

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 20, 2020**

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
BY TELECONFERENCE
9:00A.M.**

**ACTION AGENDA
Regular Session**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes March 7, 2020 Meeting
Matters arising from the Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.....Attorney Henry C. Smock**

Election of Officers
(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

The Governance Committee conducted its annual meeting for nominations as outlined in the Nomination Process adopted by the Board of Trustees. Nominations were received for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. A slate of candidates was developed and approved as required by the process. This slate is being presented to the Board of Trustees for their deliberation and action.

Action required.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda
7. President's Report
8. Chairman's Comments
9. Research and Technology Park Update Report
10. Board Committee Items

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

**A. Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
(Presentation/Discussion/Action)**

Dr. Glenn Metts, faculty in the School of Business, presented the proposal for the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Interdisciplinary Studies as approved by the faculty.

The program is designed to provide students with the flexibility to pursue multiple interests in their higher education experience. This four-year program will benefit students who are self-disciplined and want to participate in designing their degree by exploring innovative options

such as studying abroad or seeking out certificate programs in which they might be interested. Students would be required to complete 120 credit hours, including general education coursework, 45 credits in 2 or 3 focus areas, and a capstone project.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Interdisciplinary Studies. The committee's recommendation is forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 20, 2020.

Action Required.

B. Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

Dr. Glenn Metts, faculty in the School of Business, presented the proposal for the Bachelor of Science degree program in Interdisciplinary Studies as approved by the faculty.

The program is designed to provide students with the flexibility to pursue multiple interests in their higher education experience. This four-year program will benefit students who are self-disciplined and want to participate in designing their program by exploring innovative options such as studying abroad or seeking out certificate programs in which they might be interested. Students would be required to complete 120 credit hours, including general education coursework, 45 credits in 2 or 3 focus areas, and a capstone project.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the Bachelor of Science degree program in Interdisciplinary Studies. The committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 20, 2020.

Action Required.

C. Proposal for the School of Graduate Education

(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

Provost McKayle presented the proposal for the School of Graduate Education.

The School of Graduate Education will be a unit under which all graduate degree programs at the University of the Virgin Islands will be administered. It will serve as the formal system of oversight for graduate programs and interdisciplinary graduate programs, including the Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change (CLIC) Ph.D. program. The proposed school will set a boundary between undergraduate and graduate education while fostering greater working relationships among units that support graduate activities as well as provide a structure for strengthening the UVI Graduate Council.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the School of Graduate Education proposal. The committee's recommendation is forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 20, 2020.

Action Required.

D. Proposal for the School of Agriculture

(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

Dr. Usman Adamu, Dean, and Director of the proposed school presented the proposal for the School of Agriculture.

The School of Agriculture will seek to provide innovative and cutting-edge research, teaching, and extension programs in response to the educational, social, economic, and environmental needs of the US Virgin Islands and the Caribbean region. It will seek to strengthen UVI’s status as a Land-Grant institution and serve as the link between the Agricultural Extension Services (AES), the Cooperative Extension Services, and the academic and certificate programs in several areas within agriculture that are being developed.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the School of Agriculture proposal. The committee’s recommendation is forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 20, 2020.

Action Required.

E. Proposal to revise Policy for Conferring Emeritus Status

(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

The proposal to revise the Policy for Conferring Emeritus Status was presented by Dr. Linda Thomas, Associate Provost for Graduate and Academic Affairs.

The proposal requests the approval of revisions to the policy previously approved on August 11, 2008, to reflect specific organizational changes of the University of the Virgin Islands between 2008 and 2020.

Revisions to the document include replacing the Faculty Review Advisory Committee ((FRAC) with the University Promotion and Tenure Committee (UPT) under Section III of the original document.

The ARSA Committee voted to accept the proposal to revise the Policy for Conferring Emeritus Status. The committee’s recommendation is forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 20, 2020.

Action Required.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE.....Oran C. Roebuck

(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

The Finance and Budget Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the proposed Operating Budget Revision Number One of the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

Action required.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.....Henry C. Smock

Approval of Trustee Emeritus Status

(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

The Governance Committee reviewed the trusteeship of a candidates for the status of trustee emeritus:

- Mr. Alexander A. Moorhead

After review, the committee unanimously approved the candidate and is recommending to the full board that he be approved for board chair emeritus status. The resolution is being presented for approval.

Action required.

PLANNING COMMITTEE.....Dr. John Quelch

Key Performance Indicators/Greatness Through Innovation

(Presentation/Discussion)

The Committee received a report on the Key Performance Indicators as linked to the institution's new Strategic Plan, Greatness through Innovation. The report focused primarily on the Innovation Exercise, Retention and Graduation Rates, Degrees Awarded, Financial Aid, Development Indicators, and UVI Highlights from February 27-May 15, 2020.

Innovation Exercise, Retention Rate and Graduation Rate, Degrees Awarded, and Financial Aid are linked to the following goals in the strategic plan: I.1C, III.8A, II.2E, and III.2A, III.2B.

No action required.

11. Other Business

12. Executive Session

13. Adjournment