

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College  
February 20, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. in the *Board Room* of the *Osborne Administration Building*, Vernon, Texas with the following present: Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman, and Mr. Gene Heatly, Vice-Chairman. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Bob Ferguson, Mr. Norman Brints, Mr. Irl Holt, and Mrs. Joanie Rogers. Absent was Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary.

Others present were Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, President, and Deans: Mr. Garry David, Mr. Joe Hite, Mr. John Hardin, III, and Dr. Gary Don Harkey. Also present were: Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Director of Institutional Advancement/Executive Director, Vernon College Foundation; Mrs. Betsy Harkey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Mrs. Shana Munson, Associate Dean, Career & Technical Education; Mrs. Melissa Elliott, Director of Financial Aid; Mr. Chris Bell, Director of Campus Police; Mrs. Mindi Flynn, General Ledger Accountant; Mrs. Christie Lehman, Coordinator of Marketing & Alumni Relations; Mrs. Criquett Lehman, Director of Quality Enhancement; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guests present were Mr. Mitch Grant, *City of Vernon*, and Ms. Noelle Wiehe, from *The Vernon Daily Record*.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The Consent Agenda was unanimous.

### Action Item A

Mr. Garry David presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of January 31, 2013*. Mr. Brints made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item B

Mr. Heatly made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to approve the *Independent Auditor to Conduct the Annual Audit for the Year Ending August 31, 2013*. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item C

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers to approve the *2013-2014 Academic Calendar*. The motion carried unanimously.

### Action Item D

Mr. Mitch Grant was present for any questions regarding the following motion. Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Heatly to table the *Tax Abatement Request from Vernon Real Estate, LLC*. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

### President's Report/Board Discussion Items

Dr. Johnston gave an update on the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislative Session. The President testified about Article 3 at a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Appropriations. In addition to Vernon College, Panola College and Howard College also testified as representatives of small community colleges. Medium and large community colleges representatives testified as well. The testimonies were good and our Texas Association of Community Colleges leadership team is still negotiating with the Senate Finance Committee about our suggested new funding model.

Dr. Johnston discussed the possibility of a tuition and fee increase proposal. The decision should be made in March before the catalog goes to print.

Dr. Johnston mentioned that representatives of Three Rivers Systems were on campus to demonstrate their product, CAMS, an Enterprise Resource Planning System. He is receiving feedback from the staff who participated. No decision was made and other systems will be explored before any action is taken.

Mrs. Munson presented the Non-Credit Course Report for Quarter 1. The College receives funding from the state for these courses. One thousand two hundred and fifteen (1,215) students were served during the first quarter - September through November. One hundred and twenty-four (124) courses were taught which resulted in 63,520 contact hours. The average age of individuals participating was 37.

Dr. Johnston noted that the College is supporting area county stock shows by attending and sponsoring trophies, program advertisements, etc.

Dr. Johnston presented the Philanthropic Report/Outside Grants Report.

Dr. Johnston presented the minutes from the Vernon College Faculty/Staff/Student Organizations – Exhibits

- (1) Employee forum

Closed Session: Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to go into closed session at 12:20 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Subchapter 551.074 to discuss personnel and 551.072 – Real Estate. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session: Mrs. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to reconvene at 12:45 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brints made the motion, seconded by Mr. Heatly to approve the following personnel actions. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Employment

- (1) Joanna Van Sant, ADN Instructor – Century City Center, effective January 14, 2013 with an annual salary of \$36,940
- (2) Clinton Armstrong, Grounds Technician – Vernon, effective February 11, 2013 with an annual salary of \$21,165

B. Resignations

- (1) Jeffrey Rumminger, coordinator of Community and Recreational Services – Century City Campus, effective February 11, 2013
- (2) Wesley Kajs, Grounds Technician – Vernon Campus, effective January 25, 2013
- (3) Tina Nava, Custodial Technician – Vernon Campus, effective January 31, 2013
- (4) Valerie M. Armstrong, Head Volleyball Coach – Vernon Campus, effective February 22, 2013
- (5) Michelle Osunbor, Assistant Volleyball Coach/Resident Assistant – Vernon Campus, effective February 22, 2013

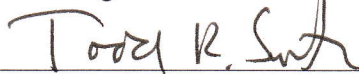
Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers to approve the following as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Consider Extension of Deans' and Associate Deans' Contracts (September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2015)

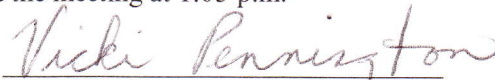
Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Heatly to approve the following as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Conduct Evaluation of College President and Consider Extending Contract for one additional year (September 1, 2013- August 31, 2016)

There being no further business Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.



Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman



Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary