

MINUTES OF MEETING

IVY TECH STATE COLLEGE – WHITEWATER RICHMOND/CONNERSVILLE REGION 9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 3, 2002

The October 3, 2002, Board of Trustees meeting was held in Room 206 at the Ivy Tech Connersville Instructional/Technology Center, 717 West 21st Street, Connersville. Board Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board Chair Gibson thanked those in attendance for accommodating the request to meet at the Connersville location. Meeting in Connersville will allow those interested in participating in the Whitewater Technical Career Center (WTCC) “open house” the opportunity. Chair Gibson, on behalf of the Fayette County School Corporation, expressed the appreciation they have for their partnership with Ivy Tech.

Trustees Roll Call

Present: Trustee Rebecca Gibson, Trustee Ellen Bennett, Trustee Malcolm Miles, and Trustee Steven Slonaker. Absent: Trustee Boyd Huff, Trustee James Koons, and Trustee David Stidham.

Also in attendance were State Trustee William Goins, Chancellor James Steck, Roger Bingham, Kara Monroe, Diana Pappin, Sabrina Pennington, Kim Thurlow, Steve Tincher and Stella Davis. Guest: Darrell Smith, Connersville News-Examiner.

Notice of Meeting

Formal notice of the meeting was verified.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibson called for action on minutes of the August 8, 2002, Board meeting. Trustee Slonaker made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed; Trustee Bennett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Business Office Financial Reports

Chair Gibson called for approval of the Business Office Financial Reports. Roger Bingham, Executive Director of Finance/Facilities, reviewed the July Financial Report for fiscal year closing. A number of purchase orders over \$5,000 were listed for utilities and initial large purchases for the new fiscal year. The August Financial Report was reviewed with an explanation on how other revenue and distance education will be reported each month. Trustee Bennett made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented to the Board; Trustee Slonaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman’s Report - Foundation Committee

Diana Pappin, Executive Director of Development, distributed a graph illustrating the 2002-03 Foundation plan. Trustee Huff chairs the Foundation Committee with Trustee Gibson and Trustee Stidham serving on that committee. The Committee has established a \$1 million campaign. Campaign

chair is Pete Wickman, Belden; and co-chairs are Tony Gillam, Gillam and Zetzl Accountants, and David Osburn, Richmond Power and Light. Part of the \$1 million campaign is an EDIT grant request for \$500,000 that will be addressed at the Economic Development Council Board meeting next week. The request will likely be approved at some level of funding over a two-year period beginning in 2003 and with some stipulations. The request for the EDIT grant has drawn recognition to the important role that Ivy Tech plays in workforce and economic development.

Diana Pappin continued by announcing that in addition to the Johnson Family donations that resulted in naming the new, three-story building Johnson Hall, the Region had recently received another significant pledge from Ron McDaniel that will result in the naming of the existing facility to McDaniel Hall. The official naming of the building will occur after the complete fulfillment of the pledge. Ron McDaniel's connection to the College is through another donor, Joe Meyer, who worked with Ron McDaniel. Joe Meyer is also an alumnus.

Continuing with the Foundation report, Diana Pappin reported that a meeting was held with the Mosey family regarding the NW 5th Street facility that was their gift to the College several years ago. After Johnson Hall is built and the renovation completed to McDaniel Hall, the laboratories in Mosey Hall will be moved to the main campus and the industrial lab area in McDaniel Hall will be known as the Mosey Technology Center, to carry over the name from Mosey Hall.

Diana Pappin reported on the September 20 kick-off for the employee campaign where information on the Lilly II initiative was shared—along with the “brick” selling promotion. Through the creativity of employee Rob Smoker, a fountain—called the Fountain of Opportunity—was created. Bricks purchased by employees will be used in the building of the fountain that will be located on the first floor of the new building, Johnson Hall. To-date (10/3), 42 bricks and 4 caps have been purchased. At the kick-off campaign, two endowed scholarship opportunities were also announced. The endowed scholarships were established in honor of two faculty members, Peggy Berrier and Idris Bond.

An update on grant initiatives included the \$25,000 grant received from Verizon for a portable computer lab that will be utilized by the new adult basic computer literacy program, and the Wayne County Foundation \$60,000 grant submitted in partnership with the RWC Chamber of Commerce and EDC for the exploration of an instrument to be used as a common language between business and education in assessing work skills (this initiative is a spin off of the NCHEMS report referencing Work Keys).

Chairman's Report – Nominating Committee

Trustee Slonaker, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of 2002-03 Board officers as approved at the August 8 Board meeting: Trustee Gibson, Chair; Trustee Bennett, Vice-Chair; and Trustee Slonaker, Secretary. Trustee Slonaker made a motion to vote in the slate of officers for 2002-03; Trustee Miles seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Report

Chancellor Steck thanked those trustees who have hosted Ivy Tech Story presentations, Trustee Miles and Trustee Huff in Liberty; Trustee Slonaker in Centerville, and Trustee Stidham in Richmond. The presentations were well received.

