

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 2, 2019**

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
Great Hall, North West Wing
ALBERT A. SHEEN CAMPUS
10:00 A.M.**

**REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT

St. Thomas Campus

Attorney Henry C. Smock, Chair
Mr. Alexander Moorhead, Vice Chair
Dr. David Hall, President and Secretary
Mrs. Racquel Berry-Benjamin
Dr. Dara Hamilton, Faculty Trustee
Dr. John A. Quelch
Ms. Oran C. Roebuck
Ms. Jacqueline A. Sprauve, Alumni Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Leeann Knight, Student Trustee (excused)
Arah C. Lockhart (excused)
Dr. Yvonne E. L. Thraen (excused)
Rev. Dr. Wesley S. Williams, Jr. (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Camille McKayle, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Mitchell Neaves, VP Institutional Advancement
Ms. Sharlene Harris, VP
Attorney Marie ThomasGriffith, UVI Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

The presence of a quorum having been determined, Chairman Henry C. Smock called the Regular Session of the meeting to order at 10:12am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice Chair Moorhead, which was seconded by Trustee Oran Roebuck, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Board Meeting held on October 27, 2018. The vote on the motion to approve the minutes was unanimous by the members present. The minutes were therefore approved.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee John Quelch, which was seconded by Trustee Jacqueline Sprauve, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote on the motion to approve the consent agenda was unanimous by the members present. The consent agenda was therefore approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hall reported that the President's Report for this reporting period is organized into two sections. Part I provides highlights of new and ongoing presidential initiatives and institutional accomplishments since the last report. Part II highlights major accomplishments within the framework of Greatness Through Innovation, the University's current strategic plan.

This framework has been adopted to ensure that all Components and Departments across the University are focused on areas that the University has determined are critical to our future success. I continue to be extremely impressed with the productivity and commitment of our University's students, faculty, staff and administrators

President Hall highlighted several University activities and achievements covered in his written report and provided updates to the report based on things that occurred since the written report was issued. His oral report included the following:

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Miss UVI, Kendra Kent, attended the 2018 National Black College Alumni (NBCA) Hall of Fame Queen's pageant from September 26-30, 2018, in Atlanta, GA, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Ms. Kent competed against other representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) around the nation for the title of Miss NBCA Hall of Fame. Ms. Kent captured the title of Miss Congeniality during the final competition.
- UVI senior, Sherwin Williams, was the opening act for Jazz by the Sea at Coral World Ocean Park on October 21, 2018, on St. Thomas.
- Shemeeka Stanley, Hazel Boissiere, Ana Asad and Carole Hendley artwork in Art 117 (Basic Design) were on display during the months of October and November at the Henry Rohlsen Airport in the departure lounge display case just before one enters the U.S. Customs area. The instructor for the course was Nairus Benjamin.
- Geraldine Bryan, Earl Morris Jr., Matthew Perry, Hailey Tresch, and Tarika Woods artwork in ART 218 (Caribbean Art I) were featured at a local gallery, Art @Top Hat, on November 15, 2018. The instructor for the course was Danica David.
- Communication major, Nijencia James, was chosen to conduct research with Fraser Kenshaw, documentarian/activist. Kenshaw, a noted independent filmmaker and producer collaborates with the department via the internship program and courses COM497/498 (Senior Seminars).

- Communication major Asia Vetter engaged in graphic design, public relations and research efforts with United Jazz Foundation.

□ Joash Liburd, was one of the winners of a \$500 scholarship offered by the National Association of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Title III Administrators Inc.

Seventeen UVI students attended the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Indianapolis, IN from November 14-17, 2018. Students from 700 universities presented 2,100 posters. While more than one best poster award was awarded in each category, UVI's performance was notable given its size relative to other higher education institutions in attendance. There were 14 poster presentations and one oral presentation with three students (Azriel Williams, Anthony Jolly, and Samuel Liburd Jr) winning poster awards, as listed below:

- Anayah Ferris. "Tight Junction Dysfunction: Altered ZO-1 and Occludin in the Diabetic Cornea." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 17 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.
- Anthony Jolly. "Phenolic Content in Virgin Islands Plants." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 16 November, 2018. Poster Presentation. Award Winner: Best Poster in Chemistry.
- Azriel Williams. "Body Self-Perception, Depression, and Obesity in a Sample of United States Virgin Islands Youth." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 17 November, 2018. Poster Presentation. Award Winner.
- Breton Hairol. "The Search for Metabolite Structures formed in *Atropa belladonna* (Deadly Nightshade) Plants that make Scopolamine and Hyoscyamine." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 17 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.
- Carlan Romney. "Using CRISPR-Mediated Mutagenesis to Analyze Protein Phosphatase Regulatory Subunit Functions in *Arabidopsis thaliana*." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 16 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.
- Christopher McDonald. "Using NASA Earth Observations to Monitor Land-Use Change of Saint Croix (United States Virgin Islands)." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 16 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.
- D'Shaunique Walters. "The Blood Traveler Detection of Infection using Microscopy and PCR." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 16 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.
- Deidre Lee. "Bile Duct-On-A-Chip Device to Study Cholangiocyte and Fibroblast Interactions in the Peribiliary Extracellular Matrix." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 17 November, 2018. Poster Presentation
- Josette John. "Population Dynamics and Differences Between Deep (Mesophotic) and Mid-Shallow *Orbicella* spp Corals in the U.S.V.I." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 15 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.
- Kwame Forbes. "Multiple Genotypes of *Halophilia stipulacea* Found Around St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 15 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.
- Narome Belus. "Spectroscopic and Electrochemical Studies of Cobalt(III) Cubane Catalysts." Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 15 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.

