

**VINCENNES UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION**  
**Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 10:45 a.m. (EDT)**  
**ZOOM/CALL-IN MEETING**  
**Learning Resource Center – Innovation Room #112**  
**130 E. College Avenue**  
**Vincennes, IN 47591**

**Members Present:**

John Stachura, Chair  
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  
Greg Parsley (Zoom)  
George Ridgway (Zoom)  
Rick Schach (Zoom)  
Mike Sievers  
Don Villwock

**Others Present:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Stachura called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. (EDT) in the Innovation Room at the Learning Resource Center in Vincennes, Indiana.

**ROLL CALL/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Nancy Irwin called the roll. A quorum was declared with 14 Trustees present. President Johnson reported on an addendum to the agenda; approval will be needed for the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Vincennes University and the Vincennes University Foundation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the 2-16-21 Board Retreat Executive Session, 2-23-21 Board Retreat and Regular Session, 3-9-21 and 4-16-21 Finance/Revenue Committee meetings had been distributed. With no questions from the Board, Chair Stachura requested a motion be made to approve the minutes. Trustee Mike Sievers made a motion to approve the minutes and Trustee Don Villwock seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and there were 14 yeas and 0 nays, with the minutes passing unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chair Stachura expressed appreciation and thanks to his fellow Board members, University administration, faculty, and staff for all their dedication and fabulous work that has been done throughout all the changes during the Covid crisis.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES**

**Personnel/Nominating Committee:**

**2021-22 Promotion & Tenure**

Committee Chair Rick Schach reported that President Johnson presented information to the committee on the following list of candidates for 2021-22 Promotion & Tenure.

**2021-22 PROMOTION AND TENURE LIST**

**INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:**

**Business and Public Service**

Jennifer Pacheco, Business Administration/Management

**NEW TITLE**

Associate Professor

#### Dual Credit Programs

Kevin Mowrer, Assistant Dean of Instruction, Early College (Center Grove, Perry Meridian, New Palestine)	Professional Staff Level II
Karen O'Neal, Assistant Dean of Instruction, Early College	Professional Staff Level II

#### Health Sciences and Human Performance

Natalie Graves, Physical Therapy Assistant Program	Professor
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#### Humanities

Sarah Alderfer, English	Professor
Penny Kirk, Study Skills	Associate Professor

#### Jasper Campus

Mary Champion, Director of Student Services	Professional Staff Level II
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#### Science, Engineering and Mathematics

Jubin Chen, Engineering	Associate Professor
Andrew Corless, Biology	Professor
Guillaume Jaubert, Mathematics	Associate Professor
Ivana Peralta, Chemistry	Professor

#### Social Science, Performing Arts, and Communication

Michael Drysdale, Psychology	Professor
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#### Student Affairs

Jennifer Andrews, Director, Counseling Center	Professional Staff Level IV
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#### Technology

Adam Bezy, Computer Integrated Manufacturing Technology	Assistant Professor
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#### **FINANCIAL SERVICES:**

##### Grant Office

Stephanie Stemle, Grant Specialist	Professional Staff Level III
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#### **FACULTY WHO RECEIVE TENURE**

Natalie Graves, Physical Therapy Assistant Program, College of Health Sciences and Human Performance  
Penny Kirk, Study Skills, College of Humanities  
Michael Drysdale, Psychology, College of Social Science, Performing Arts, and Communication

#### **MOTION # 21-07**

With no further questions from the Board, Committee Chair Schach made a motion to approve the list of candidates for promotion and tenure and Trustee Darrel Bobe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 14 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

#### **University Affairs Committee:**

##### **Curriculum Items**

Committee Chair Reggie Henderson asked Provost Laura Treanor to present information on the following Program Additions, Program Suspensions, and Academic Guidelines and University Core Curriculum items:

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 Addition**

- Drone/UAS Certification 5308 (CPC)

### **Program Suspension**

- Restaurant and Food Service Management 7750 (AS/ASCT)

Approved:



Charles R. Johnson, Jr., President



Laura Treanor, Provost

Trustee J.R. Gaylor asked if the drone courses are only offered through the Agribusiness program, and Provost Treanor clarified that the program is “housed” in the Agribusiness department, but can be taken by any student. President Johnson explained that when a program is suspended, versus closing a program, it gives the University the ability to go back and reintroduce the program without having to go through the process of review and approval through several channels.

### **MOTION #21-08**

With no further questions from the Board, Chair Stachura asked for a motion to approve these items. Trustee Don Villwock made the motion to approve and Trustee Kelly Clauss seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 14 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

### **Finance/Revenue Committee:**

Committee Chair Mike Sievers reported on items that had been approved at the 3-9-21 and 4-16-21 Finance/Revenue Committee meetings. At the 2-23-21 Board of Trustees meeting, the full Board voted to grant authority to the Finance/Revenue Committee to approve bids on the Technology Building renovations.

