

**VINCENNES UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION**  
**Monday, June 13, 2022 – 10:35 a.m. (EDT)**  
**Learning Resource Center – Innovation Room #112**  
**130 E. College Avenue**  
**Vincennes, IN 47591**

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Stachura called the meeting to order at 10:35 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 12 Trustees present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the 4-20-22 Regular Session and 5-3-22 Finance/Revenue Committee meeting had been distributed. With no questions from the Board, Chair Stachura requested a motion be made to approve the minutes. Trustee Reggie Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes and Trustee Don Villwock 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 expressed his appreciation to the board for their participation and input during the Executive Session.

**REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP**

**Summer Youth Programs on Campus**

The following participants presented information and overviews of the summer youth programs taking place on the Vincennes and Jasper campuses during the summer.

- Laura Carie, Director of University Events & Special Projects, presented a broad overview of all the various programs and camps taking place.
- Stephanie Stemle, Assistant Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, presented information regarding the recent launch of the Lilly Endowment's Indiana Youth Programs on Campus grant program. This program will help Hoosier youth explore their interests, learn new skills, and envision a future for themselves in college during an immersive on-campus college experience. Vincennes University has placed an intentional focus on growing and expanding our on-campus educational programs for K-12 students, and in particular, students of color, first generation, and families with limited resources.
- Harry Meeks, Athletic Director/Women's Basketball Coach, presented information regarding the various athletic camps taking place during the summer.
- Nicole Hagemeyer-McVay, STEM Academy Coordinator and Alli Tempel, Director of Academic Center of Excellence (VU-Jasper), presented information regarding the exciting opportunities for students at the Vincennes and Jasper campuses during the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Academy camps. These camps were made possible through the Lilly Endowment Grant and will involve 7<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in a wide variety of STEM-related activities and opportunities. Opportunities to hear from alumni in the STEM fields will also be made available to participants. Much

appreciation was extended to the Lilly Endowment and the numerous faculty and staff who helped coordinate and will participate in these camps.

- Dr. Kevin Mowrer, Assistant Dean of Instruction (Early College), presented information regarding the XMester and Techmester camps that were recently conducted on the Vincennes Campus. XMester focuses more on liberal arts, law, and business, and has been in existence for over a decade. This was the first year for the Techmester camp and it focused on recruiting students from our various career centers. This Techmester expansion was also funded by the Lilly Endowment Grant. Students had a 4-day on-campus experience, in which they worked in a chosen field, either on the XMester or Techmester side, and worked on a specific project during their time at the camp. All the participants were either incoming seniors or recently graduated seniors, which provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase our campus to these prospective students. A total of 225 attended the camps; 124 from XMester and 101 from Techmester. Dr. Mowrer also expressed gratitude for the tremendous number of faculty and staff that helped with these camps. President Johnson also expressed appreciation to our University Primary Care Clinic for all their help during this camp.

### **Enrollment Outlook**

Ryan Barbauld, Director of Admissions, shared the following information on trends and challenges in enrollment.

- Students are still deciding where to attend college, as well as attending multiple orientations
- Cost is still a drive factor and force in students' decision-making process.
- Indiana's college-going rate is dropping and falling behind the nation.
- Continuing to see declines among black students; Hispanic and Latino students were 5% less likely to go to college after the pandemic.
- 61% of women graduating from high school in 2020 went to college, compared to 46% of men.
- Rural students are less likely to go to college than non-rural students.
- Vincennes and Jasper campuses are showing increases in admitted students; ATC & Distance are showing a slight decrease.
- Regarding StartVU – the Fall 2022 numbers are on pace to surpass the Fall 2021 attendance numbers.
- Shared various events regarding Spring 2023-Fall 2023 recruitment efforts, some of which include continuing to build relationships with school counselors, expanding the recruitment reach to surrounding geographic areas, bringing various business and industry leaders to campus to showcase our programming and facilities, and recruiting potential bachelor degree students.
- Ryan shared two new employees in the Admissions Department – Brandy Candler, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions and Jayley Akers, Admissions Counselor.

### **HLC (Higher Learning Commission) Update**

Dr. Dale Pietrzak, Senior Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research, presented information regarding the Higher Learning Commission and updates on the predictive modeling process at VU.

