

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 7, 2015**

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
St. Croix – Albert A. Sheen Campus, Great Hall, North West Wing
9:30 A.M.**

**REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Attorney Henry C. Smock, Chair
Mr. Alexander Moorhead, Vice Chair
Dr. David Hall, President and Secretary
Ms. Wendy Aurelien, Student Trustee
Dr. Aletha Baumann, Faculty Trustee
Dr. Sharon McCollum, Commissioner of Education
Attorney Nandi Sekou, Chair, Board of Education
Ms. Jacqueline A. Sprauve, Alumni Trustee
Hon. Patricia D. Steele
Mrs. Luz Suarez de Highfield
Mr. Edward Thomas (By Phone)
Dr. Yvonne E.L. Thraen
Mr. Sinclair L. Wilkinson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Carol Fulp
Mrs. Gwendolyn Adams Norton
Mrs. Jennifer Nugent-Hill
Rev. Wesley S. Williams, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Camille McKayle, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Mr. Tony Valentine, VP for Business and Fiscal Affairs
Mrs. Tina Koopmans, Chief Information Officer
Ms. Nereida Washington, Director of Campus Operations-STX
Attorney Marie Thomas Griffith, UVI Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Board Chairman Henry Smock called the Regular Session of the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Williams, which was seconded by Trustee Alexander Moorhead, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hall highlighted several items in his written report and updated the report based on occurrences since the report was issued. His oral report included the following:

- Student and faculty highlights
- Student achievements
- Faculty achievements
- Enrollment Achievements
- **Significant Institutional achievements**
 - UVI Receives Prestigious Carnegie Community Engagement Classification
 - LCME Grants UVI School of Medicine (UVISOM) Site Visit
 - UVI's Endowment Ranks Among Best in the Nation
 - UVI Awarded Five-Year \$1.3M U.S. DOE Cybersecurity Grant
 - Innovative Technological Solutions Showcased at First UVI Hackathon
 - Successful Fifth Annual Man-Up Male Empowerment Conference
 - Appointment of Dr. Gillian Marcelle as Executive Director of UVI RTPark
 - Reichhold Center for the Arts 36th Season
 - Increase in Spring Student Enrollment and Fall Freshmen Applications
 - Middle States Commission on Higher Education Accreditation Update
 - **Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)**
 - **UVI Next Implementation Task Force Progress**
 - **Center for Student Success Writing Center Earns National Certification**
 - **UVI Wins National Award for Water Conservation Research**
 - **UVI-CELL Accreditation Reaffirmed**
 - **NABCEP Solar Entry Level Certification**
- New Student Convocation and President's State of the University Address
- UVI Selection to Play Leadership Role in National Accreditation Standards
- Funding for Medical School Facilities
- Largest Gift of Land in UVI History – Estate Sorgenfri
- VI-EPSCoR Receives \$20 Million NSF Grant
- **New Minors offered at UVI in Sociology and Fine Arts**
- Soccer Field Inaugural Celebration
- Classroom Renovations
- President's Office Reorganization
- UVI Distinguished Professorship In International Relations and Diplomacy
- Miss UVI Elisa Thomas won title Miss National Black College Alumni (NBCA)
- UVI and the National Park Service sign Historic MOU

- V.I. Certified Public Manager (CPM) Graduation
- UVI Website Garners National Recognition

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

President Hall reported that in a prepared statement dated November 7, 2014, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) granted accreditation status to the School of Education. The U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation recognize the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) as a professional accrediting body for teacher preparation. NCATE accreditation is a nationally recognized standard of excellence in the education profession and demonstrates that a university has met rigorous standards as set forth by the professional education community. Our School of Education's undergraduate program is accredited until 2020 and the graduate program accreditation runs until 2016.

In addition to the above, our Elementary Education Program was also approved by its national Specialized Professional Association, the ACEI (Association for Childhood Education International). ACEI is the national accrediting body that approves Elementary Education programs. Our approval is until 2020 and requires ongoing periodic assessment. Our School of Education is also working on acquiring national approval of all programs to include the Early Childhood (NAEYC) and Graduate (ELCC) programs.

By attaining national accreditation, we demonstrate our commitment to meeting the highest standards of the education profession. This extraordinary achievement is the result of the outstanding leadership and dedicated work of Dean Linda Thomas and all members of our School of Education. I also want to thank all of our students in the School of Education because their academic work, portfolios and conversations with the visiting team communicated a very positive impression. The various external stakeholders, including the Department of Education, the Board of Education and the various schools where our students conduct their practice teaching, were all instrumental to our success. It underscores the hard work of our faculty and staff, and the extraordinary commitment of our students, education partners and all those involved in the accreditation process.