- Makeda Mills. “Apicomplexa Gone with the Wind: Infection Rate in Dusky Damselfish Before and After Hurricanes Irma and Maria, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.” Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 15 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.
- Samuel Liburd Jr. “Development and Delivery of CRISPR Ribonucleic Protein Complexes in *Macrostomum lignano*.” Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 16 November, 2018. Poster Presentation. Award Winner.
- Shabree Anthony. “PTEN Phosphatase Activities in Large Unilamellar Vesicles.” Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 15 November, 2018. Poster Presentation.
- Torhera Durand. “Characterization of Metastatic Progression.” Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. 15 November, 2018. Oral Presentation.

The 18th Annual Thurgood Marshall Leadership Institute Conference was held in Washington, D.C. from October 26-30, 2018. Eight Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) Scholars were selected from the St. Thomas and Albert A. Sheen campuses by the TMCF talent acquisition team: Raven Phillips, Le-Anne Angol, Jair Smith, Sherkquan Henry, Daria Scott, Nigencia James, Matthew Perry and Akilah Brown. Students had the opportunity to interview with 16 major companies and network with recruiters from at least 50 companies during the recruitment fair including: Koch Industries, Wells Fargo, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), J.P Morgan and Chase, Microsoft, US Marines, Pfizer, Georgia Pacific, Boeing, John Deer, Caterpillar, Alliance Bernstein, United Airlines, Boez Allen, Lancer Hospitality, Lily, Kellogg’s, Koch Industries, and John Deer.

Highlights from the written report also included;

- Alumni Updates
- Faculty Achievements
- Publications and Papers
- Grants and Special Projects Funded

UVI MOURNS THE LOSS OF FIRST CVI PRESIDENT, DR. LAWRENCE WANLASS

On December 18, 2018, the first president of the University of the Virgin Islands, Dr. Lawrence Wanlass, passed away in California. He is survived by his wife, Anita, and their four children. For nearly two decades – from 1962 to 1980 – Wanlass worked to establish the then College of the Virgin Islands and to create a worldclass curriculum for its students. UVI President Dr. David Hall, on the behalf of the entire University family – the Board of Trustees, foundation boards, faculty, staff, students and alumni – extended his sincerest condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of Dr. Wanlass. Under Dr. Wanlass’ leadership, the institution was designated with land-grant status and a large endowment was bestowed on the College through federal legislation. During his tenure, Hubert Sugden donated his St. Croix home to the University and the institution received an endowment for the establishment of the Reichhold Center for the Arts

Significant Institutional Achievements

- Charter Day March 20, 2019- Keynote Speaker, Governor Albert Bryan Jr.
- UVI Becomes the first HBCU to Offer Free Tuition and the second jurisdiction to offer four-year free tuition
- UVI to lead the Development of Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the U.S. Virgin Islands

- NOAA Environmental Literacy Program awards UVI \$500,000 in Funds to advance USVI Community Resilience to Hurricanes
- UVI selected to conduct 2020 V.I. Census
- West Residential Hall Operational on Campus
- UVI PhD Residency in India
- UVI Human Resources Professionals serve as Certified TSA Trusted Agents
- UVI Music Department Hosts Successful Community Concerts
- Greatness Through Innovation Strategic Plan
- MSNBC Correspondent Joy-Ann Reid selected as Commencement 2019 Keynote Speaker
- Two recipients of the Honorary Doctoral Degrees: Mr. Cornel Williams (st. Thomas) Dr. Simon B. Jones-Hendrickson (St. Croix)

President's Appreciation Award

During this past fiscal year, we witnessed a significant increase in the number of external awards received by the University from various federal agencies for research projects and other programs. For fiscal year 2018, UVI received \$19.3 Million in externally funded grants and contract awards as compared to the prior fiscal year of \$7.7 Million. This substantial increase is due to the hard work, creativity and dedication of numerous Principal Investigators at UVI. Our faculty researchers have made a significant contribution to this increase as well as other administrators and teaching faculty. UVI continues to be ranked among the top institutions in regards to external research dollars in comparison to its peer and aspirational peers and this result has been consistent over the years. This significant achievement has occurred despite the fact that the University's research infrastructure needs to be enhanced.

