

**VINCENNES UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
Wednesday, December 3, 2014  
10:30 a.m. (EST) – Fort Sackville Rooms  
Vincennes University Beckes Student Union  
1101 N. Second Street  
Vincennes, Indiana 47591**

**Trustees Present:**

J.R. Gaylor, Board Chair  
Darrel Bobe  
Tim Grove  
Dick Helton, President  
Reggie Henderson (by audio)  
Jim McCormick  
MJ Michael, Student Trustee  
Greg Parsley  
George Ridgway  
Rick Schach  
Mike Sievers  
John Stachura  
Anne Emison Wishard (by audio)

**Others Present:**

Brent Stuckey, Attorney for the Board  
Chuck Johnson, Provost  
Phil Rath, Vice President for Financial Services/Government Relations  
Dave Tucker, Vice President for Workforce Development/Community Services  
Pat Konkle, Record Clerk for the Board

**Trustees Absent:**

Susan Olesik (not able to connect)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair J.R. Gaylor called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. (EST) in the Fort Sackville Rooms of the Beckes Student Union on the Vincennes Campus

**ROLL CALL/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Pat Konkle called the roll. A quorum was declared with 13 Trustees present. The agenda was approved by consensus of the Board.

**REPORT FROM PERSONNEL AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE/ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Board Chair Gaylor asked for a report from Personnel and Nominating Committee Chair Rick Schach. Chair Schach reported that the committee had met and is recommending the following slate of officers for the 2014-15 year:

First Vice Chair – John Stachura  
Second Vice Chair – Reggie Henderson  
Secretary – Darrel Bobe

**MOTION #14-50**

Trustee Rick Schach made a motion to accept the slate of officers for the 2014-15 year, as listed above. Trustee Jim McCormick seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 6, 2014, meeting had been distributed. Trustee Rick Schach made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Trustee Mike Sievers seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Board Chair J.R. Gaylor thanked the Trustees for their input and involvement for the betterment of the University over the past year and thanked President Helton for his leadership. Chair Gaylor reminded the Trustees that the Board Retreat would take place on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in Indianapolis with a Dinner for Trustees and their guests the evening before. Chair Gaylor asked the Trustees to send either him or President Helton any topics they might

have for discussion. Chair Gaylor also said that he thinks discussion on the workforce at the state level would be one such topic.

## **REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **University Affairs Committee**

**Curriculum Items** – Committee Chair Reggie Henderson gave an overview of the curriculum items presented by Provost Chuck Johnson at the University Affairs Committee earlier in the day. He reported that the attached curriculum items have been approved by the Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee, the Faculty Senate, the Provost, and the President, and the committee is recommending approval of these items to the Board of Trustees. These items include the activation of the Mining Technology Program at the Gibson County Center and the addition of two chemistry classes to the UCC course list. In addition, concentrations in the Biological Biomedical Sciences have been condensed and revised into concentrations with flexible tracks.

### **MOTION #14-51**

Trustee Reggie Henderson made a motion to approve the attached curriculum items. Trustee Darrel Bobe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Alcohol Requests** – Committee Chair Henderson reported that the President's Office has received two alcohol requests: (1) Vincennes Education Foundation's "Rockin for Kids" event on Saturday, February 28, 2015, from 6-10:30 p.m. at the Green Activities Center; and (2) Vincennes Rotary Club's Rotary Centennial Dinner on Saturday, March 28, 2015, from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Green Activities Center. The Committee is recommending approval of these requests.

### **MOTION #14-52**

Trustee Reggie Henderson made a motion to approve the two alcohol requests as indicated above. Trustee George Ridgway seconded the motion, and the motion carried with two nays from Trustees Darrel Bobe and Tim Grove.

## **REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP**

### **Marketing/Enrollment Report**

Kristi Deetz, Senior Director of External Relations, reported on the results of the October 15 census. System-wide headcount enrollment reached 19,203 students. Enrollment figures were then shared for each campus code including growth on the Vincennes Campus, at American Sign Language, in Early College and Project EXCEL, in Business and Industry, and at Gibson and St. Augustine locations.

Ms. Deetz continued with the application status for fall 2015. Vincennes applications were showing an increase of 10.6 percent while accepted applications had increased by 13.2 percent. Jasper applications were ahead by four while the Aviation Technology Center had recorded an additional 21 applications, as compared to the same point in time last year.

Ms. Deetz ended the report with information on the continuing campus visitation programs. To date, over 2,700 students had visited the Vincennes Campus during the fall term.

