

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 18, 2022**

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

**ACTION AGENDA
Regular Session**

1. Call to Order
2. **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.....Erica Johnson Creamer**

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 obtained 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 March 5, 2022 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. John A. Quelch

A. Bachelor of Science in Horticulture

Dr. Usman Adamu, Dean, and Director of the School of Agriculture presented the proposal for the Bachelor of Science degree program in Horticulture as approved by the faculty.

The program is designed to provide students interested in horticulture with the requisite knowledge to support their interests and career goals. The students would be required to complete 120 credit hours plus 2 credits of Physical Education, including general education coursework, 55 credit hours in required horticulture courses, including plant pathology, general horticulture, and tropical horticulture, and eight credits in elective horticulture courses, including tropical agroecology, forest and nursery management and special topics in agriculture research, and entomology.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the Bachelor of Science degree program in Horticulture. The committee's recommendation is forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 18, 2022.

Action required.

B. Bachelor of Science in Aquaponics

Dr. Usman Adamu, Dean and Director of the School of Agriculture, presented the proposal for the Bachelor of Science degree program in Horticulture as approved by the faculty.

The program is designed to provide students with in-depth knowledge and understanding across different disciplines to support their interests and career goals. The students would be required to complete 120 credit hours plus 2 credits of Physical Education, including general education coursework, 50 credit hours in required aquaponics courses, including aquaculture production, aquaculture techniques, and hydroponics and aquaponics, and nine credits in elective aquaponics courses, including introduction to biotechnology, agricultural regulations, and principles of agricultural business.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the Bachelor of Science degree program in Aquaponics. The committee's recommendation is forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 18, 2022.

Action required.

C. Proposal for the academic major in Dance, Music Performance, and Theatre

Dion Parson, Chair of the Music Department in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, presented the proposal for the new academic major in Dance, Music Performance, and Theatre.

The new academic major is a performance-based degree aimed at creating skilled performers and technicians that will be critical to the overall success of artistic endeavors in the territory and beyond. Students will complete 48 hours of general education coursework to allow for more performance-based courses within the majors.

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 18, 2022.

Action required.

D. Proposal: Modification of policy for admitting international students whose primary language is not English

Mr. David Wuinee, Associate Provost, Enrollment Management Services, presented the proposal for modification of the policy for admitting international students whose primary language is not English

The proposal to adopt a mid-tier threshold for TOEFL scores for non-English speaking students admitted to UVI. Students should be enrolled in fundamental English skills courses while concurrently enrolled in existing courses for English as a Second Language (ESL) predicated on the students' TOEFL scores and placement scores and advising by the Center for Student Success. This proposed change will not affect local students or students attending UVI through partnerships with other Eastern Caribbean countries.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to modify the policy for admitting international students whose primary language is not English. The committee's recommendation is forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 18, 2022.

Action required.

E. Proposal for awarding posthumous degrees

Dr. Camille McKayle, Provost, and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the proposal for awarding posthumous degrees

The policy for awarding posthumous degrees is designed to establish the minimum standard criteria and procedures under which posthumous and memoriam degrees may

be recommended to the President and the UVI Board of Trustees for students enrolled at UVI. The policy establishes the minimum eligibility criteria and procedure to recognize either a student's academic achievements or connection to the University of the Virgin Islands who passed away before completing all the requirements for his/her degree.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the policy for awarding posthumous degrees. The committee's recommendation is forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on June 18, 2022.

Action required.

Governance Committee.....Erica Johnson Creamer

Report on Board Assessment
(Presentation/Discussion)

The Committee received a report on the outcomes of the assessment survey that was completed by the members of the Board. The Chair will provide a summary of the results and will provide a path to move forward.

No action required.

Planning Committee.....Dr. Lois Hassell-Habtes

Key Performance Indicators
(Presentation/Discussion)

The Planning Committee received a report on the KPIs as linked to UVI's Strategic Plan. The report focused primarily on: Graduation Rate, Degrees Awarded, DFW Rates, Financial Aid, NSSE 2020 Inclusiveness & Engagement with Diversity, Enhancing the Student Experience, and Development Indicators.

No action required.

10. Executive Session

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment