

River Campus Board of Managers Minutes

September 8, 2017

Noon in River Campus Seminary Conference Room

Attendees: Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Victoria Rust, Scott Meyer, Bob Cerchio, Dennis Vollink and Karl Kunkel

Absent: Bill Holland

Minutes from June read. Dennis Vollink made a motion to approve, Scott approved and Victoria seconded; motion approved.

Eclipse Event Update – about 600 in attendance with a number of groups providing activities including the Marching Band, Twirlers, dancers and artisans. In addition, we had guests from as far away as Portugal and Texas. Dennis commented that all the hotel rooms in town and surrounding areas were sold out. Scott commented that traffic cameras noted the lack of traffic during totality.

River Campus Open House scheduled for September 26th, 2017 – this is the second year and is geared toward all four disciplines. It is an all-day event that culminates in dinner and a show. It is a wonderful recruiting event and is being publicized in a number of ways. Age ranges for the event extend to sophomore, junior and seniors high school students. Registrations can be made online and walk-ins will be accepted.

American Hero – Kenn Stilson wrote the play in conjunction with Cody Moore who composed the musical score. Cody graduated from Southeast last year. There will be a world premiere of the production at River Campus. The Theatre Department is working to promote the show and has visited with several Veterans groups in the area. There was discussion related to marketing opportunities.

Fault Line Event - Poster of the event handed out. It was noted that the Airport (under new ownership by Sky West) is continuing to partner with us on this event. November 8th will be the speaker event to be held in the Bedell Theatre at noon. November 10th is the Gala and Award Ceremony. There are multiple departments collaborating on the festival including Mass Media, Theatre & Dance, College of Business and Liberal Arts and Polytechnic Studies.

Touring show updates – there has been one show cancellation for Cameron Carpenter in March. The Box Office has notified season ticket holders of the cancellation and offered refunds. Bob explained that all publicity has been taken down at this point. He also mentioned season ticket sales are down but just slightly.

Assistant Production Manager update – this is an entry-level position (bachelors required). There was a limited pool and as a result the search has been extended. We are looking forward to filling the position. Rhonda commented that Technical Design positions are difficult to fill because there is a lack of qualified individuals.

There was discussion of university endowments for positions that are difficult to fill. It was mentioned that this has been talked about at the university level and will continue to be part of the conversation.

Karl mentioned the new position that has been created to accommodate lighting design in the Theatre Department. Rhonda thanked the provost and mentioned how fortunate River Campus has been to get this new instructor. In addition, Rhonda discussed the three new faculty hires for both Music and Theatre & Dance.

Music

Joseph Jefferson – replaced Bob Conger (retired); Trombone/Jazz

Sophia Han – replaced Brandon Christensen (resigned to move closer to his wife); Music Violin

Elizabeth McFarland – replaced Mary Mims (retired); Music Education

Theatre & Dance

Jenna Moore – replaced Judith Farris (retired); Musical Theatre/Vocal Performance

Justin Miller – replaced Ron Naverson (resigned); Scenic Designer

Ruben Gerding - new position, Non-Western Dance

Karl Kunkel mentioned the voluntary retirement program initiated by the university and indicated the savings that would come by way of the retirement package in addition to salary savings. All retirement applications will be finalized in October.

Dennis Vollink made a motion to adjourn - meeting adjourned.