

MINUTES OF MEETING

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana Region 9 Board of Trustees

December 8, 2005

The December 8, 2005, Board of Trustees meeting was held in the Ivy Tech Annex boardroom, 2230 Chester Boulevard, Richmond.

Chancellor Steck opened the Executive Session and brought forward the item for discussion. The Executive Session was closed to faculty, staff and the public, but official minutes of the meeting were recorded. The Executive Session was closed.

Chair Gibson called the regular meeting of the Region 9 Board of Trustees to order at 4:30 p.m.

Trustees Roll Call

Trustees Present: Rebecca Gibson, James Koons, Malcolm Miles and Steven Slonaker

Trustees Absent: Ellen Bennett, Joe Meyer and David Stidham

Also in attendance: State Trustee William Goins, Chancellor James Steck, Kara Monroe, Diana Pappin, Sabrina Pennington, Steve Tincher and Stella Davis

Notice of Meeting

Formal notice of the meeting was verified.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibson called for action on minutes of the October 6, 2005, Board meeting. Trustee Koons made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed; Trustee Slonaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Business Office Financial Report

Chair Gibson called for approval of the Business Office Financial Report. Kara Monroe, executive director of finance, facilities and information technology, referred to the September 30, 2005, report. Operations fund remaining balance was \$3,317,383. Percent of other revenue received was 18.5% with 25% of the year passed. Student fees are in line with previous year. Sponsored programs section has a new column, "End Date." DNR Working Trees program ends December 2005, and we are in the process of using those funds. The contingency status for Johnson Hall balance remains at zero due to the unsettled claim to LW Clinton. The planning and construction for McDaniel Hall balance is \$910,042 with \$411,628 in contingency status. The Region is pleased with the progress on the McDaniel Hall project.

Trustee Koons made a motion to approve the financial report as presented to the Board; Trustee Miles seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman s Report Foundation Committee

Diana Pappin, executive director of resource development and public relations, presented an update on the committee's work on the Lilly Phase 2 project. The project challenge is to raise \$142,800, and the committee has identified an area of focus. A tentative pledge was received for the naming of the auditorium and a scholarship is planned to honor Eva Blakemore, which amounts to \$115,055 raised toward the \$142,800 goal. The project will be opened up to the employee community to participate with contributions toward the match.

Chairman s Report Nominating Committee

Trustee Slonaker, chairman of the nominating committee, announced that there will be one Board position with an expiring term in June 2006; the labor position held by Trustee Koons. The committee will contact Trustee Koons regarding this matter and will begin to address position nominations at the February meeting.

Administrative Report

Chancellor Steck called on Sabrina Pennington, dean of student affairs, for an enrollment update. Region 9 fall FTE statistics for December 8, 2000 – 2005 were charted and reflect a 60.24% of increase. For the same time period, fall 2000-2005, there was a 34.18% of increase in headcount. Fall semester enrollment as of December 8 was 1947 headcount, up 1.1%, and 1024.8 FTE, up 7.6%, from 2004 fall end-of-term. Spring enrollment as of December 8, 2005, was 1337 headcount, up 11.2%, and 760.57 FTE, up 14.5%, compared to same date last year. The General Studies program continues to have the largest enrollment.

Dean Pennington continued with the results of the CCSSE (Community College Survey of Student Engagement). This survey focuses on retention, student learning, and student experience. The benchmark factors are: active and collaborative learning, student effort, academic challenge, student-faculty interaction, and support of learners. The survey results indicate that the Region is doing a good job serving students. Survey results were charted and reflected that Region 9 is above the national and Ivy Tech college-wide averages and ranks in the top three Regions on each factor.

Chancellor Steck called on Steve Tincher, dean of academic affairs, for a NAIT update. The Region's technology division programs received full (six-year) accreditation from NAIT, National Association of Industrial Technology. The department's chair and program chairs were recognized for their contributions in receiving the accreditation.

Dean Tincher continued with a report on STAC, Statewide Transfer and Articulation Committee. The committee is discussing electronic transfer in high schools and looking to promote this service in colleges. Under consideration is new transfer legislation, to become effective July 2007, with a common library core of 70 courses and 12 program articulations transferable among public institutions. There is also an initiative with regards to dual credit and the recommendation that all public institutions will accept dual credit; currently Purdue University does not.

Chancellor Steck called on Kara Monroe, executive director of finance, facilities and information technology, for a bookstore announcement. Kara Monroe announced that the 9th Edition bookstore will officially open in Johnson Hall on Monday, January 12, at 8 a.m. Bookstore hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. We are excited to be able to serve our students at our new bookstore.

Chancellor Steck shared that the College is working on a new statewide strategic plan. An overarching five-year goal was created: “To increase the number of program completions by 50% over the next five years (09-10 over 04-05), across-the-board on a statewide basis: 50% increase in technical certificates, 50% increase in associate degrees, 50% increase in other, industry-recognized certifications, and 50% increase in successful transfers to four-year institutions of pre-baccalaureate students, all within the context of a “balanced scorecard.” This would mean an increase of about 8.5% each year. Region 9’s annual plan will be reviewed and revised to fold into the new strategic plan for the College. The new statewide strategic plan is still in working draft format but something concrete should be available by the February Board meeting.

Chancellor Steck announced that Ivy Tech, and community colleges, was the feature article in “Community College Week”—Ivy Tech was on the front page. Community colleges are the fastest growing educational institution. The College is getting good national exposure.

Chancellor Steck also announced that Kara Monroe successfully defended her dissertation and earned her doctorate.

Action Items

None

Discussion Items

Trustee Slonaker asked how the potential move of local high schools to trimesters would affect Ivy Tech. Dean Tincher answered that there are two components to consider, college based dual credit and high school based dual credits; and a move to trimesters should not impact either.

Information Items

Chair Gibson called on Kara Monroe, facilities director, for an update on the construction projects. Kara Monroe shared:

Update on Phase 1, Johnson Hall: This should be the last update on Johnson Hall. The auditorium seating has been completed. All flooring except floor mats on stair landings have been completed. Furniture delivery is scheduled for December 12, employees should move in week of December 17, and classes should re-open in Johnson Hall in January.

Update on Phase 2, McDaniel Hall: A major component of the building project is the move of the automotive lab during Christmas break. Project is still going well.

An employee celebration was held for the dedication of the “Fountain of Opportunity” in Johnson Hall.

Future Meetings and Important Dates

The State Board of Trustees meeting will be held on December 14-15, 2005, in Indianapolis.

The next Region 9 Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2006, at Johnson Hall.

Board members were reminded of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast on January 16, 2006, 7 a.m., at the Holiday Inn in Richmond. RSVPs were due to Stella Davis by December 9.

The date for the Richmond Wayne-County Chamber Annual Dinner was announced. The annual dinner will be held on January 21, 2006. Details and RSVP information will be e-mailed to Board members when available.

Adjournment

State Trustee Goins offered a “thank you” to the Region for all the support given to him when he receives questions or complaints from members of the community. He appreciates the professional manner in which these matters are addressed.

Chair Gibson announced that she would not be attending the February Region 9 Board meeting due to job training. She again recognized Kim Thurlow for her assistance in coordinating this training opportunity between Ivy Tech and Roots.

Trustee Slonaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Koons seconded the motion. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Rebecca A. Gibson, Chairperson

P. Steven Slonaker, Secretary

Approved February 2, 2006

Prepared by Stella Davis CPS/CAP, Recording Secretary