

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College

March 11, 2015

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 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. Norman Brints, Vice-Chairman. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Irl Holt, Mr. Bob Ferguson, Mrs. Joanie Rogers, and Mrs. Anne Spears. Absent was Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary.

Others present were Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, President, Deans: Garry David, Dr. Gary Don Harkey, and Joe Hite. Also in attendance were Mrs. Shana Drury, Associate Dean of Instructional Services; Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Director of Institutional Advancement/Executive Director, Vernon College Foundation; Betsy Harkey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Mr. Chris Bell, Director of Campus Police; Mrs. Melissa Elliott, Director of Financial Aid; Mrs. Christie Lehman, Coordinator of Marketing & Alumni Relations; Mrs. Mindi Flynn, General Ledger Accountant; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guest present was Mr. Mike Chacanaca of the *Vernon Daily Record*.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Spears to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the February 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting* and the *President's Monthly Travel Expense Report*. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item A

Dean David presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of February 28, 2015*. Mr. Brints made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item B

Mrs. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brints to approve the *Room and Board Rates for 2015-2016* as presented by Dr. Johnston:

<i>Fall</i>	<i>\$500 room</i>	<i>\$1437 meal plan</i>	<i>\$1937 total room and board</i>
<i>Spring</i>	<i>\$500 room</i>	<i>\$1475 meal plan</i>	<i>\$1975 total room and board</i>
<i>Summer</i>	<i>\$200 room</i>	<i>no meal plan</i>	

The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item C

Mr. Holt made *motion #1*, seconded by Mrs. Spears to approve the *Proposed Tuition and Fee rates for 2015-2016* as presented by Dr. Johnston:

Tuition

<i>In-District</i>	<i>\$ 48/SCH</i>
<i>Out-of-District</i>	<i>\$ 95/SCH</i>
<i>Out-of-State</i>	<i>\$160/SCH</i>

Institutional Service Fee (ISF)

<i>Vernon</i>	<i>\$ 40/SCH</i>
<i>CCC/WF</i>	<i>\$ 90/SCH</i>
<i>STC/WF</i>	<i>\$ 90/SCH</i>
<i>Internet</i>	<i>\$ 90/SCH</i>
<i>SAFB</i>	<i>\$ 60/SCH</i>
<i>Seymour</i>	<i>\$ 60/SCH</i>

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ferguson made *motion #2*, seconded by Mr. Brints to approve to exempt out of district dual credit high school students from institutional service fees and special course fees and these students only be charged tuition of \$95 per semester credit hour beginning the 2015 fall semester. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item D

Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Spears to accept the *Resale Bids and Quitclaim Deeds for properties held in trust by the taxing entities located at 1101 Strahan, Vernon, TX* for the bid amount of \$700. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

Board Input/Discussion – No input or questions to discuss.

Legislative Update – Dr. Johnston reported on the House and Senate appropriation bills. He thought the concealed weapon bill would probably prevail and pass. Regarding community college funding, the President stated there might be a slight increase in total funding. As for Vernon College, he does not see losing any state funding but cannot give the Board a number until the session ends. He also discussed his concerns with universities offering little or no cost tuition for dual credit, which makes it difficult for community colleges to compete.

Foundation On-Line Auction Update – Mrs. Christie Lehman reported the Foundation's on-line auction was a success. Payments are still coming in and she will have a number to present at the next meeting. There was good participation from both Vernon and Wichita Falls communities and businesses. Approximately 400 items were in the auction this year. The money raised is matched one to one by the Vernon College Foundation and then awarded to College departments through a mini-grant process.

Student Success Data Fact – Mrs. Harkey presented the data fact: Graduation Persistence and Retention Rate. This compares Vernon College data with other community colleges in Texas that are part of Vernon College's cohort. Most of the information comes from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The comparison shows an increase that meets the benchmark we have set for *at or above* other small colleges.

Dr. Johnston presented the Upcoming Events:

- (1) Easter Eggstravaganza – Thursday April 2, 2015 – 5:30 p.m. Vernon Campus
- (2) Phi Theta Kappa Induction – Thursday, April 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Skills Training Center
- (3) Board of Trustees meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 11:30 a.m. Vernon Campus
- (4) Vernon College Foundation Board meeting – Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 11:00 a.m. Sumner Conference Room – Century City Center
- (5) Honors Convocation – Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Empire Room, Wilbarger Auditorium
- (6) Scholarship Banquet – Tuesday, April 28, 2015 – 5:30 p.m. Colley Student Center
- (7) Sports Banquet – Monday, May 4, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Wilbarger Auditorium
- (8) Vernon College Theatre Ensemble Spring production, "Yankee Tavern" May 7-10, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. Auditorium – Osborne Administration Building, Vernon Campus
- (9) Commencement – Saturday, May 16, 2015 – 10:30 a.m. Wilbarger Auditorium

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

Personnel –

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

A. Retirement

- (1) Kathryn Nault – Vocational Nursing Instructor – Century City Center, effective May 31, 2015.
- (2) Paula Brogdon – Cosmetology Instructor – Century City Center, effective August 2, 2015.
- (3) Gene Frommelt – Media Specialist – Vernon Campus, effective August 31, 2015

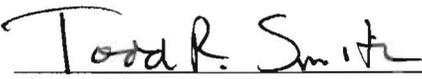
- B. Consider Reappointment of Faculty for 2015-2016
- C. Consider Reappointment and/or Extension of Administrative Staff and Classified Staff for 2015-2016
 - (1) Administrative Reappointments
 - (2) Classified Staff Reappointments
 - (3) Administrative (pending completion of probation)
 - (4) Classified (pending completion of probation)

Closed Session: Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt to go into closed session at 12:07 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Subchapter 551.074, to discuss personnel or other items under this section of the Texas Government Code, Texas Open Meetings Act. The motion carried unanimously.

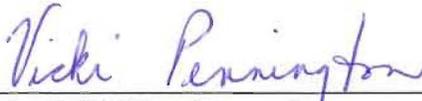
Open Session: Mr. Ferguson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brints to reconvene at 12:50 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Action – None

There being no further business Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.



Dr. Todd Smith, Chairman



Mrs. Vicki Pennington, Secretary