Chairman Smock thanked President Hall for his report and opened the floor for questions and comments on the report presented.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Smock thanked all trustees for meeting with him earlier this year. He indicated that he appreciated the feedback and ideas given by members. He also thanked members for the work that they do at the committee level, which allows for productive board meetings. He thanked Trustee Edward Thomas, who serves as the Chair of the RT Park as well as other board members who also served on related UVI boards.

He congratulated the President and the Administration on the reversal of enrollment for the freshman class, the gift of 65 acres of land, as well as the continued high level of alumni giving. He also congratulated Ms. Nereida Washington and St. Croix staff with regards to the soccer field on the Albert A. Sheen Campus.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

After an extensive national search, the UVI Research & Technology Board selected Dr. Marcelle to lead the UVI RTPark in the capacity of Executive Director. Dr. Marcelle also holds a faculty appointment in the School of Business. She is a senior executive, economic development policy advisor and scholar with more than twenty years of global experience. Dr. Marcelle combines her academic interests and achievements with commercial experience and a track-record in consulting, investment banking and leading project teams in large development agencies. Executive Director Marcelle also has considerable experience in global high-level advocacy including serving as a member on the Board of the UN ICT Task Force, at the invitation of the then Secretary General Kofi Annan. She also served as a member of the International Advisory Panel on ICT4Development, and founded a global advocacy network, the WSIS Gender Caucus, which was active in the World Summit on Information Society.

With the new RTPark leadership, Executive Director Marcelle reports to the President of the University with oversight from the RTPark Board. This change signals a strong commitment from the RTPark to work more closely with the University and our local government agencies to provide a vibrant culture and partnership in regards to economic development in the Territory and the region.

FOUNDATION FOR THE University of the Virgin Islands Presentation

Based on outcomes from the Board Retreat held in June 2014, Board members requested information regarding the function of other University Boards, such as the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands, the Foundation for the Reichhold Center for the Arts, UVI Research and Technology Park Board, and the Virgin Islands Academic and Cultural Awards Endowment Board. The presentation, which was prepared by Board Liaison, Gail Steele and presented by President Hall, provided a description of each board, their role relative to the University and their membership. Going forward, the Board agreed to receive an update report from each of the Boards, one at each of the upcoming board meetings.

PLANNING COMMITTEE.....Mr. Sinclair L. Wilkinson

Key Performance Indicators/Pathways to Greatness

Trustee Sinclair Wilkinson, Chair of the Planning Committee reported that the Committee received a report on the progress made on *Pathways to Greatness* through the KPI's. This report focused on Enrollment: (6C) *Increase enrollment across the University*, Academic Achievement/Top Achieving Students: (2C) *Attract more high achieving students to the University*; Financial Aid Comparative Data which highlighted first-time,

first-year students receiving financial aid; Academic Quality: (1B) *Increase the number of academic programs at the graduate and undergraduate levels*; and Community Engagement and Globalization: (3I) *Establish a Center for the Nurturing and Preservation of Virgin Islands and Caribbean Culture*.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Nugent-Hill, which was seconded by Trustee Williams, to go into Executive Session to address the following matters, which could be reasonably expected to result in the disclosure of information of personal nature wherein public disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, or premature disclosure that would seriously frustrate implementation of the proposed action, and for the Board to obtain legal advice on those matters:

- Draft Minutes of the Executive Session of the Sept/Oct Special Board Meeting
- Reports from ARSA Committee, Development Committee, Executive Committee
- Update report on the Medical School
- Update report on UVINEXT
- Report on Eco Industrial Park
- Personnel Matters
- Update on Legal Matters

The motion was unanimously approved by the members present at the meeting. After a five minute recess, the Executive Session of the meeting convened at 11:25 am.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon return to the Regular Session of the meeting at 2:28pm, the Chairman reported the following.

In the Executive Session:

1. Approved the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Sept/Oct Special Meeting
2. Approved a list of nominees for Honorary Doctorate degrees
3. Approved a list of Commencement Speakers
4. Approved the launch of the Public Phase of the Capital Campaign
5. Ratified the action of the Executive Committee regarding the President's performance and approved the Presidential goals for 2015
6. Received an update on the medical school
7. Received an update on UVINEXT
8. Received an update and approved the next steps for the Eco-Research and Industrial Development Park
9. Received an update on Personnel matters
10. Approved new dates for the May 2015 Commencement
11. Received an update on Legal matters

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Williams, which was seconded by Trustee Thomas, to adjourn the meeting. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.