

**VINCENNES UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 – 10:45 a.m. (EDT)
Vincennes University Green Activities Center
120 West Harrison Street
Vincennes, Indiana 47591**

Members Present:

John Stachura, Chair
Darrel Bobe
Scott Brand
J.R. Gaylor (by audio)
Tim Grove
Reggie Henderson (by audio)
Brianna Jobe, Student Trustee
Chuck Johnson, President
Susan Olesik (by audio)
George Ridgway
Rick Schach
Mike Sievers

Others Present:

Brent Stuckey, Attorney for the Board
Nancy Irwin, Record Clerk for the Board
Laura Treanor, Provost

CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Stachura called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. (EDT) in the Green Activities Center, 120 West Harrison Street, Vincennes, Indiana.

ROLL CALL/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Nancy Irwin called the roll. A quorum was declared with 12 Trustees present. The agenda was approved by consensus of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 2-26-19 Board Retreat, University Affairs Committee, Personnel & Nominating Committee, Finance/Revenue Committee, and Regular Session had been distributed. With no questions from the Board, Trustee Rick Schach made a motion to approve 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 stated there are many great things on the horizon in regards to academics, and many great things have taken place within our athletic programs, which will be highlighted later in the meeting.

REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE COMMITTEES

Personnel & Nominating Committee:

2019-20 Promotions

Committee Chair Rick Schach reported the committee reviewed and approved the 2019-20 Promotion and Tenure List and is recommending that the full Board also approve the list below:

2019-20 PROMOTION AND TENURE LIST

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:

Business and Public Service
Cara Gilmore, Law Enforcement
William Gollmitzer, Law Enforcement

NEW TITLE

Associate Professor
Associate Professor

Career and Employer Relations

Nickolas John, Employer Relations Specialist

Professional Staff Level II

Curriculum and Instruction

Sherril Carter, Curriculum Specialist

Professional Staff Level II

Odelet Nance, Assistant Dean, East Allen, Early College

Professional Staff Level II

Humanities

Angela Crabtree, Study Skills

Associate Professor

Cynthia Sanders, American Sign Language

Professor

Institutional Research

Jennifer Holscher, Interim Director

Professional Staff Level I

Science, Engineering and Mathematics

Molly Schwitz, Mathematics

Associate Professor

Social Science, Performing Arts, and Communication

Karen Braselton, Communication

Professor

Virgil Franklin, Music

Associate Professor

Ann Hefner, Communication

Associate Professor

Gretchen Keller, Economics/History/Political Science

Professor

Jessica Zellers, Sociology and Social Work

Associate Professor

PRESIDENTIAL SERVICES:

External Relations

Cynthia Beaman, Director, University Events and Special Projects

Professional Staff Level IV

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Generations

Brian Hurt, Assistant Director of Operations

Professional Staff Level IV

Workforce Development Services

Gregory Lee, Assistant Director, Workforce Development/Region 7

Professional Staff Level II

FACULTY WHO RECEIVE TENURE

Andrew Corless, Biology, College of Science Engineering and Math

Virgil Franklin, Music, College of Social Science, Performing Arts, and Communication

Cara Gilmore, Law Enforcement, College of Business and Public Service

William Gollmitzer, Law Enforcement, College of Business and Public Service

Cynthia Sanders, American Sign Language, College of Humanities

DanaLea Woehl, Mathematics, College of Science, Engineering and Math

MOTION #19-04

With no questions from the Board, Committee Chair Schach asked that a motion be made to approve these items. Trustee Darrel Bobe made the motion and Trustee Scott Brand seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 12 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

University Affairs Committee:

Curriculum Items

Program Additions, Program Suspensions & Academic Guidelines and University Core Curriculum Items -

Committee Chair Henderson asked Provost Laura Treanor to report on the Program Additions, Suspensions & Academic Guidelines & Core Curriculum items, which are listed below. Provost Treanor reported on each of these items and indicated all have been approved by the Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee, the Faculty Senate, the Provost, and the President, and is asking that the full Board approve these items.

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 Laura Treanor and President Charles R. Johnson, Jr.

Program Additions

- Advanced Cyber Security and Information Assurance Certificate 5443 (CPC)
- Technology Apprenticeship Certificate 8902 (CG)

Program Suspensions

- Physical Education, Sports Medicine/Athletic Training Concentration 3103 (AS)
- Radiography 6650 (AS)
- John Deere C & CE (Consumer & Commercial Equipment) Concentration 8275 (ASCT)
- Diesel Service and Maintenance Certificate 8277 (CG)
- Diesel Maintenance Technology Certificate 8278 (CPC)
- Surveying Technology, Civil Drafting/CAD Concentration 8511 (ASCT)

Program Revisions

- General Studies – Technology Apprenticeship Concentration 8901 (ASCT)

Academic Guidelines and University Core Curriculum Items

- General Education/UCC Proposal UCC-3, 2019-20
- General Education/UCC Proposal UCC-5, 2019-20
- Academic Guidelines Proposal AG-7, 2019-20
- Academic Guidelines Proposal AG-8, 2019-20
- General Education/UCC Proposal UCC-7, 2019-20
- Academic Guidelines Proposal AG-6, 2019-20

Approved:



Charles R. Johnson, Jr., President



Laura Treanor, Provost

MOTION # 19-05

With no questions from the Board, Committee Chair Henderson requested a motion be made to approve these items. Trustee Scott Brand made a motion and Trustee Tim Grove seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 12 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