Chancellor Steck called on Sabrina Pennington, Dean of Student Affairs, to report on fall enrollment. Current enrollment figures were compared with Fall 2001 end-of-term numbers: regional total HC (1557 HC) is down 7.4% and total FTE (744.77 FTE) is up 1.5%. A breakdown of Richmond and Connersville enrollment was reviewed. Chancellor Steck noted that due to the full capacity of the regional facilities, it is not reasonable to expect significant enrollment growth in the future until new facilities come online. The Region has set an objective to sustain rather than increase enrollment.

Chancellor Steck called on Steve Tincher, Dean of Academic Affairs, for an instructional report. The Verizon grant funding of \$24,000 was used to purchase a wireless PC lab that will be utilized for the adult basic computer literacy program. The wireless lab can be used on or off campus. The new program will offer a one-credit and two-credit course that can cluster into CIS 101, a three-credit intro class. Dean Tincher also reported that the Region is expanding its general education component. Additional general education course curriculums, Spanish I and II, have been sent to IU East as transfer possibilities. The NLNAC, National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, statewide accreditation visit will be October 21-25. Richmond is not scheduled for a site visit by the evaluating team.

Chancellor Steck called on Kim Thurlow, Executive Director of Corporate & Community Services, for an update. A report on CCS open enrollment was distributed. Tremendous growth through open enrollment offerings has been experienced during the past year. New CCS catalogs were also distributed.

Chancellor Steck called on Roger Bingham, Executive Director of Finance/Facilities, to provide an update on facilities. A chronological listing on heating, ventilation and air conditioning repair history was distributed. Significant problems and repeats of trouble were reported due to old buildings and poor equipment at the facilities. Air quality was not affected but comfort was an issue.

Chancellor Steck distributed and reviewed a copy of the new mission statement for the College. It was noted that “community college” is now a part of the statement along with the word of “professional.” The last sentence of the mission statement adds a strong emphasis on economic development. The College is now looking at the strategic planning process. For our Region strategic planning is already an on-going practice. The College wants to get the Boards of Trustees more involved in strategic planning.

Chancellor Steck reported on the recent reciprocity meeting (approximately 22 institutions were represented). There was dialogue of the Commission for Higher Education with the Ohio Board of Regents before the meeting. Both seem in favor of reciprocity agreement. It is important to our Region because some institutions have already begun this process unofficially (Edison Community College is advertising in-state tuition in an agreement with IU East). Reciprocity agreements could be established statewide, but not likely; or among institutions in bordering counties or institution-to-institution.

Chancellor Steck reported that the enrollment change funding amount identified to the general assembly for Ivy Tech is close to \$25 million (of the \$40 million total for the seven state institutions). Realizing this appropriation may well be a challenge for the College. Additionally, the College just received a letter from the State Auditor that the one-month of state appropriations held (payment delay) cannot be accrued as a liability by the State and consequently the institutions should not accrue a receivable. This could have a severe impact on the financial statement/fiscal condition of Ivy Tech.

Chancellor Steck distributed a draft copy of information on the development of the Learning Corporation by the Chamber of Commerce and Wayne County Foundation. The Learning Corporation was a recommendation in the NCHEMS study. It is not known how this organization will work with the Chamber’s Business Education Liaison Program or at what authority level within the school systems. Aims McGuinness will be in Richmond on October 29 to consult with the Learning Corporation Board and meet with the general public.

Action Items

Action on the slate of 2002-03 Board officers was conducted during the Nominating Committee report.

Information Items

Board Chair Gibson reported that State Trustee William Goins is now Vice Chair of the State Board of Trustees. Francis Lueken Jr., from Evansville area, is the new State Board Chairman.

State Trustee Goins encouraged the regional trustees to attend the Annual Trustees and Directors meeting on October 11 and to meet the new State Trustees. It is a time to share the importance of getting the Richmond building project approved and making the connections to move the project forward. Debt service is not one lump sum but occurs over 15 years. The State needs to approve a couple of capital projects which in turn will be good for the economy.

Trustee Slonaker commented that the Region should consider looking at the Reid Hospital facility as a possible location for instruction since Reid will be moving to a new building.

Chancellor Steck presented framed reappointment certificates to Trustee Rebecca Gibson and Trustee Ellen Bennett.

Trustee Bennett expressed her appreciation for the inclusion of the Trustees at the annual employee inservice for the presentation from David Ponitz.

Future Meetings and Important Dates

The State Board of Trustees meeting will be held on October 10 in Indianapolis. The Annual Trustees and Directors Conference will be held on October 11 at Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis.

A Trustees Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for November 14 at Forest Hills. Invitations will be mailed to trustees.

The next Region 9 Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2002, 4 p.m., Ivy Tech Annex.

Adjournment

Trustee Slonaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Bennett seconded the motion. There being no further business, Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Rebecca Gibson, Chairperson

P. Steven Slonaker, Secretary

Dated December 5, 2002

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