

MINUTES OF MEETING

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana Region 9 Board of Trustees

February 2, 2006

The February 2, 2006, Board of Trustees meeting was held in the Ivy Tech Johnson Hall administrative board room, 2357 Chester Boulevard, Richmond. Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Trustees Roll Call

Trustees Present: Ellen Bennett, Rebecca Gibson, Joe Meyer, Malcolm Miles, Steven Slonaker and David Stidham

Trustees Absent: James Koons

Guest: Darrell Smith, Connersville News-Examiner

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

Notice of Meeting

Formal notice of the meeting was verified.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the December 8, 2006, Executive Session were distributed. Chair Gibson called for action on the minutes. A request was made for future discussion on the statement that “the Region is fairly pleased with the outcome of the mediation process” when the negotiations are complete and outcomes presented to the Board. Trustee Bennett made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Trustee Miles seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Gibson called for action on minutes of the December 8, 2006, Board meeting. Trustee Stidham made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed; Trustee Meyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Business Office Financial Reports

Chair Gibson called for approval of the Business Office Financial Reports. Kara Monroe, executive director of finance, facilities and information technology, presented financial reports for October, November and December 2005. The October 31, 2005, financial report reflected a \$3,264,436 balance in operations fund. The Region was in a satisfactory range financially with the construction projects. Purchases orders over \$5,000 were listed.

The November 30, 2005, report reflected a \$2,931,269 balance in operations fund. Under other revenue, the percent of revenue received and percent of year passed were reported incorrectly. (Corrected copies of the November and December financial reports will be presented to the Board at the April meeting.) The student fees accounts receivable and sponsored programs funds were reviewed. Planning and construction fund balances for Johnson Hall and McDaniel Hall projects were shared. Grant funds purchase orders over \$5,000 included WED training expense, Johnson Hall furnishings and technology in student lounge and auditorium; and construction purchase orders over \$5,000 were for moving expenses and instructional equipment.

The December 30, 2005, financial report reflected a \$3,068,398 balance in operations fund. The increase in the operation funds reflects the fall student enrollment adjustment. Student fees accounts receivable reflected the increase in enrollment. Planning and construction balances were shared. Grant funds purchase orders over \$5,000, show the use of the Department of Natural Resources grant for landscaping trees for Johnson Hall. The DNR sponsored program funds balance is now zero.

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

Chairman's Report – Foundation Committee

Trustee Stidham, chair of the Foundation Committee, reported that of the \$142,000 available to the Region through the Lilly Endowment Phase 2 initiative, the Region has accomplished \$116,000. Four top donor prospects have been identified and assigned a contact person. It is believed that the Region can take advantage of the entire \$142,000 by end of the year.

Diana Pappin continued with a report on the creation of new scholarships due to the generosity of two of the Board members: The Eva Webster Blakemore scholarship for a student of need who has a disability was fostered by Trustee Joe Meyer, and the Stidham Family Scholarship formed for students of minority or under-represented areas was backed by Trustee David Stidham.

Chairman's Report – Nominating Committee

Trustee Slonaker, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced that the term for Trustee Koons as representative for the Labor position of the Board will expire on June 30, 2006. Trustee Koons has served on the Board since July 1996 and has declined re-nomination. The nominating committee will look for candidates to serve on the Board who have knowledge or experience in the labor area. The person in this position has typically worked in organized labor or worked closely with organized labor. Candidates should be a resident of Region 9's five county service area: Rush, Union, Fayette, Franklin and Wayne. Names of suggested nominees should be forwarded to Trustee Slonaker.

Administrative Report

Chancellor Steck called on Sabrina Pennington, dean of student affairs, for an enrollment update. Region 9 spring semester unpaid enrollment as of February 2, 2006, was 1988 headcount, up 14.4%, and 1028.2 FTE, up 16.5%, compared to same date last year. Paid enrollment was

1906 headcount, up 10.0%, and 1000.37 FTE, up 13.5% compared to same date last year. Dual credit enrollment had not been entered yet for 2006 but was included in previous year's enrollment count.

