

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 19, 2021**

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

**ACTION AGENDA
Regular Session**

1. Call to Order

2. 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.

3. Approval of Minutes March6, 2021 Meeting
Matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

7. President's Report

8. Chairman's Comments

9. Board Committee Items

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

A. Associate of Applied Science degree in Horticulture
(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

Dr. Usman Adamu, Dean of the School of Agriculture, presented the proposal for the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Horticulture as approved by the faculty.

The **Associate of Applied Science degree program in Horticulture** is a two-year program designed to prepare students with the knowledge and skills for a successful career in the horticulture industry. In addition to providing a solid science foundation for propagation,

production, and managing plants, the coursework will provide students with critical hands-on experience, both in the Lab and the field. Courses in Soils, Plant Diseases, Vegetable Production, and Tropical Horticulture are integral components of the program. On completion of this program, students have the opportunity or option to transfer to a Bachelor of Science program in areas such as Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences, and Agri-Business. A total of 64 to 65 credit hours are required to complete the Associate of Applied Science Degree, including General Education, Required, and Elective Courses.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the **Associate of Applied Science degree program in Horticulture**. The committee's recommendation is forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 19, 2021.

Action required.

B. Associate of Applied Science degree in Agroecology
(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

Dr. Usman Adamu, Dean of the School of Agriculture, presented the proposal for the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Agroecology as approved by the faculty.

The **Associate of Applied Science degree in Agroecology** is a two-year interdisciplinary program that will investigate the science and social impact of agroecology in the tropics. The terms agroecology and sustainable agriculture will be explained in detail and defined, and applications of the agroecological perspective to the ecosystems and agriculture unique to the tropics will be discussed. A total of 61 to 63 credit hours are required to complete the Associate of Applied Science Degree, including General Education, Required, and Elective Courses. Students will be expected to complete 9 required courses and 1 elective course, a total of 30 and 3-4 credit hours, respectively. All the required courses will be available for class delivery within the School of Agriculture, except ENV 200 and BIO 223.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the **Associate of Applied Science degree program in Agroecology**. The committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 19, 2021.

Action required.

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

A. Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax – Form 990
(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

The Finance and Budget Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees to accept the completed IRS form 990 for the year 2020 as presented to the Finance and Budget Committee. Said form 990 asks whether the University provided its governing members with a complete copy of the form prior to filing the form with the IRS.

Action required.

B. Online Degree Program Tuition Increase Proposal

(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

The Finance and Budget Committee voted to defer the approval of the proposed Online Program Tuition Increases to the Board of Trustees for action.

Action required.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.....Attorney Henry C. Smock Nomination for Trustee Elected by the Board

(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

The Governance Committee, in accordance with Article II, Section(c) of the UVI ByLaws, is submitting candidate to fill one of the positions of Trustee Elected by the Board. The Governance Committee is recommending the election of Hannibal “Mike” Ware for a five-year term beginning June 2021 – June 2026.

Action required.

PLANNING COMMITTEE.....Dr. John A. Quelch A. Peer Review

(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

The Planning Committee received a report on Peer Review where the USNEWS Rankings and HBCU Peer Analysis was discussed. Proposed Aspirational Peers were mentioned. Trustee Smock made a motion to accept the recommendation of the administration with reference to peer institutions. The motion was seconded by Trustee Verleen McSween and approved by all members present.

Action required.

B. Key Performance Indicators/Greatness Through Innovation

(Presentation/Discussion)

The Planning Committee received a report on the KPIs as linked to UVI’s Strategic Plan: Greatness Through Innovation. The report focused primarily on Retention Rate and Graduation Rate, Degrees Awarded, DFW Rates, NSSE High Impact Practices, Financial Aid, and Development Indicators.

No action required.

10.Executive Session

11.Other Business

12.Adjournment