

**IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BLOOMINGTON CAMPUS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

**January 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

The Bloomington Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 via Zoom.

Chairwoman Connie Ferguson called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Lynn Coyne	Present (arrived after roll call)
Imojean Dedrick	Present
Shawna Girgis	Present (arrived after roll call)
Laura Hammack	Present
Carven Thomas	Present
Jim Touloukian, Secretary	Absent
Connie Ferguson, Chair	Present

**Trustees present:**     **Connie Ferguson, Lynn Coyne, Imojean Dedrick, Shawna Girgis, Laura Hammack, Carven Thomas**

**Trustees absent:**     **Jim Touloukian**

**Others present:**     Jennie Vaughan, Amanda Billings, Christine Brandel, Susie Graham, Adam Gross, Gretchen Gutman, Whitney Hale, Carol Parkinson, Tina Phelps, Joyce Poling, Montra Reinhardt, Michele Roberts, Chris Stadler, Dr. Larry Swafford, Trudy Weddle, and Michael Reschke (Herald-Times reporter)

Chancellor Jennie Vaughan reported that the meeting was legally advertised. This meeting is being held in compliance with IC 5-14-1.5 et seq and the Governor's Executive Orders 20-04 and 20-09. No members of the governing body attended in person and instead attended remotely. The public was invited to attend the meeting open to the public by remote access via a link shared in the public notice.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Chancellor Vaughan deferred introductions to her report later in the meeting.

\*At this time, Trustee Coyne joined the meeting.\*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Imojean Dedrick made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020 meeting, and Trustee Laura Hammack seconded.

Chairwoman Ferguson called roll for the vote:

Lynn Coyne	Aye
Imojean Dedrick	Aye
Shawna Girgis	(not present for vote)
Laura Hammack	Aye
Carven Thomas	Aye
Jim Touloukian, Secretary	Absent
Connie Ferguson, Chair	Aye

The minutes were adopted as presented.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairwoman Ferguson thanked the trustees for their video messages of encouragement and thanks to the campus. Chancellor Vaughan thanked all of the trustees for taking time to do this for our campus; it was a great way to end an unusual year.

\*At this time, Trustee Girgis joined the meeting.\*

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Vaughan began her report by sharing the news that long-time employee Keith Klein recently passed away. Keith started working with us here at Ivy Tech in January 2003. His first role on the campus was Foundation Director and he soon moved to the faculty ranks and then became Chair for Speech and Communications. Even after his "retirement," he stayed on with us as an adjunct. He had a vast work history in news and radio, including working for NBC News in Chicago in the 60's, then as Program Director for IU/WTIU for over 20 years, and just before working on our campus he was the PR/Marketing Director for Cook Group. Chancellor Vaughan said that her last weekly interview with him on WGCL radio was just last week. Keith was very active outside of his work as well and served as a board member for Monroe County Community School Corporation and was a referee for high school football for several years. Personally, the Chancellor said that Keith helped prepare her for speaking in front of people, and she is forever in debt. She said that he did so many things for our students; there was never a semester that went by without him telling her about a student who overcame something to persist in their classes. He was an amazing person and will be missed. Chancellor Vaughan plans to dedicate the rest of the semester to him. More details will be shared about how we will recognize Keith's memory to directly impact our students because that's what he would want.

Next, Chancellor Vaughan introduced Christine Brandel, Associate Professor of English, to talk about the *Pandemic Time Capsule*: a short book of student experiences during the pandemic. Christine acknowledged one of her students, Rae Icenogle, who helped put the book together, but

explained that Rae was unable to join us today. Christine said that this was her attempt to create something bright during a not-so-bright fall semester. She explained that English 075 is an integrated reading and writing class for students deemed not ready or sufficiently prepared for English 111. Rather than make students take a remedial course for one semester before moving on to ENG111, we run ENG075 as a corequisite to help strengthen skills needed for ENG111. Christine said that she got the idea for a time capsule while reading an article about memory, and she thought about how our students could accurately remember events and experiences from the fall of 2020. This class was virtual, and first college class for these students. They would prepare writings during the semester and put those in a book at the end of the semester that they could keep. Christine said she needed some funding, so she applied for a Circle of Ivy grant; however, Chancellor Vaughan decided to cover expenses directly from her budget. The students started the semester by doing introductory writings, then they started putting together their time capsule contributions—what helped them get through the pandemic, what did they learn about themselves, the world, experiences as students. Christine showed everyone a hard copy of the book and said each of her students had their own page or two. The book also includes some pictures of students in masks. The books were finished in November, and she delivered them to her students' porches along with other goodies. She said it was nice to wrap up that unusual year with the students' reflections of their experiences with this project. She liked the opportunity to give students more writing experience with things they were familiar with. It was definitely one of her highlights from 2020, and she's pleased that the students enjoyed it. Chancellor Vaughan said this was an awesome project, and she thanked Christine for her efforts. All Trustees will receive their copies next week via mail.