### **VU Foundation Board of Directors**

Vincennes University President Dick Helton reported that per the VU Foundation's Bylaws, the VU Board of Trustees needs to approve the nomination of new Directors on the Foundation Board. President Helton submitted the names and information on the following five individuals who have been nominated to serve and is recommending approval:

1. Gail Eskew, VU Student Success Coordinator, from Vincennes
2. Don Jones, Founder/Owner of Pioneer Oil Companies, from Lawrenceville, Illinois
3. Andrea Koenig, retired VU employee in the Management Information Center, from Vincennes
4. Rob McLin, President/CEO of Good Samaritan Hospital, from Vincennes
5. Bill Sandiford, Vice President of First Vincennes Savings Bank, from Vincennes

### **MOTION #14-53**

Trustee Jim McCormick made a motion to approve the above five individuals to serve as Directors on the VU Foundation Board. Trustee Darrel Bobe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Report on the VU Honors Program**

Provost Chuck Johnson introduced Chad Bebee, Professor of English, who is one of the instructors for the Honors Program. Professor Bebee discussed the Honors Program: who is eligible, what the benefit is, and how students may apply for the program. He then introduced two current students in the Honors Program – Neely Held and Harsha Manjunath. They each spoke about the program and what it has done for them personally.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Helton made the following comments:

- Thanked Professor Chad Bebee and students Neely Held and Harsha Nanjunath for the information they shared on the VU Honors Program.
- Congratulated the Board officers on their election.
- Thanked the Trustees for their service to VU.
- Wished all Trustees the best of holidays.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, the Regular Session adjourned at 11:20 p.m. (EST).

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Darrel Bobe, Secretary

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J.R. Gaylor, Chair



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November 6, 2014

Board of Trustees  
Vincennes University

The following items have been approved by the Vincennes University Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate. These items are submitted for consideration by the Board of Trustees as approved by Provost Charles R. Johnson, Jr. and President Richard E. Helton.

**Program Activation and Extension to Gibson County**

- Mining Technology 8500 (ASCT)

**Concentration Addition**

- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Zoology and Marine Biology Concentration 4019 (AS)

**Concentration Suspensions**

- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Biotechnology Laboratory Assistant Concentration 4012 (AS)
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Forensic Science Concentration 4014 (AS)
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Medicine Concentration 4015 (AS)
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Nuclear Medicine Technology Concentration 4016 (AS)
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration 4017 (AS)
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Physician Assistant Concentration 4018 (AS)
- Biological and Physical Sciences – Pre-Health Information Administration Concentration 4660 (AS)

**Program Revisions**


- Biological, Biomedical Sciences 4010 (AS)
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Molecular and Laboratory Biology Concentration 4011 (AS)
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Professional, Medical Biology Concentration 4013 (AS)
- Mining Technology 8500 (ASCT)

**Academic Guidelines and University Core Curriculum Items**

- *UCC Committee Proposal UCC-1, 2015-16*
- *UCC Committee Proposal UCC-2, 2015-16*

Approved:

  
Richard E. Helton, President

  
Charles R. Johnson, Jr., Provost





**Alliance Coal, LLC**

**October 28, 2014**

John E. Tooley  
Mining Simulator/Heavy  
Duty Equipment Coordinator  
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Dear Sir,

As the Maintenance Training Coordinator for Alliance Coal, LLC, I feel education is paramount to having good people in the right positions. I was excited to hear the mining program for Vincennes University could be returning to the Fort Branch campus.

Motivation of the person, close access to an educational facility, and availability of high quality relevant courses are three things that I believe must be present for the initial/continuing education of any adult student. Vincennes can provide two of the three by expanding the mining program to Fort Branch campus, thus making high quality courses available to the mining community.

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September 15, 2014

John E. Tooley  
Mining Simulator/Heavy Duty Equipment Coordinator  
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Fort Branch, IN 47648

Mr. Tooley,

As a long time Coal Miner/Operator in the State of Indiana as well as having served on the original Advisory Board for the Coal Mining Technology Program, I feel that it is vital to return to the degreed mining program. As for the location at the Gibson Center it only makes sense to hold the classes there since there is a large number of miners in the area i.e. Gibson County Coal. The Gibson Center is also centrally located to the heart of coal country in the State of Indiana. In this existing political climate the Illinois Coal Basin is the only coal area that is expanding therefore making sense to help supply a well-educated workforce.

The industry is in dire need of a well-trained pool of potential employees; including skill training, knowledge based productive work habits, along with credits being earned toward an associate degree.

The coal industry has become very high tech which will require a well-educated and properly trained workforce in order to remain competitive. If this move can be made to the Gibson Center and students take advantage of the program, I feel that graduates will definitely be positioned to climb the corporate ladder.