- The HLC Multi-Site Visit – the HLC reviewer met with faculty, students, and staff at each location and had a positive experience at each visit. The final report was very positive and no issues were mentioned; this suggests that the institution should be in good stead coming into the comprehensive site visit.
- The HLC 4-Year Comprehensive Visit on campus is scheduled for January 30-31, 2023 and a team of VU staff and faculty have been working on the draft of the assurance argument, which is due to HLC the week of December 18, 2022. Core drafts of criteria 1-4 are completed, with criteria 5 being drafted; projected completion by the end of June or early July. The current expectation is to have the draft finalized and ready to submit in November. Based on all of the work VU has done since our last visit in 2018 and the feedback we received in fall 2020, we are reasonably confident that there will be a positive outcome from this report and comprehensive visit.
- Dr. Pietrzak explained the two core predictive modeling processes used when analyzing and predicting enrollment trends. The Markov Chain approach is used to make projections for a term to a year ahead. The Hybrid Model uses growth and moving averages to make weekly projections based on the historical growth for week over week time periods; it updates and corrects itself at each time point and is based on the previous 5 years of data.
- President Johnson thanked Dr. Pietrzak for the tremendous analytical capability he has brought to the institution, and thanked him and his team for all their hard work and how helpful it has been.

### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

- The President presented the following Resolution of Appreciation to Student Trustee, Dustan Jones, as he will be continuing his education at the University of Illinois and may not be able to be in attendance at the August Board meeting.

### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DUSTAN R. JONES**

**WHEREAS**, Dustan R. Jones, a resident of Mt. Carmel, Illinois and alumnus of Vincennes University, was appointed the Student Trustee of the Board of Trustees for Vincennes University by the Honorable Governor Eric Holcomb in October, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jones has served with distinction as the Student Trustee for the Vincennes University Board of Trustees and served on the Trustee External Affairs Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jones has received an Associate in Science degree in Biological/Biomedical Sciences, has served as President of the Campus Activities Board, and has worked as a Student Ambassador; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jones has ably represented the students during his term as a member of the Board of Trustees for Vincennes University, presenting their viewpoint and expressing their concerns for the consideration of the Board.

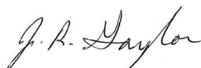
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Vincennes University, through its Board of Trustees, expresses appreciation to Dustan R. Jones for his dedicated service as a member of the Board and expresses its gratitude for his devoted work to the University and the cause of education.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary cause to be spread of record on the official minute book of the Board of Trustees for Vincennes University a copy of this Resolution, and that an appropriate signed copy be delivered to Mr. Dustan R. Jones.

**DATED** at Vincennes University, Vincennes, Indiana on June 13, 2022.



John A. Stachura, Chair  
Vincennes University Board of Trustees



J.R. Gaylor, Secretary  
Vincennes University Board of Trustees

- Dustan shared with the Board that he is currently working on a research project at the University of Illinois, and in the Fall, will begin his Pre-Veterinary / Veterinary Medicine program at the University.
- The President introduced a new member of the VU staff – Amie Calvert will serve as the Title IX Coordinator and University Compliance Officer. Amie will be joining VP Tony Hahn's team in Government and Legal Affairs.
- President Johnson thanked all the individuals for their presentations and sharing all the exciting things that are taking place at VU.
- Caleb Wayman, Advanced Internship in Manufacturing (AIM) Site Director, was recently recognized as an emerging leader under 30 years of age and named to the Conexis Indiana Rising 30 Class of 2022.
- VU recently entered into a unique collaboration with Zhejiang University in Hong Zhu, China. Students in our international online cohort program will be able to live on campus in Zhejiang and take their classes from VU in their first year of coursework.
- VU was recently featured in the 2021 Annual Report from the Lilly Endowment for our grant program and initiatives. The President thanked Tony Hahn, Stephanie Stemle, and Angela Dougherty for their continued great work in the grant program.
- The President continues to speak at various community group events throughout the state telling the VU story. Tim and Tina Swarens continue to help arrange these speaking engagements.
- The Executive Team recently participated in an all-day retreat to discuss a variety of items. 1) dual credit structure, 2) distance education and the future of online learning, 3) the future of the housing scholarship, and, 4) the current challenges for recruiting and retaining talent.
- President Johnson noted how many comments he receives from visitors and guests on campus regarding our beautiful campus and wonderful facilities at all of VU's locations, and he expressed great appreciation to the Physical Plant, Grounds, and Facilities staff for all their incredible work. The President also commended the tremendous faculty and staff that interact with our prospective and current students.

Chair Stachura thanked all those who shared presentations and extended congratulations to Dustan Jones on his future plans.

### Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the Regular Session adjourned at 12:15 p.m. (EDT).

