

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 22, 2016

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
ADMINISTRATION AND CONFERENCE CENTER, FIRST FLOOR
ST. THOMAS CAMPUS
9:00 A.M.**

**ACTION AGENDA
Regular Session**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes June 4, 2016
Matters arising from the Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Approval of Consent Agenda
6. President's Report
7. Chairman's Comments
8. Research and Technology Park Update Report
9. Board Committee Items

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

Bachelors of Science - Physics
(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

Dr. David Morris, Assistant Professor of Physics in the College of Science and Mathematics, presented the proposal for the Bachelor of Science degree program in Physics with a concentration in Astronomy, as approved by the faculty.

The program is designed to provide students with quality academic training in Physics and with authentic research experience in the subfield of astronomy and astrophysics. Students will continue using the Applied Mathematics paradigm until the sophomore year. Eight additional courses and two seminars have been added to the paradigm in order to meet the degree completion requirements. Adding the additional courses raises the level of the program to a bachelor's degree and eliminates the need for a concentration in Physics.

The ARSA Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal to approve the Bachelor of Science degree program in Physics. The committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the full Board for review and action at its meeting on October 22, 2016.

Action required.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.....Rev. Dr. Wesley S. Williams, Jr.

Status Report on Fundraising
(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

Total contributions to date for fiscal year 2016 (Oct 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016) \$1,196,816.85

The Committee discussed the University’s success and challenges in securing external funding from corporations, foundations and alumni constituents during fiscal year 2016. The institution fell short of the annual fund and alumni giving goals that were established by the Board. The Committee received a comprehensive overview of the fundraising strategy for 2017 and the Campaign for UVI. President Hall shared his concerns for the current state of annual fund and alumni giving, and pledged his commitment to improved results in fiscal year 2017.

Goal for Fiscal Year 2017

The Committee recommends, for consideration by the full Board, to set the fiscal year goal for cash donations at \$2.5M and set an aspirational alumni participation goal at 55 percent in commemoration of the University’s 55th Anniversary. The target goal for alumni participation for the year will be set at 25 percent.

Action required.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.....Ms. Jennifer Nugent-Hill

Nominations for Trustees Elected by the Board
(Presentation/Discussion/Action)

The Governance Committee, in accordance with Article II, Section(c), is submitting candidates to fill the two positions of Trustee Elected by the Board. The Governance Committee is recommending the reelection of Trustee Thraen and Trustee Moorhead, whose five-year terms expires October 2016. Both candidates have indicated their willingness to continue their service on the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Alexander A. Moorhead was first elected to the Board of Trustees in 1996, and was re-elected in 2001, 2006 and 2011. Mr. Moorhead served as Board Chair 2008-2014. He currently chairs the Buildings and Grounds committee and the Finance and Budget committee. He also serves on the Governance and Executive Committee.

Dr. Yvonne E. L. Thraen was first elected to the Board of Trustees in 1996, and was re-elected in 2001, 2006 and 2011. Dr. Thraen currently chairs the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee and serves on the Building and Grounds, Governance and Executive Committees.

Action required.

Key Performance Indicators/Pathways to Greatness
(Presentation/Discussion)

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.

No action required.

- 10.** Other Business
- 11.** Executive Session
- 12.** Adjournment