Sincerely,

John A. Stachura, Jr.  
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Oct 10, 2014

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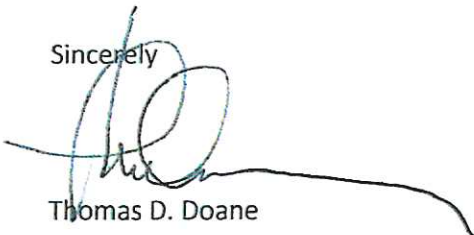
Mr. Tooley,

I've been involved in coal mining since the early 1970's in Indiana, Ill. & Utah. And was the Chief Executive Officer of a Corporation for 14 years. Presently I conduct compliance training for my own company as well as for Vincennes University and the IMAA. I have seen much growth in the coal industry in the State of Indiana and given the present climate we seem to be doing quite well. Coal is expanding in our state and I believe it is our responsibility to provide an adequately trained workforce for the mining companies. It is absolutely necessary to return to the degreed mining program at Vincennes University to accomplish this process. The Gibson Center provides a perfect location for this as it is centrally located in the heart of coal country in Indiana. I have worked at this location and the facility has all of the physical, A/V and leadership attributes to accomplish this process.

Our coal industry is in need of well-trained potential employees, including: skills training, a basic knowledge of management skills in mine operation, and also provide credits which can be applied toward an associate degree.

The day of non-high tech mining came to a close several years ago. If we intend to stay competitive in mining, in the State of Indiana, it is our duty to set this degreed program in motion at the Gibson Center Ft. Branch Indiana. The industry will benefit as well as the graduates who can grow into our corporate leaders.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Doane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas D. Doane



# PROPOSED CURRICULAR CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED BY CURRICULUM AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

*Prepared for the Board of Trustees, 10-21-14  
Meeting 12/3/14*

<b>Vision</b>	Vincennes University is a premier learning institution, widely recognized for leadership in innovation and delivery of successful educational experiences. A breadth of program offerings and a commitment to quality service ensure the University's role as an important link in Indiana's economic and cultural vitality. VU is a diverse community whose members all share responsibility for supporting the University mission and are respected for their contributions.	<b>Mission</b>	Vincennes University, Indiana's first college, is the State's premier transfer institution and leader in innovative career programming. The VU community ensures educational access, delivers proven associate and baccalaureate programs, and offers cultural opportunities and community services in a diverse, student-centered, collegiate environment.
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*The following program additions, revisions and deletions have been recommended by the Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate for approval by the Vincennes University Board of Trustees:*

## **Program Activation and Extension to Gibson County**

- Mining Technology 8500 (ASCT)  
**Rationale:** The MSHA certification miner training component has been moved to the Gibson Center and student feedback as well as the area's increase in mine construction and mine-related employment indicates the need for the program. Enrollment is projected at 20 students over the next five years.

## **Concentration Addition**

- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Zoology and Marine Biology Concentration 4019 (AS)  
**Rationale:** The new concentration under Biological, Biomedical Sciences will provide a specialized concentration for students interested in more traditional organism-based areas of the biological sciences. Projected enrollment is 5-10 students for each of the first two years and 10-20 students per year in years three, four, and five.

## **Concentration Suspensions**

- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Biotechnology Laboratory Assistant Concentration 4012 (AS)
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Forensic Science Concentration 4014 (AS)
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Medicine Concentration 4015 (AS)
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- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Physician Assistant Concentration 4018 (AS)
- Biological and Physical Sciences – Pre-Health Information Administration Concentration 4660 (AS)  
**Rationale:** The concentrations have been condensed into three concentrations with flexible tracks.

## **Program Revisions**

- Biological, Biomedical Sciences 4010 (AS)  
**Rationale:** The program revisions reflect course requirement changes.
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Molecular and Laboratory Biology Concentration 4011 (AS)  
**Rationale:** The program revisions reflect a title change and restructure into a broader, laboratory biology track.
- Biological, Biomedical Sciences – Pre-Professional, Medical Biology Concentration 4013 (AS)  
**Rationale:** The program revisions reflect a title change and restructure into a broader, pre-professional biology track.
- Mining Technology 8500 (ASCT)



**Rationale:** The program revisions reflect course requirement changes, resulting in a decrease in total credit hours from 71 to 60.

**Academic Guidelines and University Core Curriculum Items**

- ***UCC Committee Proposal UCC-1, 2015-16***

The Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate support the addition of “CHEM 112 Chemistry of Food Preparation” to the UCC course list to satisfy the Laboratory Science requirement.

- ***UCC Committee Proposal UCC-2, 2015-16***

The Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate support the addition of “CHEM 221 Chemistry of Crime” to the UCC course list to satisfy the Laboratory Science requirement.