

MINUTES

Special/Emergency Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College

March 20, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12:00 Noon in the *Board Room* of the *Osborne Administration Building*, Vernon, Texas with the following present: Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman, Mr. Norman Brints, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary. Other board members in attendance were, Mr. Bob Ferguson, Mr. Irl Holt, and Mrs. Ann Wilson. Absent was Mrs. Anne Spears. Others present were Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, President, and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guests present were Ms. Kathy McClellan of *KVWC Radio Station*, and Mr. Daniel Walker of the *Vernon Daily Record*.

Also in attendance and seated outside the board room in the waiting area were, Dr. Elizabeth Crandall, Vice President of Instruction; Dr. James Nordone, Vice President of Student Services/Admissions and Financial Aid; Mr. Garry David, Vice President of Administration; Ms. Betsy Harkey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Mrs. Shana Drury, Dean of Instructional Services; and Mr. Joey Lama, Maintenance Supervisor.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

President's Report/Board Discussion – Dr. Johnston started the discussion by updating the Board on Vernon College's preparedness and altered operation efforts. He stated Vernon College has five strategic objectives:

1. To protect the health and safety of our students and employees
2. To be prepared by Monday, March 30, 2020, to begin completing the spring 2020 semester through online, hybrid, and alternate classwork, depending on the type of course, and make up one week of lost instruction time
3. To keep students on track for completion
4. To enable many of the College employees to work remotely, while continuing to provide necessary services, with the remainder of our employees working on site
5. To retain full-time and part-time employees, reduce turnover, increase morale, help employees focus on work, and facilitate future return to normal operations

The Board also reviewed and discussed a resolution providing delegation of authority to the President and accountability expectations during the COVID-19 emergency.

Consider approval of Action Item -


Mr. Brints made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to approve the Resolution making certain delegations of authority to the President as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

There being no further business, Mrs. Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. The motion carried.



Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman


Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary