

**VINCENNES UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – 10:15 a.m. (EST)**  
**Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites**  
**120 West Market Street**  
**Indianapolis Ballroom – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Stachura called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. (EST).

**ROLL CALL/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Nancy Irwin called the roll. A quorum was declared with 14 Trustees present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from 12-1-21 Executive Session and Regular Session, and the 2-9-22 Finance/Revenue Committee had been distributed. With no questions from the Board, Trustee Rick Schach made a motion to approve the minutes and Trustee Tim Grove 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 shared one of the reasons he enjoys being a part of this board is that there is always someone who is excelling in a particular area/field. He acknowledged and congratulated Provost Laura Treanor and her recent selection as a Tobias Fellow by the Randall L. Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence at Indiana University. Congratulations were also extended to Nichole Carie, who was recently elected as the new president of the Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations Board of Directors, as well as to Jaci Lederman and Greg Hirsch, Information Technology, for the recent awards bestowed upon Vincennes University for excelling in cybersecurity education. VU was only one of four universities in North America honored with an Academic Circle of Excellence Award. Chair Stachura shared another great story he read in the VU News Insider regarding VU Alumnus, Jay Coles, who was recently described as “one of the brightest and most acclaimed new lights in young adult fiction” by Entertainment Weekly. Praise for Coles was also extended by the New York Times. Chair Stachura attended the Cobot Lab open house at the Jasper Campus and thanked Trustee Reggie Henderson, Albert Chen and Telamon Robotics for all their help with this exciting technology. The Chair concluded his remarks expressing thanks to Nancy Irwin for all her work in organizing and making the arrangements for the retreat.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Curriculum Items**

Provost Treanor presented information regarding the following curriculum 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 Addition**

- Graphic Production Certificate 2704 (CPC)

Approved:



Charles R. Johnson, Jr., President



Laura Treanor, Provost

Provost Treanor stated the program is the result of a Perkins Grant that was received in 2019-2020, and as part of that grant, the development of a certificate program in Graphic Production was promised.

### **MOTION # 22-04**

With no questions from the board, Trustee Reggie Henderson made a motion to approve the program addition, and Trustee Scott Brand seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 14 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

### **Honorary Doctorate Candidates**

President Johnson presented information on two candidates for consideration to receive an honorary doctorate at spring commencement. Two commencement ceremonies will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup> and each ceremony will feature an honorary doctorate recipient. The two candidates up for approval are: 1) Teresa Lubbers, who will soon retire as the Commissioner for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, a position she has held since 2009. Ms. Lubbers has been an advocate for higher education and a strong champion for work-based learning and workforce development ties to higher education in Indiana. 2) Jeffrey Harrison, CEO of Citizens Energy Group. Jeff is a graduate of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in electrical engineering and received his MBA from Indiana University, but began his college education at Vincennes University before going to Rose-Hulman. Jeff has a long history of volunteer work and service to the Indianapolis area, and was honored last year by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce as Business Leader of the Year.

### **MOTION # 22-05**

With no questions from the board, Trustee Don Villwock made a motion to accept both candidates, and Trustee Reggie Henderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 14 yeas and 0 nays, with the motion passing unanimously.

### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

- The President echoed the comments from Chair Stachura regarding all the great stories that are coming from Vincennes University. In particular, the President highlighted the accomplishments of Provost Treanor; specifically, her selection as a Tobias Fellow. He applauded her excellent leadership skills and her willingness to continue to grow and develop as a highly respected leader.
- President Johnson expressed appreciation and thanks to the Executive Team and all those who serve on the Contact Tracing Team for all their hard work and diligence. He also expressed appreciation to the local health department and health officials. Current numbers are very encouraging and continue to trend downward, thus providing the confidence to lift the mask mandate on our campuses. The President added that dealing with this pandemic has been one of the most valuable and taxing learning experiences of his career, but he also expressed great appreciation to faculty, staff, and students for their willingness to adapt to changes. He reported that the students are extremely happy that masks are no longer required. Lastly, he thanked the Board for their tremendous support and guidance during this pandemic.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the Regular Session adjourned at 10:35 a.m. (EST).

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J.R. Gaylor, Secretary

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John Stachura, Chair