Chancellor Steck called on Steve Tincher, dean of academic affairs, for an update on the A.S. in Education. The Region 9 Board had approved a resolution to pursue an A.S. degree in Education and authorization to the State Board and on to the Commission for Higher Education (CHE). The College is developing a strategy to obtain statewide approval of the A.S. in Education; therefore, the regional request did not go forward to the CHE due to the statewide initiative. The current strategy is to work out a statewide agreement with Indiana State University on transfer into its elementary education program for every Ivy Tech Region offering the degree. If this initiative is worked out, it would be sent to the CHE seeking approval for the entire state. If accomplished, Region 9 already has an articulation agreement with IU East for our local transfer into its elementary education. Once elementary education is in place with authorization for the degree, then articulation for secondary education would be pursued.

Chancellor Steck called on Kim Thurlow, executive director of workforce and economic development (WED), to provide an overview of the department's strategic direction. Dr. Rob Jeffs, vice president of WED, shared with WED directors a draft business plan that aligns WED within the statewide plan with emphasis on workforce development and workforce literacy. There is a lot of focus on curriculums, industry based certification and short-term training.

Chancellor Steck announced that regional and state trustees met in Indianapolis on January 30 for a legislative lunch and reception. Trustees were briefed on Bills that could affect Ivy Tech and/or education. Legislators were in session and were not available to attend the reception. Chancellor Steck thanked Trustee Meyer, Trustee Gibson and Trustee Bennett for their attendance during the day. Chancellor Steck and Trustee Meyer did get to connect briefly with Senator Paul and Representatives Pflum and Hoffman at the State House. Next year's event with legislators will be the Pig and Ox Roast on January 23, 2007.

Chancellor Steck continued by sharing a paragraph of a letter from Indiana University Trustees to its faculty (letter located on IU website in its entirety). The paragraph seems to talk directly to the changes occurring in higher education and in the missions of IU and Ivy Tech...emphasizing the shift in the IU system for the regional campuses to work more collaborative with the community college in the state (Ivy Tech) and for its regional campuses to recognize that Ivy Tech does have the community college mission for the State of Indiana.

Chancellor Steck shared an article published in *National CrossTalk* about Ivy Tech Community College and the changes taking place in the state of Indiana. It was good, positive press for the College and paints a picture of Indiana finally catching up with the rest of the world with a community college system.

Chancellor Steck distributed the latest version of the College's Strategic Plan 2010. Region 9 is working to integrate the regional strategic planning model into the college-wide model. Steve Tincher will take the leadership role for the integration process. Additional information will be shared with Trustees at a future meeting.

Chancellor Steck updated the Trustees on three campus projects:

- I-70 joint campus signage to promote the health/education complex; there is still no agreement on signage but discussions are occurring again.
- Front entrance signage; now have agreement on appearance of the sign but waiting on final funding information. Ivy Tech, IU East and Purdue would be listed on the sign.
- Connector road recognizing a single campus; roadway would connect to Reid Hospital near the curve at the Middlefork parking lot. It is planned as a multiple use pathway with sidewalk and bike path. Still working on final plan and funding.

Action Items

None

Discussion Items

Trustee Miles shared that Fayette County Memorial Hospital may have a need for EMT studies as there is a certification requirement. Steve Tincher will follow up.

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: Completed move to Johnson Hall week of December 26. The 9th Edition bookstore was opened the week before that and sales are going very well. The Annex North on Chester Boulevard and the Center for Health Education on Commerce Drive have been completely vacated. Still need to complete the playground surface and ambulance mock up.

Update on Phase 2, McDaniel Hall: The new automotive lab section is nearly ready for move in; completed fire inspection and completing restrooms within the next week. Demolition of the old McDaniel Hall area is on-going. Project is progressing well.

Chancellor Steck on behalf of the faculty and staff shared appreciation to the Board for its work and support to bring Johnson Hall to fruition.

Future Meetings and Important Dates

The State Board of Trustees meeting will be held on February 9, in Indianapolis.

The next Region 9 Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2006, at Johnson Hall.

Chancellor Steck announced that the Johnson Hall building dedication will be held on April 13 in conjunction with the State Board of Trustees meeting. The dedication ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m. on April 13 near the fountain in the lobby.

Adjournment

Chair Gibson recognized Chancellor Steck for receiving the “Art Vivian Distinguished Community Leader Award” from the Richmond-Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. She also recognized Steve Tincher for receiving the “Business Education Award” from the Chamber. Awards were presented during a program at the Richmond-Wayne County Annual Dinner on January 21, 2006.

Trustee Stidham made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Slonaker seconded the motion. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

A tour of Johnson Hall took place after adjournment.

Rebecca A. Gibson, Chairperson

P. Steven Slonaker, Secretary

Approved April 6, 2006

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