a high school music director, taught piano, percussion and composition, and led modern jazz groups. His wife, an anthropology professor at Cornell, also will join the IU faculty.

In his last speech to IU trustees, local outgoing Student Association President Jerry Knight gave IU and his experience in student government credit for his having landed a management job with Proctor and Gamble. He also listed observations and criticisms of IU resulting from his experience as IUSA president. He said:

- He has gained respect for the trustees, and wishes he had communicated more with them.
- IU has too many committees,



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resulting in too much talking and not enough doing. "I would guess there are more committees at IU than professors," he said,

■ The "old-boy network" is too powerful at IU, and that he has seen "turf battles, power-hungry people."

■ IU at some point must choose between providing an adequate education for a large number of students or a superior education for a smaller number. "We can't have it both ways," he said.

■ IU needs to do more to keep students in school until they graduate, which on a campus as large as Bloomington means finding "ways to break the university down into manageable parts," having faculty and staff committed to students, and having active student organizations.

■ The value of student government and organizations is often un-

derestimated, and the recruiter who hired him cited, "Leadership, leadership, leadership," as the reason he got the choice position.

Trustees President Richard Stoner congratulated Knight on his job, and called him "an excellent president of the IUSA."

Also at their business meeting in the Indiana Memorial Union, trustees were updated on campus committees' efforts to develop recommendations on how the trustees might raise IU faculty compensation above the average of that at similar institutions by 1995. Preparation of the final report for the Bloomington campus probably will take until May.

Trustee Robert McKinney, an Indianapolis banker, noted that in the present economic climate, some may view the effort as "a discussion in theory."

But while it may have a "slow start," he said, "This is a five-year charge that will not be discouraged. ... We're dedicated to get it done."

Jeff Green, an economics professor associated with the IU Center for Econometric Model Research, estimates IU's Bloomington campus would need \$4.5 million to move compensation for its full-time faculty up to fourth place among Big Ten public universities in 1995. That assumes compensation levels at the universities increase at the same rate they did in 1985-89.

Green, who is among about a dozen members of the Bloomington committee, said members have yet to figure out where the money might come from, and what other support would be necessary to keep and attract good professors, such as graduate students, staff, library materials, and computing and research equipment.