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A newsletter for faculty, staff and students of The University of Findlay

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRUSTEES' MEETING

The Board of Trustees of The University of Findlay met on Oct. 14-15, on campus. Thirty-two trustees attended, as well as undergraduate student representative Whitney Haverfield, graduate student representative Jorge Mera, faculty representative Dr. Linda Peck, five staff members and President Freed.

The Board reviewed and considered reports that had been prepared and provided to them beforehand on academic affairs, business affairs, institutional advancement, student services and trustee personnel matters.

Additional faculty members are part of a plan to focus on strengthening academic programs. A total of 16 new full-time faculty members have been appointed since January 2004 for the current academic year, representing



*Whitney Haverfield, who serves as undergraduate student representative to the Board of Trustees, led board members on a campus tour Thursday.*

eight new positions and eight replacements or filling positions that have been vacant. Additionally, two administrators have returned to full-time teaching. These actions reflect an increase of 10 full-time positions for the year.

Discussion included the need for improved and additional teaching facilities and for additional staffing in some areas.

The internal and external administrative tasks associated with establishing a School of Pharmacy within the College of Health Professions are underway, with the intent of recruiting students for first-year and sophomore-level entry in fall 2005.

Preparations for reinstating a music education major are in progress and hopefully can proceed expeditiously. Internal preparations to meet guidelines set by the Ohio Department of

Education may take several months.

Full-time equivalent enrollment is 3,828, compared to 3,805 last year and 3,778 the year before. Full-time enrollment is 3,059, compared to 3,043 last year and 3,072 the year before. Head-count enrollment, which includes anyone enrolled for one credit hour or more, is 4,657, compared to 4,711 last year and 4,586 the year before.

Enrollment of international students is 431, compared to 430 last year and 468 the year before.

The number of students living on campus in University student housing is 1,146, compared to 1,164 last year and 937 the year before. The number of student contracts for the dining service is 946, compared to 960 last year and 841 the year before. Improvements to residence halls have been received well by students.

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*Full-time enrollment is up this year at UF, with 3,059 full-time students, compared to 3,043 students last year.*

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

The University balanced its budget for fiscal year 2003-04, which ended June 30, 2004, paid for \$2 million of projects from the operating budget, reduced indebtedness by \$6 million and increased net assets by \$5 million.

The budget for 2004-05 is projected to be balanced and to further reduce indebtedness.

Total gifts and grants for fiscal year 2003-04 were \$5.5 million, compared to \$5.2 million the year before. The \$2.2 million campaign for an addition to the Mazza Museum stands at \$1 million in gifts and pledges.

Five faculty members are serving as a committee to help develop key parameters of a strategic plan for the University. These parameters can be helpful for consideration by the strategic planning committees that will have representatives from major constituencies of the University. The expectation is that these committees will be appointed and the strategic planning process initiated by the larger group by the end of the semester.

The undergraduate admissions office has a new and experienced director and a full staff. The office has several compatible and mutually supportive activities with the financial aid office. Both offices are part of student services and must work together closely. Investment results during the last year

showed an increase in market value of 23 percent compared to investment increases reported by most indices of 15 percent. About 10 percent of invested assets are in liquid alternative investments, such as hedge funds.

The Board approved the audit report for 2003-04, which was submitted by outside auditor Ernst & Young.

New trustees are Karl Heminger, president of the Findlay Publishing Co., and Jennifer Capra Smith, a research scientist with Amgen Inc. in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Several positive features of student and faculty activities were reviewed during the trustee meeting. Those included the favorable opening of school, as well as successful student 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.

The 2004-05 academic year will be a transition year in the implementation of revised teaching procedures that will allow full-time faculty members to teach more student credit hours within their regular contracts. In keeping with recommendations of last year's teaching and compensation committee, savings from having fewer overload sections

and less release time will be used to help fund new faculty and improve equity in cases where salaries need adjusting.

Reports were made to the Board by student and faculty representatives, each of whom covered features of University operations that they considered important to the groups they represent.

An honorary degree was authorized for George Whitson of Findlay. Public announcement will be made later.

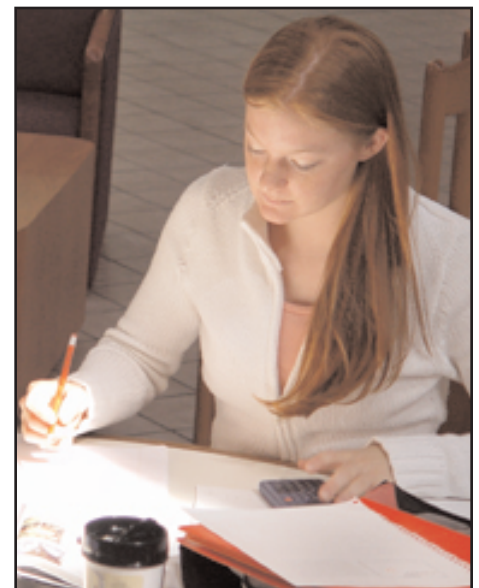
Chairman of the Board of Trustees is Dr. C. Richard Beckett, and vice chairman is Richard E. White.



*Paul Chwialkowski, associate professor of social science, criminal justice and public administration, helps a student during class.*



*The 2004-05 academic year began officially with the traditional Arch Ceremony on Aug. 29. UF had a favorable opening to the school year.*



*The University will focus on continuing good academic quality in 2004-05.*