

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
ADMINISTRATION AND CONFERENCE CENTER – St. Thomas
PROVOST CONFERENCE ROOM – St. Croix
TELECONFERENCE
ST. THOMAS CAMPUS
4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Charnele Burton, Student Trustee
Mr. Marthious Clavier, Alumni Trustee (portion of the meeting)
Mrs. Carol Fulp (by telephone)
Dr. David Hall, President
Mrs. Winona Hendricks (by telephone – Provost Conference Room)
Mrs. Luz Suarez de Highfield (by telephone)
Hon. Patricia D. Steele (by telephone)
Dr. LaVerne Terry (by telephone)
Mr. Alexander A. Moorhead, Chair (by telephone)
Mrs. Jennifer Nugent- Hill, (by telephone)
Mr. Edward Thomas, (by telephone)
Dr. Yvonne E. L. Thraen
Dr. Teresa Turner, Faculty Trustee

MEMBER ABSENT

Attorney Henry C. Smock, Vice Chair (*excused*)
Mr. S. Donald Sussman (*excused*)
Mr. Sinclair L. Wilkinson, (*excused*)
Rev. Wesley S. Williams, Jr. (*excused*)

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Judith Edwin, Vice Provost for Access and Enrollment Services
Dr. Haldane Davies, Special Assistant to the President
Mrs. Dionne Jackson, VP for Institutional Advancement
Mrs. Tina Koopmans, Chief Information Officer
Mrs. Shirley Lake-King, VP Administration and Finance and CFO
Dr. Noreen Michael, President's Chief of Staff
Dr. Karl Wright, Provost (*portion of the meeting*)
Attorney Samuel H. Hall, Jr., UVI Legal Counsel
Attorney Marie ThomasGriffith, UVI Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the Chair, Mr. Alex Moorhead, called the Regular Session of the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion by Trustee Patricia Steele, which was seconded by Trustee Yvonne E. L. Thraen, was made to approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2011 meeting of the Board. The vote on the motion was unanimous by all members present.

Proposal of Room Rates for the New Residence Hall on the St. Thomas Campus

President Hall gave a brief update on the residence halls which included construction timeline as well as financial updates.

Vice President Shirley Lake King presented an overview of the proposed rates. She indicated that the proposed room rates for the Residence Hall on the St. Thomas Campus would be \$2,250 for double occupancy and \$2,800 for single occupancy, effective Fall 2012.

After the presentation by the administration, a motion was made by Trustee Charnele Burton, which was seconded by Trustee Yvonne Thraen to approve the revised resolution with minor edits by Chairman Moorhead which called for the approval of Room Rates for the new Students Residence Hall on the St. Thomas Campus.

Chairman Moorhead opened the floor for discussion and questions.

Trustee Teresa Turner expressed concern that only those students with financial means would be able to afford the new residence hall and was concerned about opportunity to get into the “newer” residence hall was available to all and not just a few.

At the invitation of the President, Dr. Judith Edwin, Vice Provost for Access and Enrollment, clarified that availability of financial aid funds is based on each individual students’ financial aid package. She clarified that the amount of financial aid depends on the student’s need and the package that they receive from the Federal Government. She also noted that students may apply for loans to assist with shortfall of funding needed.

Trustee Charnele Burton added that each student through the housing application process would be given the opportunity to choose which residence hall they will live in based on their budget and financial aid package.

Trustee Hendricks asked if there was consideration of having the proposed rates remain in effect for 2012-2015 in light of the economic conditions that exist in the territory. President Hall stated that the Administration was proposing the fees for one year. They would then monitor the fees annually and make decisions based on the economic conditions and other pertinent factors.

After the questions and discussion, the Chairman called the vote to approved the resolution. The vote on the motion was unanimous by all members present. It was noted that Trustee Clavier was not on the call at the time of the vote. The resolution is appended to the minutes.

Having no other business in Regular Session, a motion was made by Trustee Steele which was seconded by Trustee Nugent- Hill to go into Executive Session to address the following matters:

- Approval of Executive Session Minutes
- The Appeal of Dr. Sunday Odezah
- Update on UVI Government Allotment Reduction

The vote on the motion was unanimous. The Executive Session convened at 4:30pm.

Upon return from the Executive Session, the Chair reported the following actions took place in the Executive Session:

- The Board approved Minutes of the Executive Session of October 29, 2011
- The Board made a decision on the Appeal of Dr. Sunday Odezah
- The Board received an update on the University's Government Allotment Reduction and the University's expenditure ceiling.

President Hall updated members of the Board on upcoming Golden Jubilee activities including Charter Day and announced that the keynote speaker would be Ambassador Ruth A. Davis, first African American female Ambassador.

Having no other business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Nugent- Hill and seconded by Trustee Steele. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

[Resolution following.](#)

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Purpose: Approval of Room Rates for the new Students Residence Hall on the St. Thomas campus effective Fall 2012

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2011, the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands (“the University”) authorized the University to borrow funds from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Program; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funds is to be used to finance the construction of a 100-bed Residence Hall on the St. Thomas campus of the University; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Residence Hall commenced in November 2011; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Residence Hall is scheduled to be completed by August 2012 for occupancy by students in the Fall 2012 semester; and

WHEREAS, the Residence Hall will provide amenities similar to other residence halls on the University’s campuses with the additional amenity of air-conditioned rooms; and

WHEREAS, it is the University’s policy to set room rates at levels sufficient to support associated operations; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012 the President’s Cabinet voted to recommend the room rates of \$2,250 for double occupancy and \$2,800 for single occupancy for the new Residence Hall on the St. Thomas campus effective Fall 2012; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2012 the Finance and Budget Committee voted to recommend the room rates of \$2,250 for double occupancy and \$2,800 for single occupancy for the Residence Hall on the St. Thomas campus effective Fall 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS:

Section 1: The room rates for the Residence Hall on the St. Thomas Campus shall be \$2,250 for double occupancy and \$2,800 for single occupancy, effective Fall 2012.

Section 2: The President and Vice President for Administration and Finance are hereby authorized to take the necessary action to implement the above room rates.

Section 3: This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution approved by the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands during a special meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012, as recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Secretary of the Board

Date