### **3-9-21 Meeting:**

Sale of VU Construction Trades Home

### **4-16-21 Meeting:**

#### **Technology Building – Advanced Manufacturing Labs Renovation**

##### **Contract #1 – General Construction**

Danco Construction – Evansville, Indiana

Base Bid	\$320,000.00
Alternate #3	\$237,700.00
Alternate #4	\$ 94,000.00
Alternate #5	\$ 43,350.00
Alternate #6	\$ 46,300.00
Alternate #7	\$ 32,800.00
Alternate #9	\$ 44,300.00
Total General Recommended Award	\$818,450.00

##### **Contract #2 – Mechanical Construction**

H.G. Heinz, Inc. – Vincennes, Indiana

Base Bid	\$413,900.00
Alternate #2	\$224,300.00
Alternate #9	\$ 8,600.00
Total Mechanical Recommended Award	\$646,800.00

##### **Contract #3 – Electrical Construction**

Jerry Smith Electric – Vincennes, Indiana

Base Bid	\$170,528.00
Alternate #1	\$ 31,500.00
Alternate #2	\$ 7,230.00
Alternate #9	\$ 7,948.00
Total Electrical Recommended Award	\$217,206.00
<b>Total Project Award</b>	<b>\$1,682,456.00</b>

### **AMENDED ITEM TO AGENDA:**

#### **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Vincennes University and Vincennes University Foundation**

President Johnson reported that the VU/VU Foundation Relations Committee met in March to review the MOU between VU and the VU Foundation. The Foundation's Executive Director also serves as the Senior Director of Institutional Advancement for the University, which reports to the President. As a result, the University President has authority to take temporary measures if there is ever an issue with the performance related to the Foundation Executive Director. The President also makes recommendations to the Foundation Board, with respect to the employment status or hiring of an Executive Director. This process creates a more direct line of communication and accountability between the University and the Foundation. Now that there are individuals in key roles with the Foundation, it is helping the process to move forward of focusing on fundraising and alumni relationships. President Johnson recommended that the Board approve the MOU, and after approval, it will then go to the VU Foundation Board for final approval at their May meeting. President Johnson clarified that a suggested wording change be made on page 13 of the MOU to the following:

***Should either party choose to terminate this agreement: All debts owed by one party to the other will be paid within 180 days of termination of this agreement.***

### **MOTION # 21-09**

With no questions from the Board, Chair Stachura asked for a motion to approve the MOU. Trustee Mike Sievers made a motion to approve, and Trustee Scott Brand seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 14 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

### **REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP**

#### **Recruitment/Enrollment Report**

Sarah Fortune, Senior Director of External Relations, shared a report highlighting spring enrollment comparisons in various categories, which were system-wide, race and ethnicity, campus housing, commuter, and student type. Ms. Fortune also reported on greater efforts being made on virtual recruitment. She also shared with the Board the recent addition of Interim Admissions Director, Brenda Knebel, whose focus will be to help lead the Admissions team's efforts to recruit the fall 2021-22 class, finish the implementation of the new Slate customer relationship management system, and begin planning for the 2022-23 recruiting season.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRACK & FIELD COACHES AND STUDENT-ATHLETES**

President Johnson introduced Head Track and Field Coach, Chris Gafner, and asked him to introduce student-athletes Matteo Capello and Makinzi Meurer for their recent Indoor Track and Field National Championships. Coach Gafner praised the work ethic and accomplishments of each of the student-athletes. He also expressed appreciation to his Assistant Track and Field Coach, Tim Marsee for his outstanding career. The President expressed appreciation to both coaches and student-athletes for all their hard work and great accomplishments. Board Chair Stachura also expressed congratulations and appreciation to the coaches and student-athletes for all their accomplishments.

### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

- The President congratulated all the faculty and staff that had been approved for promotion and tenure.
- The President expressed gratitude to the Lilly Endowment. In addition to the \$2.5 million grant awarded to VU last fall, the institution will soon be receiving an \$8 million grant from the Endowment. This grant will focus on three areas:
  - Development of Collaborative Robots (Cobots) and establishment of the Center for Applied Robotics and Automation, which will be housed on the Vincennes campus.
  - Focus on a K-8 program and partnership with Purdue's IN-MaC (Indiana Manufacturing Competitiveness Center), which will feed into our CTE Early College programs to attract students.
  - Business & Industry component; VU is working in concert with the Telamon Corporation and Techmon Robot Corporation to develop industry standard applications and training to proliferate the use of Cobots in key industry sectors. Cummins and Toyota are both investing in Cobots.
- The President acknowledged and thanked Stephanie Stemle and VP Tony Hahn for all their hard work on obtaining all the Lilly grants.
- VP Tony Hahn presented information regarding the 2021 Legislative session, including information on the biennium budget, various bills passed, and other legislative items.
- President Johnson acknowledged Head Women's Basketball Coach and VU Athletic Director Harry Meeks for his 700<sup>th</sup> win in March and his induction in the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- StartVU programs have started up again.
- The non-resident scholarship is now being extended to students from Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan, joining Illinois residents in qualifying for in-state tuition.

- A \$10,000 Residential Opportunity Scholarship is being offered for all new students and eligible returning students on the Vincennes campus. VU will allocate additional funds for scholarships offered to students at all VU sites and locations.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the virtual commencement program.
- Plans continue to develop regarding in-person learning and in-person activities for the launch of the Fall, 2021 semester.
- President Johnson introduced Brenda Knebel, who will serve as the Interim Admissions Director. The search continues for a full-time, permanent Admissions Director.
- The President acknowledged the hard work Sarah Fortune has done for Admissions and the External Relations department.
- Today is Denim Day, which is a day of recognition in support of victims of sexual violence.

Chair Stachura acknowledged and welcomed Ms. Knebel to VU.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the Regular Session adjourned at 11:50 a.m. (EDT).

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J.R. Gaylor, Secretary

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John Stachura, Chair