

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 21, 2017

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
ADMINISTRATION AND CONFERENCE CENTER, THIRD FLOOR
ST. THOMAS CAMPUS**

BY TELECONFERENCE FROM VARIOUS POINTS

9:00 A.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACADEMIC, RESEARCH, and STUDENT AFFAIRS.....Dr. Yvonne E. L. Thraen

The Academic Plan

Provost Camille McKayle provided a summary of the Academic Plan that was put into place post Hurricane Irma and Maria. She stated that a plan was put into place following Hurricane Irma for resuming classes on St. Thomas and continuing classes on St. Croix.

She stated that the University would resume classes on the St. Thomas campus in a more gradual manner, but should have all classes available, in one form or another, within two weeks. She also stated that the faculty and administration will use this challenging situation to explore and implement various teaching and learning approaches so that all students receive what they need and what the University promised when they enrolled. This will include more online courses, condensed formats, and more digitally available learning materials. A revised course schedule will be developed and circulated to all students.

However, Hurricane Maria has interrupted ongoing classes and operations on the Albert A. Sheen campus on St. Croix, and slowed the recovery on the St. Thomas campus. The 63 students who endured the hurricane on the St. Croix campus are safe, but our communication and internet systems have been disrupted.

The resumption of classes on St. Thomas was scheduled for the same time frame, but some classes will be ready to move forward even sooner. In addition, the University will offer numerous academic and non-academic opportunities for resident and commuter students starting this past week. A list of all activities, services and meetings was distributed to students.

The University communicated the new class schedule and the complete academic plan to all students, faculty and staff prior to the recommencement of classes. Though the Territory’s normal communication infrastructure has been compromised, all efforts were made to ensure all available forms of existing communication was used to reach students and employees.

Provost McKayle also noted that the University was extremely sensitive to the enormous challenges commuter students who live on St. Thomas now face. Some may be without shelter, transportation, and basic necessities. In addition, the curfew will preclude them from coming to campus at certain times. Therefore, the academic offerings for this semester will take this reality into account. The faculty, staff and administrators will work with each student to ensure that she/he receives the support, accommodations and flexibility that are appropriate.

At the end of the update, the Chair opened the floor to questions from the committee.

Chairman Smock inquired if there has been any major loss of faculty. Provost McKayle indicated that most faculty returned or would be traveling back to the campus.

Trustee Nugent-Hill inquired about reaching out to parents who are inquiring about getting in touch with their children(students).

President Hall indicated that the Student Affairs office has been in touch with parents and he was on the radio/ news outlets alerting that all students were accounted for and providing contact information at the University for persons to get in touch with offices to get in touch with students.

Provost McKayle briefly reported that the St. Martin Campus received damages. At this point she unsure of the status of the classes. She will give an updated report at the next meeting.

Provost Report

Provost Camille McKayle provided a brief summary of the written report that was submitted to members of the Committee. Highlights from the report included updates on recruitment and enrolment, new personnel, to include interim Dean of the School of Business, Dr. Lucy Reuben and Dr. Kimberly Mills, Director of Virgin Islands University Center for Excellence in Development Disabilities. Also included in the report were updates on academic affairs, student affairs, summer programs that were implemented, public service and community outreach, as well as student achievements, alumni achievements and faculty achievements.

Provost McKayle also provided committee members with the Revised Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 Academic Calendar.

Proposal regarding On-Line classes

Provost McKayle provided an brief summary update on the progress for on-line courses at the University. Members were sent a copy of the draft link to cover page for registration, etc. Provost McKayle reported that the Administration was working with Grantham University to complete the process. Currently only two areas in the School of Business were prepared to offer courses. They are the Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and the Bachelor of Arts in Business Management. Other areas are currently expected to be reviewed by the faculty, however, due to the disruptions caused by the storms, the faculty has been unable to meet and finalize matter.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.....Attorney Henry C. Smock Management Letter

Vice President Lake-King introduced her Special Assistant, Ms. Earlyn Casimir. Ms. Casimir was a former employee of Ernst and Young and has worked with the University through that entity for several years. It was noted that Ms. Casimir was brought on board for her experience in the auditing area and will provide assistance with the audit process moving forward.

Ms. Casimir briefly outlined that work that she has been doing with the new audit firm for the University, Deloitte as well as the work with the UVI accounting department to prepare for the annual audit. She

provided an overview of the management letter that was received and outlined each are and the management response to each of the weaknesses identified in the letter.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.....Mr. Alexander Moorhead

Update on Renewable Energy Project

The Executive Committee received an update on the status of the Renewable Energy Project regarding discussions between UVI and American Independent Power (AIP) for AIP to provide power from an LN2G source to the University at a significantly reduced rate. Members inquired about the applicability of the Sole Source policy in this regard as well as for independent verification of the technology. The information regarding the sole source opinion was presented and the independent verification was provided by AIP.

