

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 7, 2015**

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
St. Croix – Albert A. Sheen Campus, Great Hall, North West Wing
9:30 A.M.**

**REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Attorney Henry C. Smock, Chair
Mr. Alexander Moorhead, Vice Chair
Dr. David Hall, President and Secretary
Ms. Wendy Aurelien, Student Trustee
Dr. Aletha Baumann, Faculty Trustee
Dr. Sharon McCollum, Commissioner of Education
Attorney Nandi Sékou, Chair, Board of Education
Ms. Jacqueline A. Sprauve, Alumni Trustee
Hon. Patricia D. Steele
Mrs. Luz Suarez de Highfield
Mr. Edward Thomas (late arrival by Phone)
Mr. Sinclair L. Wilkinson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Carol Fulp
Mrs. Gwendolyn Adams Norton
Mrs. Jennifer Nugent-Hill
Dr. Yvonne E.L. Thraen
Rev. Wesley S. Williams, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Camille McKayle, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Mr. Tony Valentine, VP for Business and Fiscal Affairs
Mrs. Tina Koopmans, Chief Information Officer
Ms. Nereida Washington, Director of Campus Operations-STX
Attorney Marie Thomas Griffith, UVI Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Board Chairman Henry Smock called the Regular Session of the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed new members to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Sharon McCollum, Commissioner of Education Designee and Attorney Nandi Sekou, Chair of the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted by the Chairman that the minutes of the February 17, 2015 Special Meeting of the Board were not completed for review and approval by the members of the Board.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Wilkinson, which was seconded by Trustee Alexander Moorhead, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hall highlighted several items in his written report and updated the report based on occurrences since the report was issued. His oral report included the following:

- Student and faculty highlights
- Student achievements
- Faculty achievements
- Significant Institutional achievements
- UVI Receives Prestigious Carnegie Community Engagement Classification
- LCME Grants UVI School of Medicine (UVISOM) Site Visit
- UVI's Endowment Ranks Among Best in the Nation
- UVI Awarded Five-Year \$1.3M U.S. DOE Cybersecurity Grant
- Innovative Technological Solutions Showcased at First UVI Hackathon
- Successful Fifth Annual Man-Up Male Empowerment Conference
- Appointment of Dr. Gillian Marcelle as Executive Director of UVI RTPark
- Reichhold Center for the Arts 36th Season
- Increase in Spring Student Enrollment and Fall Freshmen Applications
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education Accreditation Update
- Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)
- UVI Next Implementation Task Force Progress
- Center for Student Success Writing Center Earns National Certification
- UVI Wins National Award for Water Conservation Research
- UVI-CELL Accreditation Reaffirmed
- North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Solar Entry Level Certification

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

President Hall reported that, in a prepared statement dated November 7, 2014, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) granted accreditation status to the School of Education. The U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation recognize the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) as a professional accrediting body for teacher preparation. NCATE accreditation is a nationally recognized standard of excellence in the education profession and demonstrates that a university has met rigorous standards as set forth by the professional education community. Our School of Education's undergraduate program is accredited until 2020 and the graduate program accreditation runs until 2016.

In addition to the above, President Hall reported that our Elementary Education Program was also approved by its national Specialized Professional Association, the ACEI (Association for Childhood Education International). ACEI is the national accrediting body that approves Elementary Education programs. Our approval is until 2020 and requires ongoing periodic assessment. Our School of Education is also working on acquiring national approval of all programs to include the Early Childhood (NAEYC) and Graduate (ELCC) programs.

By attaining national accreditation, we demonstrate our commitment to meeting the highest standards of the education profession. This extraordinary achievement is the result of the outstanding leadership and dedicated work of Dean Linda Thomas and all members of our School of Education. I also want to thank all of our students in the School of Education because their academic work, portfolios and conversations with the visiting team communicated a very positive impression. The various external stakeholders, including the Department of Education, the Board of Education, and the various schools where our students conduct their practice teaching, were all instrumental to our success. It underscores the hard work of our faculty and staff, and the extraordinary commitment of our students, education partners and all those involved in the accreditation process.

