

River Campus Board of Managers Minutes

June 8th, 2018

Noon in River Campus Seminary Conference Room

Attendees: Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Victoria Rust, Scott Meyer, Bob Cerchio, and Trudy Lee

Absent: Dennis Vollink and Tammy Randolph

Minutes from December read. Scott Meyer made a motion to approve, Trudy Lee accepted, and Victoria seconded; motion accepted.

Discussion related to Tammy Randolph stepping into the Provost position and Trudy Lee as representative for University Relations. Explanation of board directives provided.

Summer Festival Updates – Rhonda provided Summer Festival marketing materials to board. Event details include the addition of shuttle services provided by the Rotary Club. Service begins at the Isle Casino beginning at 9.00 am making multiple stops in the downtown area to service guests to River Campus. Entire route takes 30 minutes with pick-ups every 20 minutes. Also new this year are Kids Yoga, Paint for a Cause, Alumni Steel Drum Band and Aerial Dance classes for children. Bob is working on scheduling that includes two free performances of Legally Blonde Jr., Community theatre performances in the morning and a Jackson theatre group in the afternoon. Attendance is expected to be around 3,500 (figures from last year). The day will also include a WWI exhibit on the Explorer Bus, Museum displays and Music throughout the day. Door Prizes will be given away and food vendors will be on hand; some of those include Sugar Chic, Kona Ice, Caribbean Cuisine and Chartwell's. Invitations went out for the Dress Rehearsal reception on Wednesday night and Mingle wood and Lemonade Grill will be catering. Andy's Custard will provide desserts for the Friday nights post-reception. Tech rehearsals are beginning today, and Monday campers will be arriving. All camps made this year with many exceeding expectations. Campers will perform at the festival or have work displayed the day of the event. It was noted that publicity has been outstanding this year. Scott discussed initiatives with the South side that may be interested in working cooperatively with River Campus. Rhonda will put together a packet of marketing items that Scott will deliver to organization members to promote the Summer Festival.

An American Hero – was selected as part of the New York Musical Festival. Jerry Ford's band is donating their time for a July 6th fundraising event/performance; community members as well as the American Hero cast will take part. In addition, there will be free public performances on July 17th and 18th. The cast and crew will leave for New York on July 20th. A crowd-funding site is also available for anyone interested in donating online.

A new articulation agreement has been put in place with the New York Bureau of Manhattan. And there was discussion related to the need for more of these agreements in the future. As part of that effort, an alum event is scheduled in New York on July 25th. It was noted that we currently have 3 transfer students from St. Johns Community College attending in the fall.

Restructuring – has been underway within the university due to economics but the reorganization is most positive in many ways. The Holland School will become the Earl and Margie Holland College of Arts and Media beginning August 1st, 2018 and Rhonda has been selected as the new dean. The college will include Art, Music, Theatre/Dance, Mass Media, Commercial Multi-Media and Interior Design (all areas are fully accredited). In addition, August 1st, the Theatre/Dance department will officially become the Jeanine Dobbins Conservatory of Theatre and Dance. Alberto Davila has been selected as the new Dean of Business and Computing and Diana Rogers-Atkinson will become the Dean of Education, Health and Human Studies. In addition, Hamner Hill will become the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences and Brad Deken will be the new Dean of Science, Technology, English and Math (STEM).

There was discussion regarding possible Board of Managers Agreement revisions. A copy will be made available at the next meeting to discuss updates.

Scott Meyer made a motion to adjourn, Victoria Rust seconded - meeting adjourned.