

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – 11:05 a.m. (EST)
ZOOM/CALL-IN MEETING
Learning Resource Center – Innovation Room #112
130 E. College Avenue
Vincennes, IN 47591

Members Present:

John Stachura, Chair (Zoom)
Darrel Bobe (Zoom)
Scott Brand (Zoom)
Kelly Clauss (Zoom)
J.R. Gaylor (Zoom)
Tim Grove (Zoom)
Reggie Henderson (Zoom)
Chuck Johnson, President
Conner McKinney, Student Trustee (Zoom)
Greg Parsley (Zoom)
George Ridgway (Zoom)
Mike Sievers (Zoom)
Don Villwock (Zoom)

Others Present:

Brent Stuckey, Attorney for the Board (Zoom)
Nancy Irwin, Record Clerk for the Board (Zoom)
Tony Hahn, Vice President for Government Relations (Zoom)
Laura Treanor, Provost (Zoom)
Dave Tucker, Vice President for Workforce Development/
Community Services (Zoom)
Linda Waldroup, Vice President for Financial Services (Zoom)
Tim Eaton, Associate Vice President for Financial
Services/Budget Director (Zoom)

Members Absent:

Rick Schach

CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Stachura called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. (EST) via Zoom.

ROLL CALL/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Nancy Irwin called the roll. A quorum was declared with 13 Trustees present. Chair Stachura reported amendments to the agenda, which will be addressed during the University Affairs and Finance/Revenue Committee sessions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 12-2-20 Executive Session and Regular Session had been distributed. With no questions from the Board, Trustee Scott Brand made a motion to approve and Trustee Don Villwock seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and there were 13 yeas and 0 nays, with the minutes passing unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chair Stachura expressed his thanks to the Board members, VU Foundation members, administration, and all who participated during the Board Retreat session for their excellent presentations. The Chair also noted Kristi Deetz, Leslie Kidwell, Gregg Sturm, Pat Carter, Chris Ernst, and Bernie Niehaus for the great work being done within the VU Foundation. Chair Stachura also expressed thanks to Trustees Scott Brand, Kelly Clauss, J.R. Gaylor, and Reggie Henderson for their valuable input in helping Vice President Dave Tucker's Business and Industry work. The Chair also thanked Nancy Irwin for all her efforts to organize the Board Retreat sessions.

REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:

University Affairs Committee

Committee Chair Reggie Henderson asked Provost Laura Treanor to present information on the following Program Additions 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.

Program Additions

- Diesel Technology – Power Generation Concentration 8278 (ASCT)

Approved:



Charles R. Johnson, Jr., President



Laura Treanor, Provost

Provost Treanor also reported that this program is a result of a collaboration with Cummins Power Generation and Vincennes University will be the only college offering the ASCT degree in Power Generation with Cummins. President Johnson also expressed thanks and appreciation to Larry Stremming and all the Diesel and Technology faculty for all their work in securing this collaboration and new program. Committee Chair Henderson echoed the appreciation for this new and exciting program for the University.

MOTION # 21-01

With no further questions from the board, Committee Chair Henderson made a motion to approve the program addition, and Trustee Don Villwock seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 13 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

Plans for Fall, 2021 Semester

Committee Chair Henderson asked President Johnson to present information regarding this addendum to the agenda. President Johnson reported that the University would like to soon announce our intention to be back face-to-face with full campus experience beginning with the Fall semester in August, pending any changes in conditions that might cause us to reverse that decision. The President asked for the Board's endorsement of this plan so that we can go public with the announcement.

MOTION # 21-02

With no further questions from the board, Committee Chair Henderson made a motion to accept resuming a full face-to-face schedule and campus experience beginning with the Fall semester in August, pending any changes in conditions that might cause us to reverse that decision, and Chair John Stachura seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 13 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

FINANCE/REVENUE COMMITTEE:

Committee Chair Mike Sievers reported on this addendum to the agenda. Committee Chair Sievers reported that during the Board Retreat session, Vice President Linda Waldroup presented information regarding the partial renovation of the Technology Building, with bids scheduled to complete in early April. The Finance/Revenue Committee is requesting authorization from the Board to allow the committee to approve bids on this project in order to expedite the start of the renovation work. As always, all bid information will be shared with the entire Board, and all board members are invited to any committee meeting.

MOTION # 21-03

With no further questions from the board, Committee Chair Sievers made a motion to receive authorization from the Board to allow the Finance/Revenue Committee to approve bids on the partial renovation project of the Technology Building, and Trustee Scott Brand seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 13 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

Chair Stachura asked about any future plans for the house that is located in the middle of the French Quarter housing area. VP Waldroup responded it is a historical house, but currently there are no definitive plans for the structure.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- The President expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Board for their continued support of the University during the many changes that took place as a result of the pandemic.
- President Johnson also thanked the individuals who made presentations during the Board Retreat session and expressed appreciation for all the great work they continue to do on behalf of the University.
- The President acknowledged Sandy Dowden and other members of Mr. Dale Dowden's family who were participating by Zoom. Chair Stachura also expressed his condolences to the family and expressed his appreciation for all the work Dale had done for Vincennes University. President Johnson shared the following Resolution of Appreciation for the decades of service Mr. Dowden gave to Vincennes University in the area of Instructional Services.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR
DALE E. DOWDEN**

WHEREAS, Dale E. Dowden of Vincennes, Indiana, served in the area of Instructional Services at Vincennes University for 36 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dowden provided extraordinary and transformational leadership throughout his tenure at Vincennes University as a Professor, Dean, and Provost; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dowden was a gifted leader for Vincennes University who united trustees, administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Vincennes community with a shared and focused direction and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dowden brought honor to Vincennes University, its Board of Trustees, and to himself by his able service to higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Vincennes University, through its Board of Trustees, expresses appreciation to Dale E. Dowden for his dedicated service and his devoted work to the University and its mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary cause to be spread of record on the official minute book of the Board of Trustees for Vincennes University a copy of this Resolution, and that an appropriate signed copy will be personally delivered to Sandy Dowden.

DATED at Vincennes, Indiana this 23rd day of February, 2021.



John A. Stachura, Chair
Vincennes University Board of Trustees



J.R. Gaylor, Secretary
Vincennes University Board of Trustees

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the Regular Session adjourned at 11:30 a.m. (EST).

J.R. Gaylor, Secretary

John Stachura, Chair