Chairman Smock thanked President Hall for his report and opened the floor for questions and comments on the report presented.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Smock thanked all board members for their hard work during the past several months. He noted that attendance at all regular and special meetings was high and expressed appreciation to members for their dedication to the university.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

Since Trustee Edward Thomas, Chair of the RTPark had not arrived at the meeting yet, President Hall provided a brief update report and introduced Dr. Gillian Marcelle, the newly selected Executive Director of the RTPark. He also indicated that Dr. Marcelle would hold a faculty appointment in the School of Business. President Hall provided a brief background of Dr. Marcelle's experience and credentials.

[Minutes recorded by Gail Steele](#)

[Approved by Board of Trustees June 6 2015](#)

He noted that with the new RTPark leadership, Executive Director Marcelle reports to the President of the University with oversight from the RTPark Board. He stated that this change signals a strong commitment from the RTPark to work more closely with the University and our local government agencies to provide a vibrant culture and partnership in regards to economic development in the Territory and the region.

At the invitation of the Chair, Dr. Gillian Marcelle presented the RTPark Report to the Board of Trustees. Highlights of the report included the new vision and strategy for the RTPark. With this vision, the RTPark promises to promote and develop an innovation ecosystem that stimulates economic development while balancing growth and equity. Dr. Marcelle added that the RTPark would continue to provide a range of services as an innovation intermediary, attracting and facilitating the inward investment of high growth technology business.

She further stated that to achieve the vision, working in close alignment with the University, the Executive and staff team were committed to undertaking consolidation of the Park's activities and beginning to deploy the new strategy.

Dr. Marcelle also briefly outlined the plan for Financial Prospects regarding the RTPark. She concluded that the team at the RTPark would focus on an intensive program of operational strengthening including: cost management, strengthening commercial processes and restructuring of the staff team. She stated that this will be accompanied by a stakeholder engagement program designed to institute a structured and regular communication with public officials, community representatives, academics, as well as the private sector clients and leading figures in the USVI business community.

Chairman Smock thanked Dr. Marcelle for her report.

FOUNDATION for the UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS Presentation

One of the outcomes from the Board Retreat held in June 2014, was a request from Board members for a presentation on the function of UVI-related boards, such as the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands, the Foundation for the Reichhold Center for the Arts, UVI Research and Technology Park Board, and the Virgin Islands Academic and Cultural Awards Endowment Board.

For this meeting, the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands (FUVI) made a presentation to the Board. Highlights of the presentation included the following:

- The purpose of FUVI
- FUVI's management
- Membership and Directors
- Finance and Investment functions
- Synergies – UVI and FUVI

Chairman Smocked thanked President Hall for the report from the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands

PLANNING COMMITTEE.....Mr. Sinclair L. Wilkinson

Key Performance Indicators/Pathways to Greatness

Trustee Sinclair Wilkinson, Chair of the Planning Committee reported that the Committee received a report on the progress made on *Pathways to Greatness* through the KPI's. This report was presented to the Planning Committee in preparation for the March meeting of the Board of Trustees. The report focused on a Modern and Safe Environment, which provided crime statistics as reported from the CLERY Report, UVI Goes Green highlighting energy cost savings, Organization and Human Development with an emphasis on staff diversity and employee persistence rate, Financial Indicators, Research Indicators, and Development.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Moorhead, which was seconded by Trustee Sprauve, to go into Executive Session to address the following matters, which could be reasonably expected to result in the disclosure of information of personal nature wherein public disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, or premature disclosure that would seriously frustrate implementation of the proposed action, and for the Board to obtain legal advice on those matters:

- Update report on the Medical School
- Update report on Risk Assessment
- Report on Eco Industrial Park
- Personnel Matters
- Update on Legal Matters

The motion was unanimously approved by the members present at the meeting and the regular session was recessed around 11:00 a.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon return to the Regular Session of the meeting at 2:03pm, the Chairman reported the following:

In Executive Session:

1. The Board received updates on the School of Medicine, Risk Assessment, personnel matters, legal matters, and Key Performance Indicator related to revenue.
2. The Board authorized the Administration to continue discussions with Five- Stone Capital on the proposed Eco-Research and Industrial Development Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Baumann, which was seconded by Trustee Sékou, to adjourn the meeting. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.