

**VINCENNES UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, October 7, 2013 – 11 a.m. (EDT)
Vincennes Campus
Fort Sackville Room I, Beckes Student Union
1101 North Second Street
Vincennes, Indiana**

Members Present:

J.R. Gaylor, Chair
Darrel Bobe
Cassie Conley
Dick Helton, President
Jim McCormick
Susan Olesik (by audio)
Greg Parsley
George Ridgway
Rick Schach
Mike Sievers
John Stachura
Anne Emison Wishard (by audio)

Others Present:

Brent Stuckey, University Attorney
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

Members Absent:

Tim Grove
Reggie Henderson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair J.R. Gaylor called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. (EDT) in the Fort Sackville Rooms of the Beckes Student Union on the Vincennes Campus

SWEARING IN OF NEW TRUSTEES

Board Chair Gaylor reported that Governor Pence has appointed two new Trustees to the Vincennes University Board of Trustees. Those individuals are Mr. George S. Ridgway, Chief Architect for Cook Group, Inc. of Bloomington, Indiana, and Dr. Susan V. Olesik, Chair and Dow Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Attorney Brent Stuckey swore in Trustee George Ridgway and reported that Trustee Susan Olesik had been sworn in by a Notary Public in Columbus. Chair Gaylor welcomed both George and Susan to the Board.

ROLL CALL/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Pat Konkle called the roll. A quorum was declared with 12 Trustees present, and the agenda was approved by consensus of the Board. Chair Gaylor asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Dr. Phillip M. Summers, VU President Emeritus, who had recently passed away.

REPORT FROM PERSONNEL AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE/ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Board Chair Gaylor deferred to First Vice Chair John Stachura, who asked for a report from Personnel and Nominating Committee Chair Rick Schach. Chair Schach reported that the committee has met and is recommending that Trustee J.R. Gaylor be elected by the Trustees to serve as Board Chair for the 2013-14 year.

MOTION #13-25

Trustee Rick Schach made a motion to select Trustee J.R. Gaylor as Chairman of the Vincennes University Board of Trustees for the 2013-14 year. Trustee Jim McCormick seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

First Vice Chair Stachura turned the meeting back over to Chair Gaylor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 28, 2013, and September 17, 2013, meetings had been distributed. Trustee Darrel Bobe made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Trustee Mike Sievers seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chair Gaylor thanked the Board for its vote of confidence and thanked former Trustees Doug Bawel and John Hidde for their service to the Board of Trustees. Chair Gaylor distributed a copy of the Indiana Career Council Resolution to Establish Taskforce on Community College Best Practices, dated August 19, 2013, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Chair Gaylor serves on the Career Council, and President Dick Helton has been appointed by Governor Pence to serve on the Best Practices Taskforce. Chair Gaylor asked President Helton to make some comments about the Taskforce.

President Helton stated that the Taskforce is comprised of five individuals: Chair Joe Loughrey, former Cummins executive; Tom Snyder, President of Ivy Tech; Rep. Christina Hale; Teresa Lubbers, Commissioner of Indiana Higher Education; and President Helton. The Taskforce is looking at best practices, has met twice, and will be meeting again several times in the near future. The Taskforce is to make recommendations to the Indiana Career Council by December 1.

Chair Gaylor will share more information at future meetings.

REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

University Affairs Committee

Alcohol Requests – Acting Committee Chair Anne Emison Wishard reported that the committee is recommending the approval of two requests to serve alcohol: (1) Revision of a request that was approved at the August Board meeting from the Think Pink Charity Fund, which is now requesting the use of the Skelton Center on Saturday, February 22, 2014, for its event, “Celebration of Think Pink Featuring the Letterman in Concert,” to hold a reception and cash bar. The group plans to have the cash bar available from 6:30-7:45 p.m. prior to the show, and then during intermission at approximately 9-9:30 p.m.; and (2) Request from the Vincennes Education Foundation to serve alcohol at its “Rockin’ for the Kids Fundraiser” in the Green Activities Center from 6-10:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2014.

MOTION #13-26

Trustee Anne Emison Wishard made a motion to approve the above alcohol requests. Trustee John Stachura seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 11 yeas and one nay by Trustee Darrel Bobe.

Tobacco Policy – Acting Committee Chair Wishard reported that the committee has met twice and discussed the Tobacco Policy brought to the Board of Trustees by the Student Government Association. The committee had charged Administration and VU staff to present information on several items, and that has been done. The Trustees are evaluating this information and will discuss it further at a future meeting.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

Marketing/Enrollment Report

Kristi Deetz, Senior Director of External Relations, distributed the External Relations Enrollment & Recruitment Report as of October 1, 2013. System-wide headcount enrollment as of that date is at 16,417, which is an 8.72 percent increase on the same date last year. FTE enrollment for that date is also up 4.17 percent. The official enrollment date is October 15, 2013, and final enrollment numbers for the 2013 Fall Semester will be available at the next meeting.

Recognition of CNC Team

Provost Chuck Johnson reported that the VU Precision Machining (CNC) Team was selected to participate in an international competition that took place in Philadelphia. The Provost asked Art Haase, Dean of the College of Technology, to report on the Team’s experience. Dean Haase reported that the Team included three students and

three instructors who competed against five teams from China and two from the United States. The VU Team earned several awards and was also selected as the Favorite U.S. Team by the Chinese judges. Dean Haase asked Instructor Tim Bauer to introduce the Team members. Board Chair Gaylor and all Trustees congratulated the Team for its success and international acclaim.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Helton congratulated Technology Dean Haase and the Precision Machining Team on participating in the international competition and commented that the students and instructors represented Vincennes University in a very professional manner. President Helton also congratulated Chair Gaylor on being elected to serve another year as Board Chair.

President Helton expressed his thoughts about Dr. Summers and his passing. Dr. Summers served as VU President for 21 years, was recognized as a leader in higher education in the state, and had a passion for Vincennes University. Since retiring as President, he was very active in promoting the Red Skelton Museum. He will be greatly missed by many throughout the state.

President Helton also extended his appreciation for the good work provided by former Trustees Doug Bawel and John Hidde.

Trustee Darrel Bobe wanted to thank former Student Trustee Greg Harrell and former SGA President Zach Rawles for all their work in preparing the SGA Tobacco Proposal.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, the Regular Session adjourned at 11:40 a.m. (EDT).

Darrel Bobe, Secretary

J.R. Gaylor, Chair