Continuing with her report, Chancellor Vaughan introduced Carol Parkinson, Library Director of the Joan Olcott Library, for a report on the *COVID-19-iku Project*: haiku submissions from the campus community that occurred last semester and will continue through the beginning of spring. Carol said this project features haiku with 19 syllables instead of 17. She researched similar ideas from other libraries and created a project that would fit at Ivy Tech Bloomington. Carol said that she originally planned to publish the haikus in a book like Christine, but that wasn't possible; instead, she published them to our library website—[library.ivytech.edu/Bloomington](http://library.ivytech.edu/Bloomington) (IKU is in the middle of the page). She said she focused on haiku because it seemed very do-able: three lines, easy to compile thoughts, easy to read. She said she thinks it was a success; it was a good way to engage everyone—students, faculty, staff, and we also allowed submissions from the community. Thanks to foundation, Carol said she was able to give out some prizes for submissions. She said she also thought this would be a one-semester project, but she was contacted by faculty who wanted it to continue. Our Ivy Tech Alumni Association and Diversity Committee have donated some items for prizes, and she was happy to report that this project will continue through the first 8 weeks (through March 12) for now. We will be able to accept haikus along with artwork now during this Phase 2. Carol said she wasn't sure what to expect at first, but she has been very surprised with the submissions—there is a great variety of work. All submissions will be eligible for prizes in this Phase 2. She added that Continuing Lifelong Learning (CLL) is also running a creative writing course this February, so we'll be able to include those students who are members of the community.

Continuing, the Chancellor called on Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Dr. Larry Swafford for a report on Open Educational Resources, or OERs, as they relate to the College and

specifically our campus. Dr. Swafford said that there were several references to OERs within the Academic Affairs board report. These are resources and materials that are used for learning and teaching and are open and free to the public or can be created by publishers and acquired by licenses where the publisher charges the student or college for access to materials. There has been emphasis for these at both the campus level and statewide. President Ellspermann has had a goal for about the last five years to morph Ivy Tech into an “all-inclusive” educational model, and this is just now picking up steam. Due to and during the pandemic, Ivy Tech signed a multimillion dollar contract with Cengage to use their OER materials through summer 2021. Generally, there is a small fee from the publisher, but all College faculty can use all of these materials for free as part of this contract. We can also get online textbooks, and each student is charged access to materials for a small fee of \$25. This benefits students who have difficulty coming to campus. There are 135 courses available now with hundreds of sections. Dr. Swafford said we have progressed in this area—our faculty have been dedicated to finding cost-effective ways for our students to take their classes.

Concluding her report, Chancellor Vaughan called on Adam Gross, Director of Industry Outreach and Personal Enrichment, Workforce Alignment/Center for Lifelong Learning, to discuss non-credit training. Adam said that Trustee Lynn Coyne had asked about our non-credit training this past fall and wanted to share the results with all of the Trustees in an effort to show that we truly are a comprehensive community college. He referred to the report on page 65 of the board meeting materials and said that is a representation of everything we’re doing on the non-credit side. Even though he’s been in Workforce Alignment for only two years, he pulled data for the last three years. He also explained that training hours are calculated by taking the number of students multiplied by the number of training hours to get total hours. For example, 6 students taking 10 hours of training equals 60 training hours. He pointed out that our headcount in 2018 was 92 and training hours were 2,692; in 2019 they were 459 and 10,767 respectively, and in 2020, they were 350 and 13,878 respectively. He said it has been exciting to see our training hours grow, even though we did see a slight drop in a service aid program due to the pandemic. He said that once it is safe to grow and train employees in restaurants, we will be ready to move forward with that particular training. Adam is also confident that our training in other areas will continue to grow as we come out of the pandemic. He is optimistic about growth in the My Cook Pathway program and for opportunities with grant funding, including with renewal of funding from the City of Bloomington Recover Forward grant. We have also maintained our partnerships with The Mill, Little Star (which does supportive therapy for children with autism), Brown County, Stone Gate in Bedford, and some businesses in Orange County. Adam thanked everyone for all of the help they’ve provided to him and his team. Trustee Coyne thanked Adam for this comprehensive report and said it is important to understand that, with the other measures we’re evaluated on, there are so many other things the Bloomington Campus is doing for our local workforce that don’t “fit in boxes.”

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Executive Director of Finance, Michele Roberts, presented the Expenditure Form for the period of November 4, 2020 through January 13, 2021. Trustee Coyne moved to approve the Expenditure Form, and Trustee Shawna Girgis seconded the motion.

Chairwoman Ferguson called roll for the vote:

Lynn Coyne	Aye
Imojean Dedrick	Aye
Shawna Girgis	Aye
Laura Hammack	Aye
Carven Thomas	Aye
Jim Touloukian, Secretary	Absent
Connie Ferguson, Chair	Aye

The motion was adopted.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Trustee Coyne announced that our capital campaign will roll out sometime in mid-2021. There will be an “awareness” campaign leading up to that point which will involve speaking with local clubs and community organizations about how this campaign relates to the community. He asked the Trustees to let him or Susie Graham know if there were particular groups they should get in front of. We want to make people aware of Ivy Tech and what we’re doing.

Trustee Carven Thomas expressed thanks for the recent goodie basket delivery; he said it was a nice surprise. Chancellor Vaughan said she wanted to do something to thank all the trustees for their continued support and to ring in the new year.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

No information items were presented.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES**

### March

- Spring Break (College-wide; students and faculty on break): March 15 – 19, 2021
- Second 8-week Term begins (Monday, March 22, 2021)
- Campus Board meeting (Tuesday, March 23, 2021; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Zoom)

### May

- Commencement Ceremony (Saturday, May 15, 2021; Ivy Tech Bloomington parking lot for in-person or virtual activities; more details TBD)
- Campus Board Meeting (Tuesday, May 18, 2021; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Zoom)

### July

- Campus Board Meeting (Tuesday, July 27, 2021; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Zoom)

### September

- Campus Board Meeting (Tuesday, September 28, 2021; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Zoom)

November

- Campus Board Meeting (Tuesday, November 16, 2021; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Zoom)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to come before the board, Chairwoman Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary

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Date