Update Report on the UVI Facilities

Vice President Shirley Lake-King provided a brief summary report on the damages sustained from both Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

ST. THOMAS CAMPUS

Sports and Fitness Center	Flooding, loss of panels, windows
Wellness Center	Flooding, missing ceiling tiles, AC unit destroyed
Administration and Conference Center	major damage to the western side of the building, damage to offices on all three floor (western side), major damage to the President's Office.
President's Guest House	Roof damage, flooding
Other Units (Housing)	Flooding, water damage
Humanities Building	Flooding
Marine Science Building	Major Roof damage, flooding, Dock was secured
Reichhold Center for the Arts	Major roof damage, loss of offices, box office
Physical Plant Building	damages, flooding
Faculty West	damages to the wall and water units
Old Finance Building/now Epscor	Roof damage, broken windows, damage to Labs
Penha House	Damages, flooding
Cooperative Extension Services CES	water damage, roof damage
Student Affairs/ Dean's Office	flooding, damages
Social Science Building	Water damages, Roof damages
West Hall	Damages, Roof, windows, furniture blown out
Classroom Buildings –Upper Campus	
Nursing Building	damage to roof and windows
Science	water damages, broken windows
Education	damages, water,
Business	major damages, damage to Chase Auditorium
Paiewonsky Library	damage to Computer Lab
Quarters B	Major damage to roof and Windows
Dining Pavilion	water damages
Residence Halls	
West	Damages, Roof, windows, furniture blown out
North	Water
South	Water

East

Water

Faculty East
Medical School Construction Site

Etelman House

Water damages
water damages, salt erosion, AC Unit damaged, Elevator Unit damaged
telescope secured, no major damage

Sports and Fitness Center

President Hall reported that the Federal Government requested the use of the UVI Sports and Fitness Center to be used as their command center. President Hall, Vice President Lake King and UVI Legal Counsel were working on a proposed term of lease for 6 months to a year

UVI Soccer Field- St. Thomas Campus

President Hall also reported that the United States Army, based on the authorization of Governor Mapp, requested use of the UVI Soccer field as a base camp for their operations.

ALBERT A SHEEN CAMPUS

RTPark Building
College of Science & Math
Evans Center
Palm Drive
AES

Major water damage
Major water damage
Water damage
Palm Tree down, road was inaccessible
damage to Aquaponics, loss of some sheep and loss of fish

ST. JOHN

Academic Center
VIERS

Roof came off, water damage, no operations
water damage, flooding

Estimated Damages to UVI Facilities

St. Thomas Campus	Estimated Damages
Administration & Conference Center	\$400,000
Classroom Administration Building	\$400,000
Business Classroom Building	\$2,000,000
Nursing Classroom Building	\$500,000
Teacher Education Building	\$100,000
Science Classroom Building	\$50,000
Middle Hall - Residence Hall	\$750,000
North Hall - Residence Hall	\$750,000
South Hall - Residence Hall	\$1,000,000
East Hall - Residence Hall	\$150,000
West Hall - Residence Hall	\$2,000,000
Faculty West Housing	\$1,000,000
Gordon House/ Health Services	\$100,000
Ralph M. Paiewonsky Library	\$100,000
Quarter's B	\$2,000,000
MacLean Marine Science Center	\$3,000,000

Roupp House/Student Affairs	\$350,000
Reichhold Center for the Arts	\$15,000,000
Caribbean Green Technology/GEOCAS	\$1,500,000
Physical Plant Building - STT	\$250,000
President's Guest House	\$1,000,000
Social Science Building	\$150,000
Jerome House (Bookstore Building)	\$100,000
New House (CES Building)	\$100,000
Sports and Fitness Center	\$750,000
Humanities Building	\$200,000
Penha House	\$100,000
Wellness Center	\$50,000
Athletic Facilities	\$75,000
Internet	\$1,000,000
Lighting and Power Infrastructure	\$2,000,000
Debris Removal	\$250,000
Etelman Observatory	\$150,000
Total Estimated Damages - St. Thomas Campus	\$37,325,000

	Estimated Damages
Albert A Sheen St. Croix Campus	
Research and Technology Park	\$10,000,000
Delta Dorsch Residence Halls	\$250,000
Administrative Suites - Delta Dorsch	\$15,000
Agricultural Experiment Station	\$540,000
Pavilion - Roof Repairs	\$15,000
Student Center - Roof Repairs	\$52,000
Athletic Facilities - STC	\$225,000
Information Kiosk	\$10,000
Palm Drive	\$115,000
Nursing Complex	\$25,000
Modular Buildings	\$15,000
Great House	\$75,000
Building B - Caribbean Writer	\$15,000
Building C - Classroom	\$23,000
CES Pest Management	\$12,000
Physical Plant Building - STC	\$25,000
Melvin Evans Center	\$425,000
North West Wing	\$32,000
Research Extension Center	\$130,000

Security	\$225,000
Campus Lighting -Lamp Posts	\$575,000
Power Infrastructure (Generator, Switchgear)	\$235,000
Debris Removal	\$150,000
Total Estimated Damages - AAS St. Croix Campus	\$13,184,000
St. John - VIERS	\$500,000
Total Estimated Damages - University-wide	\$51,009,000

PLANNING COMMITTEE.....Ms. Oran C. Bowry

Key Performance Indicators/Pathways to Greatness

The Committee received a report on the Key Performance Indicators as linked to the Institution’s Strategic Plan, Pathways to Greatness. The report focused primarily on Enrollment, Academic Achievement/Top Achieving Students, Financial Aid, and Academic Quality. In addition, special emphasis was placed on Community Engagement and Globalization, and Development.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

Update Report

Dr. Gillian Marcelle submitted an update report on the RTPark. The report focuses on the response to the two category five hurricanes and plans for the immediate and long term future.