

**VINCENNES UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – 10:15 a.m. (EST)
French Lick Springs Hotel
8670 West State Road 56
Clifton Meeting Room 102B
French Lick, IN 47432**

John Stachura, Chair
Darrel Bobe
Kelly Clauss
J.R. Gaylor (Zoom)
Reggie Henderson
Chuck Johnson, President
Gayle Baugh, Student Trustee
Brandon Haight
Greg Parsley
Rick Schach (Zoom)
Mike Sievers
Don Villwock

Brent Stuckey, Attorney for the Board
Nancy Irwin, Record Clerk for the Board
Tim Eaton, Vice President for Financial Services (Zoom)
Tony Hahn, Vice President for Government Relations
Laura Treanor, Provost
Dave Tucker, Vice President for Workforce Development & Community Services
Leslie Kidwell, Director of Development, VU Foundation
Pat Carter, VU Foundation Board
Chris Ernst, VU Foundation Board
Gregg Sturm, VU Foundation Board

Chair John Stachura called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. (EST).

University Attorney, Brent Stuckey, administered the following Oath to Serve as Trustee to new Trustee, Brandon Haight.

**OATH TO SERVE AS TRUSTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VINCENNES UNIVERSITY**

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF KNOX)

) SS:

I, Brandon Haight, being duly sworn upon my oath say that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and that I will honestly and faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Board of Trustees for The Vincennes University to the best of my skill and ability. So help me God.

Brandon Haight

Subscribed and sworn before me, a Notary Public for Knox County, Indiana, this 28th day of February, 2023.

My Commission expires:
5/27/2023

Brent Stuckey, Notary Public
residing in Knox County, Indiana

Brandon shared with the Board that he is currently a general manager at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, and has worked at TMMI for 17 ½ years. He has experience in Assembly, Paint, Weld, Maintenance, and Quality operations. He is married and the father of four children.

ROLL CALL/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Nancy Irwin called the roll. A quorum was declared with 12 Trustees present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 12-7-22 Executive Session and Regular Session had been distributed. With no questions from the Board, Trustee Don Villwock made a motion to approve the minutes and Trustee Darrel Bobe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and there were 12 yeas and 0 nays, with the minutes passing unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chair Stachura congratulated Brandon Haight on becoming a member of the Board, and also extended his congratulations to Student Trustee, Gayle Baugh, who was sworn in at the December meeting. Mr. Stachura expressed his excitement regarding these new additions to the Board, as they both will bring much experience and expertise to the Board. The Chair also noted that Gayle was recently selected as a Princess for the Indianapolis 500 Festival. She was selected from a group of 300 applicants while participating in three different interviews for the honor, and he expressed full confidence that Gayle will represent Vincennes University well.

ACTION ITEMS:

Honorary Doctorate Candidates

President Johnson presented information on former Indiana State Senator Luke Kenley and former Indiana State Representative Dr. Tim Brown as candidates to receive honorary doctorate degrees at the Spring Commencement on the Vincennes Campus. University Affairs Committee Chair Reggie Henderson expressed appreciation and high regard for both candidates and their exceptional work serving the state of Indiana.

MOTION # 23-01

With no questions from the Board, Committee Chair Reggie Henderson made a motion to approve Mr. Kenley and Dr. Brown as candidates for honorary doctorate degrees, and Trustee Don Villwock seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 12 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

Curriculum Items

Provost Treanor presented information regarding the following curriculum item:

The following item has been approved by the Vincennes University Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate. This item is submitted for consideration by the Board of Trustees as approved by Provost Laura Treanor and President Charles R. Johnson, Jr.

Certificate Addition

Medical Coding Certificate 6158 (CPC)

- **Rationale:** Advisory board has recommended this as an industry need. This certificate would offer students interested in medical coding a chance to stack many of the classes needed to be a health information management major. The students will be able to sit for the certified coding associate (CCA) credential through the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and to obtain an entry-level medical coding position in a healthcare setting.

Concentration Addition

Agribusiness – Horticulture and Landscape Design Concentration 5309 (ASCT)

- **Rationale:** It has been decided by the College of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics to discontinue the current ASCT in Horticulture & Landscape Design. There is still a need for these occupations and we believe creating a streamlined concentration under Agribusiness will benefit students and create a more cohesive curriculum.

Program Suspension

Horticulture and Landscape Design 7400 (ASCT)

- **Rationale:** This degree is being suspended and a much-revised version will be introduced as a concentration of the Agribusiness ASCT in the College of Business and Public Service. Courses with the HORT designation will still be offered in the new concentration.

Approved:



Charles R. Johnson, Jr., President



Laura Treanor, Provost

MOTION # 23-02

With no questions from the board, Trustee Reggie Henderson made a motion to approve these items, and Trustee Mike Sievers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 12 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

Finance/Revenue Committee

Committee Chair Mike Sievers and Vice President for Financial Services, Tim Eaton, gave an overview of the upcoming renovations to Green Activities Center. The renovations will be for much-needed upgrades to the HVAC system, lighting, fire alarm system, wireless access points, IT cabling, and new security cameras. The scope of the work will be approximately \$1.9 million dollars. Due to some time constraints of the next full board meeting not being only April 19, 2023, Committee Chair Sievers is asking for the full Board to authorize the committee to approve forthcoming bids so work can begin on the project. Committee Chair Sievers reminded the Board they will be informed of any committee meeting and bid information.

MOTION 23-03

With no questions from the Board, Committee Chair Sievers made a motion to approve granting authorization to the committee to approve forthcoming bids on this project, and Trustee Reggie Henderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 12 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- The President thanked the Board for their participation in this year's retreat and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to discuss numerous items of importance to the University. He also expressed optimism for the future of the University with many opportunities ahead.
- The President congratulated Brandon Haight on being sworn in as our new Trustee and looks forward to working with him, and is grateful for the continued partnership with Toyota.
- Congratulations was also extended to Gayle Baugh for her recent appointment as a 500 Festival Princess, and President Johnson echoed Chair Stachura's confidence that she will represent Vincennes University well.
- The President thanked the Board for their continued support regarding the many infrastructure renovation projects that take place on our campuses.
- President Johnson expressed appreciation to Mr. Kenley & Dr. Brown for their willingness to be recognized by receiving the honorary doctorate degrees and he looks forward to honoring them at our Spring Commencement in April.
- The President reported we are reaching the mid-point in the semester, and he is also excited about the upcoming summer camps that will be taking place on the Vincennes campus. A full slate of camps is scheduled and he expressed his appreciation to Laura Carie, Director of University Events, for all her hard work in preparing for these activities.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the Regular Session adjourned at 10:35 a.m. (EST).

J.R. Gaylor, Secretary

John Stachura, Chair