Finance/Revenue Committee:

Bids for Thomas W. Wathen Business Division Building Renovations

Committee Chair Mike Sievers reported that the Finance/Revenue Committee met and approved the followings bids for renovations to Thomas W. Wathen Business Division Building renovations:

- Contract # 1 – General Construction – Wolfe Construction, Vincennes, IN - \$1,185,160.00
- Contract # 2 – Mechanical Construction – Huntingburg Machine Works, Huntingburg, IN - \$1,582,803.00
- Contract # 3 – Electrical Construction – Jerry Smith Electric, Vincennes, IN - \$1,139,684.00
- Total Award - \$3,907,647.00

MOTION # 19-06

With no questions from the Board, Committee Chair Sievers made a motion to approve the bids totaling \$3,907,647.00 and Trustee George Ridgway seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 12 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

Recruitment/Enrollment Report

Kristi Deetz, Senior Director of External Relations, and Heidi Whitehead, Director of Admissions, distributed the University Enrollment and Recruitment report. Reports showed that while 29 less applications had been received, 158 more students had been accepted. At this point in time, 44 less students were enrolled for 2019 compared to 2018, but the registration process had just begun. The April START VU registration event brought 163 students to campus compared to 133 in 2018. As of April 22, 13 START VU Days remained with 506 reservations.

At the time of report, 3,514 prospective students had visited campus. This reflects a 6% decrease when compared to the same stage in 2018. Two of the four visitor categories showed an increase with individual visits being up 22% (648 students) and Junior Day increasing by 12% (776 students). PreVU Days did decline by 14% (323) but this loss was due to a calendar offset. A reduction in lower conversion activities allowed for more activities with stronger results. Fall 2019 applications at the Jasper Campus have decreased by 14, but 5 more have been accepted. The Aviation Technology Center is showing growth in apps, acceptance, and enrolled with 73 more applications, 38 more accepted, and 10 more enrolled. 22 less students have applied to the American Sign Language resulting in 18 less accepted apps. Distance Education, while being down 59 applications, have accepted 3 more and enrolled 1 more as of the report. System wide totals as of April 15, 2019 reached 1,765 compared to 2,054 in 2018. Campuses showing growth in enrollment are the Jasper Campus (152 vs 149) and the Aviation Technology Center (54 vs 42).

Trustee Reggie Henderson expressed concerns about the enrollment numbers and any adjustments that may need to take place on the finance side. President Johnson responded that we have been proactive in developing and instituting new strategies in recruitment, and recently launched an initiative to help CTE Early College students with housing scholarships. He, too, shares concerns regarding enrollment numbers, but this is not a problem that is unique to strictly VU. The President also stated that the institution has been very diligent in managing resources during this period of declining enrollment numbers. Student Trustee Brianna Jobe stated she was involved in a Nursing Advisory Board Meeting and one of the students in the meeting was from the Chicago area. This particular student spoke highly of VU and was looking for possible ways to build a bridge between VU & more students from the Chicago area.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- The President reported that he, along with Mike Gress, Provost Treanor, and Jennifer Holscher (Institutional Research) have worked to map out the Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators, which were distributed to the Board. The intention is to provide the Board with these updates on an annual basis. Trustee Bobe stated that he has had concerns with the growing popularity of dual credit and if this has not had a somewhat negative effect on enrollment numbers. President Johnson responded that there has probably been some effect on university enrollments, state-wide, as a result of dual credit. However, some positives are that data supports the students who come to a university with more dual credit are succeeding at a significantly higher rate than those students who do not have any dual credit. On time graduation rates are also higher for those students who had dual credit. We need to continue to build bridges for these students that have dual credit, as well as with our CTE centers.
- On March 29th at the ATC, VU hosted a state-wide symposium on work-based learning and CTE education, in which we showcased some of our work-based partnerships and our Early College CTE programs.
- Commencement season will begin on May 4th on the Vincennes campus, and we currently have 1,864 petitions to graduate from all sites & locations.
- We have promising data on dual credit numbers and seeing interesting patterns with respect to CTE vs non-CTE credits / VU vs non-VU credits.
- The search for VU Foundation Executive Director/Institutional Advancement Senior Director has re-opened and the search committee is reviewing a slate of candidates. The hope is to have someone in place by the time classes begin in the fall. The President thanked Kristi Deetz for her time serving as Interim Director.

- Today is Denim Day, which recognizes sexual violence & offers support for sexual violence victims across the United States.
- VU will once again have nine faculty teaching in Funing, China this summer.
- VP Phil Rath was recognized by Governor Holcomb on April 10th with a Sagamore of the Wabash award.
- VU alum Jakob Blass was recently named by the U.S. Coast Guard as its Enlisted Person of the Year.
- Former VU Swimming & Diving Coach Harry Wickens, and former VU Track & Field All-American Natalia Bartnovskaya Price were recently inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame.

REGONITION OF THE GOLF TEAM & MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM

President Johnson invited Athletic Director Harry Meeks to introduce the coaches & student-athletes from the golf team and men’s basketball team, both of which won national championships over the past 12 months. Golf Coach, Dennis Chattin, introduced the members of the golf team, and Men’s Basketball Coach, Todd Franklin, introduced the members of the basketball team, as well his assistant coaches, Brian Davis and Willie Wiley, who is also a former VU basketball player.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the Regular Session adjourned at 11:45 a.m. (EDT).

J.R. Gaylor, Secretary

John Stachura, Chair