

Thomas Nelson Community College Board
Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Services Committee
Meeting Minutes (February 25, 2015)

Members Present: Ms. Elizabeth S. Tai, Mr. John McMillan, Jr., Ms. Christine Gergely, Mr. Robert Harper

College Staff Present: Dr. Lonnie Schaffer, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Dan Lufkin, Vice President for Student Affairs

Committee Chair, Ms. Tai, called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

Minutes from December 3, 2014

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting as submitted. The motion was approved.

Action Items

None.

Discussion Items

- The Committee discussed college policy concerning closures due to inclement weather. Dr. Schaffer informed the Committee that the decision to close applies to all campuses and is based on the road conditions and the ability of faculty, staff and students to access the campuses safely (including parking lots and sidewalks). Members of the Cabinet, with information from the campus police and plant management, reach consensus and make a recommendation to Dr. Dever to close or delay opening. The decision is made as early as possible and disseminated to the college leadership and local television stations and posted on the website. A campus alert is also sent out for those who subscribe to that service.
- Dr. Schaffer provided a brief update on the partnership with the University of Virginia to offer the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies on the Historic Triangle campus. Six students attended the first information meeting and all are eligible to enroll. Additional information sessions are planned during the spring. UVA hopes to enroll a cohort of up to sixteen students in the fall.
- Dr. Schaffer announced that Old Dominion University plans to offer upper division courses in business administration at the Peninsula Center in the fall. The courses will be taught by ODU

faculty from the Norfolk campus and will be open to all Thomas Nelson graduates with an Associate of Science degree in business. The program will be marketed on the Peninsula and will be open to any residents who meet eligibility requirements for admission as a junior to the baccalaureate degree program.

- The Committee discussed the success of the Thomas Nelson Legislative Day at the General Assembly in Richmond. Students represented the College well and were highly complementary of their college experience at Thomas Nelson.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lonnie J. Schaffer
Vice President for Academic Affairs