

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

September 26, 2001

The September 26, 2001, Board of Trustees meeting was held in the boardroom of the Ivy Tech Annex, Richmond. Board Chair Rebecca Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Trustees Roll Call

Present: Trustee Rebecca Gibson, Trustee Ellen Bennett, Trustee Boyd Huff and Trustee James Koons. Absent: Trustee David Stidham and Trustee Steve Slonaker. Trustee Kelvin Graham resigned from the Region 9 Board of Trustees effective September 13, 2001, due to employment relocation.

Guests: Robert Holmes, Vice President of Finance, and Charles Harris, Vice President of Ivy Tech Foundation.

Also in attendance were State Trustee William Goins, Chancellor James Steck, Gene Ayton, Roger Bingham, Diana Pappin, Sabrina Pennington, Kim Thurlow, Steve Tincher, and Stella Davis.

Chair Gibson welcomed central office guests Robert Holmes and Charles Harris and thanked them for joining the meeting.

Notice of Meeting

Formal notice of the meeting was verified.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibson called for action on minutes of the August 2, 2001, Board meeting. Trustee Huff made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed; Trustee Koons 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, reported that the July and August financial reports were mailed prior to the mailing and that the other revenue approved at the last Board meeting was reflected in the August report. Trustee Koons made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed; Trustee Huff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report - Foundation Committee

Trustee Huff reported that the Foundation was sponsoring a Trustees Dinner for Region 9 current and past trustees on November 15, 2001, at the Forest Hills Country Club. Formal invitations will be mailed.

Trustee Huff asked Board members to provide names of those in the community who need to attend a Chancellor's Luncheon meeting—noon meetings held once a month—coordinated by the Development office.

The Region 9 Development office received a \$45,000 check from the Norman and Mary Johnson Scholarship Fund for Union County resident for this academic year. Union County residents and graduates from the Union County High School are eligible to apply for these scholarship dollars. Each year the College should receive a similar figure to award in scholarships.

Chancellor's Report

Sabrina Pennington, Dean of Student Affairs, reported on enrollment. Ten-day count fall enrollment was 711 FTE, up 14% and 1571 headcount, up 17% from last year. Enrollment increase is attributed to the economy, TACOU program, senior scholars program, distance education and transferability of courses.

Steve Tincher, Dean of Academic Affairs, reported on a pilot program with IU East. The pilot effort was dual enrollment in two courses: IU East physics course and Ivy Tech CIS database management course. No IU East students were advised to enroll in the Ivy Tech course. Five students from Ivy Tech are enrolled in the IU East course. IU East states that it plans to promote the pilot in the spring.

Dean Tincher also reported that due to lack of classroom space for Ivy Tech classes, the registrar contacted IU East to rent space (written agreement states that classrooms could be rented at \$500 per classroom). Registrar was told that IU East would not rent classrooms to Ivy Tech due to a conflict of interest as those courses were also offered at IU East. IU East has declined Ivy Tech use of classrooms at the Connersville facility due to the conflict of interest statement, but said that restriction would not apply to the Richmond campus. This matter is under further investigation.

Chancellor Steck commented on the agreement in place to purchase the land for the new building from the Chamber, which the Chamber purchased from Indiana University. The agreement states that the proceeds from the sale of the land would be returned to the project funds. The new building project budget has the \$271,000 added into the budget.

Chancellor Steck also commented on the storm water drainage issue for the new building. The proposal submitted to IU was rejected, so the Region is currently working with the architects in consideration of a water feature to address the drainage issue. No details have been worked out and costs have not yet been determined.

Roger Bingham, Executive Director of Finance, reported on the need to move the location of the lecture hall in the new building. The relocation will eliminate and reconfigure instructional and operational space and will cause slight structural and visual alterations to the building.

Discussion Items

Chancellor Steck introduced Robert Holmes and Charles Harris from Central Office to facilitate the discussion on the Community College of Indiana critical issues. Chuck Harris assisted with the interpretation of the Indiana Statue as it relates to the partnership. It was noted that the Commission for Higher Education is not a Board of Regents and has no authority other than to review and approve programs, budgets and capital projects. Management, operation and finance authority rest with the State Board of Trustees. Regional Boards have the task of making recommendations to the State Board on policy; therefore, the Regional Boards have been given the task of making recommendations on CCI issues. A review of the Community College of Indiana seven critical issues occurred, and the document containing Region 9 Board of Trustees recommendations is attached to these Board minutes.

Information Items

Chancellor Steck updated the Region 9 Board on the Corporate and Community Services training opportunity for Visteon that came up quickly and needed immediate attention. Siemens Automation, Inc., was requested by Visteon to be the sole training services provider for the training project. Region 9 needed to obtain a bid exception for the \$176,250 training costs from central office finance department. Also, requisitions imposing financial obligations on the part of the College in excess of \$100,000 need Board approval and authorization. Due to the time constraint, this matter was taken to Region 9 Board Executive Committee members for approval before forwarding to central office for final approval. All necessary levels of approval were obtained and training has begun which should produce a net revenue of approximately \$48,000.

Board Chair Gibson has appointed Trustee Slonaker to take over the position of Chair for the Board's Nominating Committee

Trustees were reminded of the Annual Trustees and Foundation Directors Conference to be held on October 12, 2001, in Indianapolis.

Future Meetings and Important Dates

State Board of Trustees meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on October 10-11 at the Embassy Suites North in Indianapolis; and December 5-6 at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis.

The next Region 9 Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2001, at the Ivy Tech Annex.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Koons; Trustee Bennett seconded the motion. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Rebecca Gibson, Chairperson

Ellen Bennett, Vice Chair

Dated December 13, 2001

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