

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

MINUTES

May 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

The Bloomington Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 via Zoom.

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

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

Trustees present: **Connie Ferguson, Lynn Coyne, Imojean Dedrick, Carven Thomas, Jim Touloukian**

Trustees absent: **Shawna Girgis, Laura Hammack**

Others present: Jennie Vaughan, Amanda Billings, Steve Bryant, Susie Graham, Adam Gross, Whitney Hale, Tina Phelps, Joyce Poling, Michele Roberts, Chris Stadler, Debra Vance, Trudy Weddle, Martin Wolfger, Gretchen Gutman, and Emily Ernsberger (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

No additional guests participated in this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Jim Touloukian made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2021 meeting, and Trustee Lynn Coyne seconded.

Chairwoman Ferguson called roll for the vote:

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

The minutes were adopted as presented.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairwoman Ferguson said she attended the commencement activities on May 15, and she thought our team did a wonderful job having graduates and their families process through the campus. There were so many families in audience, and they got a front row view as their graduates walked across the stage. She said she heard so many positive stories from the graduates throughout the day; it was a very meaningful event for them and their families. She praised the Chancellor and the team for holding a wonderful event and thanked everyone for their participation.

At this time, Trustee Thomas joined the meeting.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Vaughan shared that Trustee Laura Hammack has taken new job with Beech Grove schools effective June 1. As a result, her term as trustee will not be renewed later this summer. The Chancellor said this will be a loss for our campus and communities, but she congratulated Laura on her new position.

We held a Graduation Celebration on our campus on Saturday, May 15. Nearly 220 graduates along with their families drove through our main parking lot, stopping to receive goodies along the way. Everyone was then able to enter our building for a final walk-thru that culminated in a procession across the stage inside Shreve Hall to receive diploma covers and congratulations from Chancellor Vaughan, Chairwoman Ferguson, and Vice Chancellors Swafford and Weddle. We also held a virtual ceremony featuring our keynote speakers that same evening. A short video highlighting some of the activities from the celebration was shared during the meeting. The Chancellor said she was overwhelmed by all of the gratitude she heard throughout the day from graduates and their families.

Chancellor Vaughan announced that a vaccine clinic would be hosted on our campus on June 3 between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in a partnership with Monroe County Health Department. This clinic is open to all employees and all members of the community. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be offered. Chancellor Vaughan added that our partners in Park 48 would specifically be invited to participate too.

The Chancellor said that our leadership team will provide a campus update to President Ellspermann and her cabinet tomorrow. Systems Office provides a template for basic information, and we're able to share details about initiatives we're working on at our campus. She and members of the leadership team then shared our campus update with the trustees.

Trustee Touloukian asked how our retention rates compare to different years, and Dr. Trudy Weddle, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Services and Student Success explained that it has remained about the same these last couple of years. Last year, we ranked 13th in retention among the 18 Ivy Tech campuses; and this year, we ranked 11th. At State Trustee Gretchen Gutman's request, Dr. Weddle said she would share the statewide retention rankings with all of the trustees so there is some context to the numbers.

Trustee Touloukian also asked about our \$6 million in carry forward funds and Executive Director of Finance Michele Roberts explained that each campus has been asked to build up to 180 days of cash on hand to be used in an emergency or for a time if our usual budget can't be utilized. Carry forward is part of each campus' budget, and we're not allowed to use it without special permission from the College's CFO and President Ellspermann. We have grown to this amount by about 1 to 2 percent annually. At State Trustee Gretchen Gutman's request, Dr. Weddle said she would share the statewide retention rankings with all of the trustees so there is some context to the numbers.

Trustee Thomas asked if the online learning was still conducted from our campus or from Indianapolis and if courses would continue online permanently post-Covid and how that might affect employment at the Bloomington Campus. Dr. Martin Wolfger, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the School of Arts, Sciences & Education, explained that there has been a transition of online courses from the campuses to IvyOnline which is managed by Systems Office. More classes continue to be moved to IvyOnline each semester, and beginning this Fall, online courses will no longer be administered through the campus. Our faculty will still be able to teach through IvyOnline, and we'll still be able to continue virtual course offerings. Online courses are asynchronous, and students determine when they will complete. Virtual courses offer the opportunity to attend a class session synchronously in the same Zoom meeting room and are still managed by the campuses. Trustee Thomas asked about the tuition split, and Martin said that tuition stays at the home campus where a student is located; the revenue follows the student. IvyOnline is not a profit-making entity on its own and is not significantly different from when we held online courses. Trustee Coyne said he supports the technology of going to hybrid courses where students can see and hear one another in a classroom setting and would like to see how we'll track these courses to ensure that our quality instruction remains high.

Trustee Touloukian how our new Outdoor Learning Lab would be integrated with classes, and Martin explained that this concept originated following a field trip with our biotechnology faculty. They wanted to provide a similar experience for our students that involved walking trails for kinesiology students and painting in nature for fine arts students. There will also be opportunities to involve community members in activities which will help with our retention and enrollment efforts.

Trustee Coyne thanked the team for sharing this presentation with the Board.

Concluding her report, Chancellor Vaughan announced that Trudy Weddle earned her Ph.D. from Indiana State University earlier this month, and she congratulated Dr. Weddle on this accomplishment.

ACTION ITEMS

Executive Director of Finance Michele Roberts presented the Expenditure Form for the period of March 11, 2021 through May 5, 2021. Trustee Coyne moved to approve the Expenditure Form, and Trustee Thomas seconded the motion.

Chairwoman Ferguson called roll for the vote:

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

The motion was adopted.

Continuing, Michele presented **Resolution BL-2021-1 - Approval of Contract for Security Services**. She said that we engaged in the full Request for Proposals process, and all proposals were reviewed by our in-house counsel. The contract has increased from the previous contract to account for a normal increase in raises. We are seeking pre-approval from our Campus Trustees, then the contract will be submitted to the State Board for their consideration and approval due to the amount of the contract. Trustee Touloukian moved to approve **Resolution BL-2021-1 - Approval of Contract for Security Services**, and Trustee Thomas seconded the motion.

Chairwoman Ferguson called roll for the vote:

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

The motion was adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Trustee Touloukian asked if there was any plan to begin holding in-person meetings again in the future. Chancellor Vaughan said that we are still under the Governor's order as a state

educational facility to limit the number of people in a building, but she's hopeful we'll be able to start gathering in person either later this summer or early fall.

INFORMATION ITEMS

No information items were presented.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

May

- Campus Board of Trustees OnBoarding Session (Wednesday, May 26, 2021; 10:00 – 11:30a.m.; Zoom; statewide onboarding hosted by President Ellspermann's Cabinet)

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 5:13 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Date