In recognition of the outstanding contributions of the Principal Investigators to the University of the Virgin Islands, the President's Appreciation Award for this period was presented to the following Principal Investigators.

Chairman Smock thanked President Hall for his report and opened the floor for questions and comments from the members of the board.

Members expressed excitement and satisfaction regarding the free tuition policy and indicated that they were pleased with the progress thus far. They all looked forward to the implementation.

RTPARK UPDATE REPORT

Executive Director Peter Chapman updated the Board on the RTPark's progress in regards to business development and compliance, revenue generation and contributions to UVI, the redevelopment of the 64 West Center, the vision for the future and potential new programmatic opportunities, and organizational redevelopment and staffing.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.....Henry C, Smock

Ratification of Action Taken by the Executive Committee

A resolution was presented to ratify the actions taken in Regular Session by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands for the Board. Article VI, Section 1 (a) of the Bylaws of the University of the Virgin Islands states in part, "The Executive Committee may act for the Board between Board meetings, in the event of emergencies requiring Board action. that section of the Bylaws further states, "The Executive Committee shall report to the Board at its next meeting on all actions taken by it, and the Board shall ratify or revoke such action. The Executive Committee approved the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget for the University and was now seeking ratification by the full board.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Moorhead, which was seconded by Trustee Roebuck to approve the resolution to ratify the action taken by the Executive Committee. The vote on the motion was unanimous by all the members present. The resolution was approved.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE.....Alexander A. Moorhead

The Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee reported that The Finance and Budget Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees the approval of:

- a. Undergraduate and graduate tuition rates effective fall 2019 for additional entities of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (the OECS) (i.e., BVI, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, and Dominica) students under the terms of individual Memorandum of Understanding.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Moorhead, which was seconded by Trustee Quelch, to approve the undergraduate and graduate tuition rates as outlined in the resolution. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The resolution was approved.

- b. Individual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UVI and DSC, between UVI and ACC, and between UVI and HLSCC.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Moorhead, which was seconded by Trustee Roebuck, to approve the individual MOU between UVI and DSC, between UVI and ACC, and between UVI and HLSCC as outlined in the resolution. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The resolution was approved.

The Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee reported that the committee voted to recommend approval of the resolution authorizing submission of the FY 2020 appropriation request for operating expenses, debt service, mandated and miscellaneous programs.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Moorhead, which was seconded by Trustee Quelch, to approve Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriation Request as outlined in the resolution. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The resolution was approved.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.....Henry C. Smock

Chairman Smock reported that the Governance Committee reviewed the trusteeship of two candidates for the status of trustee emeritus:

- Mrs. Jennifer Nugent-Hill
- Mr. Edward E. Thomas

After review, the committee approved both candidates and recommending to the full board that they be approved for trustee emeritus status. The resolutions are being presented.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Moorhead, which was seconded by Trustee Roebuck, to approve Jennifer Nugent-Hill for trustee emeritus status as outlined in the resolution. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The resolution was approved.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Moorhead, which was seconded by Trustee Quelch, to approve Edward E. Thomas for trustee emeritus status as outlined in the resolution. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The resolution was approved.

PLANNING COMMITTEE.....Oran C. Roebuck

Key Performance Indicators

Trustee Roebuck reported that the Committee received a report on the Key Performance Indicators as linked to the Institution's New Strategic Plan, Greatness through Innovation. The report focused primarily on the Safety Indicators, Financial Indicators and Research Indicators.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:00 p.m., a motion was made by Vice Chairman Moorhead, which was seconded by Trustee Roebuck, 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(s), and for the Board to obtain legal advice on these matters:

1. Receive a report from the Executive Committee;
2. Receive a report from the Finance and Budget Committee;
3. Update on Legal Matters; and
4. Report on personnel matters from the President.

The Board took a short recess prior to the start of the Executive Session. The Executive Session convened at 12:05p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon return to the Regular Session of the Meeting at 1:07 p.m., the Chair reported the following: The Board

- Approved the Minutes from October 27, 2018. The vote on the matter was unanimous.
- Ratified action taken by the Executive Committee in Executive Session. The vote on the matter was unanimous.
- Authorized a settlement regarding personnel matter. The vote on the matter was: Votes in favor- Trustees Smock, Moorhead, Hall, Berry-Benjamin,Hamilton, Quelch and Roebuck
Abstention – Trustee Sprauve
- Authorized the Administration to pursue a Sub-Lease. The vote on the matter was unanimous.
- Received an update regarding Legal Matters
- Received a Report on Personnel matters.

The Chairman thanked the Board for their participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be considered in the Regular Session, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.