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HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRUSTEES' MEETING

The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees met on Feb. 2-3 on campus. Twenty-eight regular trustees attended the two-day meeting, as well as undergraduate student representative Katherine O'Connor and faculty representative Dr. Linda Peck, five staff members and President Freed.

The Board reviewed and considered reports which had been prepared and provided to them beforehand on academic affairs, business affairs, development, trustee personnel, SEEM operations, and a format for annually reporting progress on the strategic plan.

The principal focus of the meeting was on academic affairs, including accreditations, academic programs and faculty personnel actions. Academic

programs were discussed in terms of recruiting, enrollment, teaching, learning, assessment and financial support. Preparation of material for approval and accrediting agencies for several programs were reviewed.

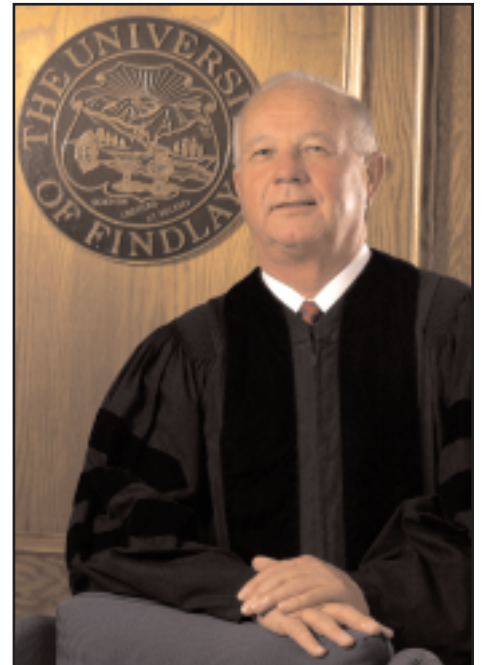
The Registrar estimates that spring semester full-time equivalent enrollment is 3,611, compared to 3,546 last year and 3,626 the year before. Estimated headcount enrollment for the spring semester is 4,402, compared to 4,352 last year and 4,478 the year before. Enrollment of international students is 467, compared to 405 last year and 354 the year before.

The number of undergraduate inquiries and applications for next fall are up. Deposits are about the same as last year. A hope is that applications and deposits can pull ahead steadily and consistently.

Enrolling 800 new full-time undergraduate students next fall, about 100 more than last fall, can help to populate academic programs where there is excellent teaching capability that is not now being fully utilized.

Retention of first-time freshmen from fall semester to spring semester is 90 percent this year, compared to 87 percent last year and 84 percent the year before.

The number of students living on campus is 1,141, compared to 1,026 last year and 1,069 the year before. The number of student contracts for the dining service is 966, compared to 946 last year and 960 the year before.



Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chairman of The University of Findlay Board of Trustees

Residence hall improvements will continue. Tentative plans are to complete the refurbishing of Fox and Bare halls, with new room furniture, flooring and lounge furniture. Total cost of residence hall improvements is expected to be \$400,000.

Through the first half of the current fiscal year, the budget is balanced, with a positive net reserve. Projections are that the budget for the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2006, will be balanced, debt will be reduced, and all projects will be funded from the operating budget or contributions. Year-end results will depend upon final spring semester and early summer enrollment.



Old Main

The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.

The projected budget for 2006-07 is based on enrollment similar to the current year plus 50 more pharmacy students. With that assumption, the budget is projected to be balanced with a positive net reserve, and indebtedness to be reduced further.

For 2006-07, tuition will be increased five percent and room and board four percent.

To serve the increased number of western equestrian students better, an isolation barn and enclosed area for lockers have been completed and an addition to the east side of the large arena is planned.

Academic and physical plant projects in progress or planned for the summer and next year amount to about \$2.0 million. The Mazza expansion will be another \$2.4 million, for a total of \$4.4 million for the year. If the University is successful in acquiring the Owens facility, an estimated additional \$3.0 million will be invested to prepare it for UF instructional use.

Several positive features of student and faculty activities were noted during the trustee meeting. Those included successful participation in equestrian competition, theatre, music, athletics,

student government and in many other areas. Faculty teaching and commitment were reported to be excellent. Student involvement in campus activity was similarly reported to be excellent.

Current plans are to add faculty for next year in biology, chemistry, pharmacy and other needed areas; to increase the average number of student credit hours taught by full-time faculty under regular contract, and to reduce overload teaching.

The Board approved recommended faculty personnel actions for promotion, tenure, sabbaticals and other leaves. The names of those affected will be made public after the individuals, their area directors and deans have been notified.

Gifts and grants through Dec. 31, 2005, were \$2.2 million, compared to \$1.3 million the year before. December giving was ahead of recent years, partially as a result of a \$1 million cash gift for



Winter beauty on campus.

the Mazza Museum expansion. The \$2.2 million campaign goal for an addition to the museum was met and exceeded. More systematic and energetic fundraising will be undertaken among trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and others.

SEEM operations are to focus on those services which meet societal needs and result in fee income. Funding for an ALERT center will be pursued but construction will not be initiated until needed funds from non-University sources are in hand or committed.

Negotiations with Owens Community College for the Owens property continue.

A format for reporting progress on the strategic plan was reviewed and approved by the Board.

A tentative 125th Anniversary Schedule of Events was reviewed and approved.

Reports were made to the Board by student and faculty representatives on events and activities which they considered important.

Dr. Donald Stansloski made a presentation on plans for the pharmacy school on Thursday night of the two-day meeting.

Dr. C. Richard Beckett is the chairman of The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees, and Richard E. White is the vice chairman.



In a first-year experience class this semester taught by Brian Treece, director of housing and Greek life, students built towers using marshmallows and spaghetti as part of a teambuilding activity.