

River Campus Board of Managers Minutes

March 6, 2020

Noon in River Campus Seminary Conference Room

Attendees: Scott Meyer, Danielle Poyner, Victoria Rust, Bob Cerchio, Rhonda Weller-Stilson and Mike Godard

Absent: Trudy Lee

Minutes from December 6, 2019 reviewed. Mike Godard made a motion to approve, Danielle seconded. No opposition, minutes approved.

Information Items

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Agenda

- **New Art Complex** – The new River Campus addition will be located at the corner of Frederick and Morgan Oak, three blocks from the present campus. Preliminary estimates indicate this may be open as early as Fall 2021. Rhonda noted this is very much a community partnership that includes the previous owners, Scott and Lisa Blank, the City and Southeast Missouri State University. And the university views this as a continued commitment to this part of the town’s revitalization. In addition to the public who will benefit from public art displays and summer camp opportunities for grade-school students. Dr. Vargas and Mike would like to talk more with Scott on city-related assistance to make Morgan Oak more attractive. The university is working with the Lawrence Group, which has been used for other university projects. This will ensure an overall design cohesiveness. Attention will be made to the exterior facade to ensure it is visually interesting and in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood. The current model includes two buildings with a connecting breezeway in addition to green space that will double as an outdoor classroom and art display for sculpture. The College of Arts and Media is starting to fundraise and the Arts Task Force met last week at the space. With the opening of this new addition, the Serena Building on main campus will be freed up and Ceramics will find a permanent home as they transition from their current Broadway location. The academic accrediting bodies have been very positive regarding these new spaces.
- **Yamaha Initiative Update** - This is a donor, Symphony and Music Department initiative. The university will have a large campaign after details are worked through with Dr. Vargas and we will have the distinction of being the only Yamaha School of Technology. The College is working on fundraising and one upcoming event is *Celebrate the Arts*. This will double as an opportunity to introduce the public to these instruments.
- **Faultline Film Festival**- is working on its 10th year event. And will be bringing back Kathryn Taylor Smith who was here of Homecoming. Kathryn is an actress from California who has been in multiple television shows. High school students will participate in a master class with her along with college students. The event runs from April 13 – 17. The keynote will be April 18. All of this is free to the public and more details will be shared in the near future.
- **River Campus Summer Arts Festival** - We are up in support from last year with St Francis, the Casino and Montgomery Bank sponsoring the event. Grants are also being offered by both US Bank and Ameren. We are working with the Accounting Department to help minimize employment costs by providing reimbursements vs. hourly wages. The Work Study program may also be an option since 50% of last year’s students would qualify. Ad sales are ongoing and range from \$150 to \$750. The Festival Launch Party will be June 20, 2020. And auditions for *Bring it On* will be in April. Information is being made available for *Disney’s 101 Dalmatians* and will be promoted at the Power of Women luncheon. Ages for the camps are 8 to 14. There will also be vocal and dance camps that will perform the day of the Summer Arts Festival. Art and Music Academy classes will run throughout the summer.
- **River Campus Procedures Manual Revisions** – The Glenn Convocation Center is being transformed into a Dance Studio. Therefore, references to this space have been removed. All mention of ‘All Sales Final’ have been deleted. Handicapped details have been updated. Drones were added to ‘prohibited items’ on campus; parking updates were made; and minor changes were made dealing with punctuation. Opportunity was made for the committee to review changes.

Scott Meyer made a motion to adjourn, Mike Godard seconded, meeting adjourned.