

MINUTES

Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College March 30, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on March 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the *Osborne Administration Building* for a Special Meeting which was followed by the Regular Board Meeting at 11:30 a.m. with the following present: Mr. Gene Heatly, Chairman, Mr. Bob Ferguson, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Norman Brints, Secretary. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Curtis Graf, Mrs. Sylvia G. Mahoney, Mrs. Vicki Pennington, and Dr. Todd Smith.

Others present were: Dr. Dusty Johnston, President, and Deans: Mr. John Hardin, III, Dr. Gary Don Harkey, Mr. Garry David, and Mr. Joe Hite. Also present were: Mr. Bob Bolton, Associate Dean Administrative Services; Mrs. Melissa Elliott, Director of Financial Aid; Mrs. Haven David, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Sarah Davenport, Assistant Registrar; Mrs. Lois Jablonski, General Ledger Accountant; Mrs. Shana Munson, Associate Dean, Career & Technical Education; Mr. Chris Bell, Director of Campus Police; Mr. Joe Johnston, Division Chair of Communications; Mr. Greg Fowler, Division Chair of Behavior & Social Sciences; Dr. Karen Gragg, Division Chair of Math & Science; Mrs. Rosa Alaniz, Secretary, Financial Aid and President of the Employees Forum; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guests present were Ms. Kathy McClellan, from *The Vernon Daily Record*, and Mr. Taylor Steward, Student Government Association President.

Chairman Heatly called the workshop/special meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Dr. Johnston presented the following agenda for discussion of the workshop:

1. Budget Workshop – discussion of Tuition and Fee Increase
2. Personnel – Closed Session

Closed Session: Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Graf to go into closed session at 11:02 a.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Subchapter 551.074 to discuss personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session: Mrs. Mahoney made the motion, seconded by Mr. Graf to reconvene at 11:55 a.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: None

Chairman Heatly called the regular meeting to order at 11:58 a.m.

Mrs. Mahoney made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Pennington to accept the *Minutes of the February 16, 2011 Regular Meeting* with the notation that Vice-Chairman Ferguson called the workshop/special meeting to order since Chairman Heatly was delayed. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item A

Mr. Garry David presented for consideration of approval the *Financial and Investment Reports as of February 28, 2011*. Mr. Brints made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item B

Mrs. Pennington made the motion, seconded by Dr. Smith to approve the *Student Success Resolution* as presented by Dr. Johnston to show board support and the importance of student success. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item C

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Graf to approve the *2011-2012 Academic Calendar* as presented by Dr. Gary Don Harkey. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item D

Dr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brints to approve the *Room and Board Rates for 2011-2012* as presented by Mr. Garry David. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item E

Mr. Graf made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the *Long Range Strategic Plan Objectives for 2011-2015* as recommended by the College Effectiveness Committee as presented by Dr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item F

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Graf to approve the *Proposed Tuition and Fee Rates for 2011-2012* as presented below by Dr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously.

Tuition	\$/Semester Credit Hour
In- district	46
Out of district	85
Out of state	150

Institutional Service Fee	\$/Semester Credit Hour
Vernon	35
CCC/WF	60
STC/WF	60
SAFB	50
Seymour	50
Internet	50

Also approved were new rates for the following:

Excessive Developmental Course Fee	\$75/Course
Repeated Course Fee	\$75/Course
Departmental Challenge Exam	\$35/Course
Late Registration Fee	\$50

Tuition cost is based on the student’s residency, not the location of classes. The **institutional service fees (ISF)** are based on the campus or location of the class.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

President’s Report/Board Discussion Items:

Dr. Johnston reported on the legislative appropriations update. He also reported the bill to allow students with concealed handgun permits to carry weapons on campus would pass.

Dr. Johnston reported that construction at the baseball field is continuing and plans are coming along on the renovations at Century City Center. Rick Sims met with the different departments for their input.

Dr. Johnston reported that the two-year degree program for Criminal Justice will discontinue due to students finding jobs that didn’t require the degree. Classes for criminal justice and the police academy will still continue to be offered.

Dr. Johnston reported he has a meeting with the retention completion task force later today for their ideas for implementing improvement to retention and completion.

Dr. Johnston reported that funding for skills development grants will be cut.

Dr. Johnston reported the 2011 Online Foundation Auction raised a total of \$5,622, which will be matched on a 1:1 basis by the Foundation and used as grants to our College in the Fall of this year.

Dr. Johnston reminded the Board of the Governance Institute for Student Success meeting will be July 31 thru August 2, 2011 in Fort Worth, TX.

Dr. Johnston called the Board's attention to the upcoming Vernon College events:

- (1) Honors Convocation – Friday, April 15, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
- (2) Phi Theta Kappa Induction – April 21, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. Century City Center campus
- (3) Scholarship Banquet – Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – 5:30 p.m. Colley Student Center
- (4) Sports Banquet – Monday, May 2, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
- (5) Commencement – Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 10:30 a.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
- (6) RN Pinning – Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
- (7) Added April 28 – 30th for the drama production with more information next month.

Mrs. Pennington called Dr. Johnston's attention to the upcoming *Choral Fest 2011 Concert*, Tuesday, April 12 – 7:00 p.m. at the Vernon First Presbyterian Church. The Vernon College Chaparral singers and the Vernon Choral Society will be collaborating with Vernon High School Choir, free admission.

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

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

- (1) Student Forum Meeting Minutes

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

A. Employment

- (1) Jessie Holcomb, Custodial Technician, Vernon Campus, effective March 1, 2011 with an annual salary of \$19,845

B. Retirement

- (1) Larry Holmes, History Instructor, Vernon Campus, effective May 15, 2011
- (2) Larry Lancaster, Grounds Technician, Vernon Campus, effective May 31, 2011
- (3) Joe Foley, Director/Instructor, Protective Services, Century City Center, effective May 31, 2011

C. Termination

- (1) Crystal Kitchin, Custodial Technician, Century City Center/Skills Training Center, effective February 27, 2011

D. Resignation

- (1) Dennis Peterson, LVN Instructor, Century City Center, effective May 31, 2011

E. Consider Reappointment of Faculty for 2011-2012 including additional notion of Division Chairs.

F. Consider Reappointment and/or Extension of Administrative Staff and Classified Staff for 2011-2012

- (1) Administrative Reappointments
- (2) Classified Staff
- (3) Administrative Staff (pending completion of probationary period)
- (4) Classified Staff (pending completion of probationary period)

There being no further business Chairman Heatly adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Mr. Gene Heatly, Chairman

Mr. Norman Brints, Secretary