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HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRUSTEES' MEETING

The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees met on Oct. 6-7 on campus. Thirty-four trustees attended, as well as undergraduate student representative Katy O'Conner; graduate student representative Monica Perez, 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, student services, business affairs, development and trustee personnel matters.

The fall opening of school went well, with good spirit and good substance. The common theme for opening session was the need for high quality and good spirit in all University operations, particularly in academic and student programs.



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The good enthusiasm at the opening of school has continued, and faculty comment favorably on the enthusiasm of the incoming class of new students. Classes and student activities also are off to a good start.

Discussion included the appointment of Dr. Marie Loudenhane as dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and the appointment of Dr. Luke Bartolomeo as dean of the College of Science. Both deans will serve on an interim basis while national searches are conducted for a person for a longer-term appointment for both positions.

The report of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation review team, who visited the University in July, was favorable in the important feature of recommending approval of the University's plan of progressing toward offering a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

The report also states that the University needs to strengthen procedures, which will assure high quality graduate instruction. Specific items include a strong Graduate Council to monitor the quality of graduate instruc-



Trustees Gary Harpst, Pamela Beall, Brian Washington and Jennifer Smith took a tour of campus as part of an orientation session for new board members on Oct. 6.

tion, faculty qualifications and scholarship. The report notes that the number of PhDs in the faculty should increase. Master's degrees were approved by the accrediting agencies for athletic training and environmental, safety and health management.

Representatives of the pharmacy accrediting organization will visit in November. A formal review team will visit in January. If that team recommends pre-candidate status, and the pharmacy accrediting organization approves, the program can progress from its current non-official pre-pharmacy status to pre-candidate status.

David Ferguson has been appointed as vice president for development, effective Nov. 1. Ferguson has been vice president for university relations at St. Bonaventure University in New York.

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

Previously, he was an associate vice president for university relations at The Ohio State University during their capital campaign, and before that was managing editor of the Columbus Dispatch. His record and interviews indicate that he should bring good development know-how and experience in public relations and fund raising to the position.

Faculty stability is good, with few retirements or resignations in recent years. The total number of full-time faculty for 2005-06 is 166, compared to 157 in 2003-04. Recruiting continues for positions not filled by the start of the fall semester and will be initiated for positions for next year.

The total full-time equivalent enrollment this fall is 3,846 compared to 3,828 last year, and 3,805 the year before. Headcount enrollment this year is 4,744, compared to 4,657 last year, and 4,711 the year before.

The number of new international students enrolled this fall is 154, compared to 140 last year and 136 the year before. Total international student enrollment this year is 448, compared to 420 last year and 406 the year before.

The number of students living on campus this fall is 1,198, compared to 1,146 last year, 1,164 in 2003, and 937



Dr. Diana Montague, professor of English and director of First Year Experience, works with a group of students in a newswriting class.

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Summer graduate enrollment was up in the health professions and down in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), education and business. Fall graduate enrollment is down in TESOL and about the same as recent years in other areas.

Two faculty chairs are being initiated as a means of recognizing and honoring longtime good service of faculty members. The chairs will be funded by the agglomeration of miscellaneous restricted funds, which have been on hand for many years. These two chairs are seen as a forerunner of additional chairs as a means of faculty recognition, with funds to be raised for the additional chairs.

Conversion of a classroom and store-room into a new organic chemistry classroom and laboratory was noted. The need to for improvement of other basic science labs was also noted, as well as the general need to enhance equipment, laboratories and classrooms. Funds will be set aside to make progress on some of those needs during the current academic year and next summer.

A chemistry major will be considered by the faculty this year and possibly introduced in fall 2006.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is benefiting from an energetic approach, improved procedures and enthusiasm. The number of inquiries is up considerably. A need is to enroll 100 more new full-time undergraduate students in each of the next few years to strengthen the student body and enroll students in areas where the University has underutilized capability.

Service for international students on



The 2005-06 academic year officially began with the traditional Arch Ceremony on Aug. 28. The year is off to a favorable start.

campus have been strengthened. The international student admissions office has moved to a larger and more accommodating house. Three hospitality houses have been established to provide initial and temporary housing and other assistance until the incoming international students are settled in more permanent housing.

Financial results for fiscal year 2004-05 were quite beneficial. The budget was balanced; debt and debt-like obligations were reduced; the cash position improved, requiring less borrowing; net assets increased; and invested funds increased faster than most stock market indices.

Total giving for 2004-05 was \$4.5 million. Cash gifts are about the same as the last two years, with lower amounts in government grants and gifts-in-kind. Bequests and other planned gift receipts of the year totaled \$465,000 and government grants totaled \$939,000. The campaign for the Mazza Museum addition stands at \$1.2 million of the \$2.2 million needed.

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.

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