

MINUTES

Regular Meeting BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vernon College
March 13, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Vernon College met on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. in the *Board Room* of the *Osborne Administration Building*, Vernon, Texas with the following present: Mr. Bob Ferguson – Chairman; Mrs. Ann Wilson – Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Betsy Smith – Secretary. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Irl Holt, Mrs. Jamie Chapman, and Mr. James Brock. Absent was Mrs. Meg Heatly.

Others present were Dr. Dusty Johnston, President; Mrs. Shana Drury, Vice President of Instructional Services; Dr. Criquett Chapman, Vice President of Student Services; Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Director of Institutional Assessment, Planning, and Effectiveness/SACSCOC Liaison; Mr. Jeff Hass, Campus Police Officer; and Ms. Mary King, Administrative Secretary to the President. Guests present were Mr. Daryl Wolf, *upcoming new Board Member* and Mr. Mike Chacanaca of the *Vernon Daily Record*.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda containing the *Minutes of the February 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting* and the *President's Monthly Travel Expense Report*. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – No one was present to make comments.

Action Item A

Dr. Johnston presented the *Financial and Investment Reports as of February 29, 2024*. Mrs. Chapman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holt, to approve the Vernon College year to date and monthly financial and investment reports as presented by the President. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item B

Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brock, to approve the *Certification of Unopposed Candidates* and issue an *Order of Cancellation* for the *Election of Vernon College Board of Trustees Place #5, Place #6, and Place #7 scheduled to be held on May 4, 2024 cancelled, and the unopposed candidates elected – Place #5 – Ann Wilson, Place #6 – Bob Ferguson, and Place #7 – Daryl Wolf* as presented by Dr. Dusty Johnston. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Report/Board Discussion Items

Board comments/discussion –

Dr. Johnston reported that the Vernon College Associate Degree Nursing program has been preparing and working hard for over a year for a site visit by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). This on-site visit for review and interviews took place on February 20-22 with a very positive outcome. The program needed to be in compliance in five different components and they found us to be compliant in all five. The process will go through reviews within their accreditation body before we hear back on our official status. Kudos to Dr. Mary Rivard and her team on their hard work.

Student Success Data Fact –

Spring 2024 Enrollment Snapshot – Dr. Beauchamp presented a handout of a Dashboard Sneak Peek on the Spring 2024 Enrollment Snapshot. This will soon be available *live* on the Vernon College website. The snapshot will give information on student demographics, locations and trends. It will be a good resource tool to have available at any time for many uses.

History of Vernon College Focus on Student Success – Dr. Beauchamp presented the History of Vernon College Focus on Student Success. The historical listing begins with Fall 2019 to the current Spring 2024. This document goes back as far as Fall 2009 when it began. Every department or division continually list initiatives, implementation and processes to improve student success.

Dr. Johnston presented the Reminder of Upcoming Events:

- (1) Easter Eggstravaganza – photos with Easter Bunny and Chappie – Tuesday, March 26, 2024 4:00 – 5:30 pm – Vernon Campus
- (2) Vernon College Theater production – *Who Murdered Who* – April 4-6, 2024 – 7:00 pm Vernon College Auditorium
- (3) Board of Trustees meeting – Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – 11:30 am Vernon Campus
- (4) Vernon College Foundation Board meeting – Thursday, April 18, 2024 – 10:00 am – CCC
- (5) Honors Convocation – Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 6:00 pm – MPEC, Wichita Falls
- (6) Sports Banquet – Monday, May 6, 2024 – 6:30 pm – Wilbarger Auditorium
- (7) Commencement – Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:00 pm – Kay Yeager Coliseum, Wichita Falls
 - 4:30 pm Graduate Check-in – All students
 - 5:30 pm Board members, faculty, staff, and students prepare for entrance
 - 6:00 pm Graduation – All students
- (8) ADN Pinning – Friday, May 10, 2024 – 10:30 am – Wilbarger Auditorium

Dr. Johnston presented the Philanthropic Report/Outside Grants Report

There were no minutes from Faculty/Staff/Student Organizations.

Personnel

Mr. Brock made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the personnel changes as recommended by Dr. Johnston and detailed on item 6 Personnel Information Sheet. The motion carried unanimously.


1. Employment
 - a. Candace Adams, Vernon ISD Health Occupations Instructor – Vernon High School, effective March 4, 2024
 - b. Amanda Crow, LVN Instructor – CCC, effective March 25, 2024
2. Resignation
 - a. Michelle Twilligear, LVN Instructor, effective February 29, 2024
 - b. Stephanie Humberd, EMS Instructor, effective March 15, 2024
3. Consider Reappointment of Faculty for 2024-2025
 - a. Faculty Reappointments
 - b. Faculty (pending completion of probation)


Closed Session: Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Smith to go into closed session at 12:05 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: Mrs. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, to reconvene at 12:25 p.m. in open session. The motion carried unanimously.

No Action

There being no further business Mr. Holt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.


Mr. Bob Ferguson, Chairman


Mrs. Betsy Smith, Secretary