I. ACTION

A. Resolution of Appreciation for Tom Powell. Trustee Chair Janette H. Beckham read the resolution of appreciation for Tom Powell who has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the past two years and also as Alumni Chair. His resolution will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting and are attached. He will be succeeded by Scott Jenkins, who was introduced by Trustee Powell.

B. Board of Trustees Awards of Excellence. Trustees Powell and Mortimer were asked to review the applications for the Trustees Awards of Excellence. They read the applications individually and compared their findings and were pleased to discover they had rated the individuals the same. They indicated these individuals are great representations of the institution and have done extremely well in their specific assignments. Recommendations are Lori Barber, Michael Jacobsen, Nancy Smith, and Michelle L. Taylor. Trustee Powell motioned for approval of Lori Barber, Michael Jacobsen, Nancy Smith, and Michelle Taylor as recipients of the 2007-08 Board of Trustees Award of Excellence. Trustee Mortimer seconded. Voting was unanimous.

C. 2008-09 2nd Tuition.

1. 2nd Tier Tuition Increase President Sederburg reminded Trustees one of their most important responsibilities is recommending tuition levels to the Board of Regents. He gave a presentation on the history of tuition in the state of Utah. 1st tier tuition is determined by the Board of Regents and is used to fund employee compensation. 2nd tier tuition is determined by the individual institution and is used to target areas of student need. A Truth in Tuition hearing is required to be held, which has been done. The 2nd tier request for 2008-09 is a 2.8% increase, which along with the 1st tier increase, will be a combined total of $94.00 per student and will generate approximately $1.2 million base funding. It is targeted for the following areas: 1) Student involvement/engagement, specifically for 1st Year Experience, tutoring, mentors, math success, athletics and student life, 2) Student Support Enhancements, specifically student media center in new library, student support staffing, and non-O&M support for new library, and 3) Attract, Retain and Develop.
Exceptional Faculty and Staff, specifically for adjunct faculty pay increase. President Sederburg noted the federal PELL grant will increase $431 maximum for 2008-09 which will help offset tuition increases. Linda Makin, Executive Director of Budgets, explained the Board of Regents last year changed the policy that required non-resident tuition be at a 3.5x multiplier based on resident tuition. Request is to have 2nd tier tuition be a similar dollar amount for both resident and non-resident, which will lower the total percentage of non-resident tuition based on resident tuition. Trustee questions: 1) how will this affect adjunct salaries? Total adjunct compensation will increase 6% or approximately $100 per 3 hour course, 2) will the increase affect student enrollment? Studies have shown enrollment typically increases with increased tuition because there is a perceived increase in value. It could have an affect in student behavior in Utah as female students may leave to support family members, or they may take longer to complete. 3) what is the comparison to tuition levels in Utah? UVU is staying close to peer institutions SUU and Weber and the proposed increase is very close to the percentage for all other institutions in Utah. UVU has the highest per capita financial aid recipients in the state. Trustee Clark motioned for approval of the 2008-09 2nd Tier Tuition Increase. Trustee Lund seconded. Voting was unanimous.

2. Graduate Tuition. The Board of Regents agreed to place UVU Graduate Tuition on their March agenda, which requires Trustee approval. A graduate school task force has reviewed tuition rates and scales at peer institutions, best practices, Regent Policy, and has had review by the Commissioner’s Office. They recommend a per credit charge of $179 for tuition and $41 for fees for a total of $220 for up to 7 credits. Education graduate students will enroll in either 3 or 9 credits based on the semester. Regent policy requires graduate tuition be at least 110% of undergraduate tuition. No graduate waivers will be given. Trustee Merrill motioned for approval of the Education Graduate School tuition. Trustee Campbell seconded. Voting was unanimous.

D. 2008-09 General Student Fee Increase. Vice President Duckworth presented on behalf of the students. Student leaders conduct hearings and listen to fee proposals from all areas. They forward a recommendation to President’s Council, who approve and forward to Trustees for their recommendation. The proposal for 2008-09 is an increase of $18 which will be used in the areas of student programs (COLA for student center employees), One Card, PE services, UTA bus pass, bond payment, open labs in the new library, athletics (part of 5 year plan), student medical (fund psychiatric nurse practitioner in Wellness Center), and newspapers. Trustee Powell motioned for approval of the 2008-09 General Student Fee Increase. Trustee Lund seconded. Voting was unanimous.

E. Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipients. Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. will be the Commencement Speaker. Lane Beattie and Bill Hulterstrom, have been chosen as honorary degree recipients and are very pleased with this honor. Trustee Mortimer motioned for approval of awarding an honorary degree to Olene Walker. Trustee Powell seconded. Voting was unanimous. (Dr. Walker is unable to accept this year).

F. Cinema Studies Interdisciplinary Minor. Vice President Hitch explained this minor is a strength at the institution and has been an emphasis in the interdisciplinary program. Cinema Studies has been of interest to students, and courses and faculty are currently available. Trustee Mortimer motioned for approval of the Cinema Studies Interdisciplinary Minor. Trustee Clark seconded. Voting was unanimous.

G. UVU Institute for Professional Engagement. Vice President Duckworth said this program has been in development for some time and has received strengthened support from several generous donors. It is an effort to move towards a better professional engagement experience for students, to help them make career decisions and integrate them into careers before graduation. The proposal is for an Institute for Professional Engagement which requires Trustee approval. Dr. Wayne Mangelson, co-director of the Institute presented more detailed information. The institute will forward the mission and provide experiences beyond the classroom, to gain knowledge, experience and valuable career networks. Trustee questions: 1) Vision of scope. All students have individual advising and career planning. It was felt this will become a distinctive mark of the institution. 2) Focus on non-profit internships. Money will be provided for non-profit internships that have not been utilized in the past because most students need incomes. This would overlap with the stewards of place mission and help focus on development of the community. Trustees expressed their support of this program which will be of much value to the students and community. Trustee Lund motioned for approval of the UVU Institute for Professional Engagement. Trustee Clark seconded. Voting was unanimous.

H. 2007-08 Institutional Interest Income Revision. Linda Makin, Executive Director of Budgets, explained the state legislature approved the contract for the Noorda Children’s Theater, half of which will be paid from donations and the other half from institutional interest income. The revision in the III account is to provide this flexibility for funding. She noted the budget changes which include the addition of the Noorda children’s Theater funding, and presidential scholarships. Negative balances are for funding lines that have been moved to appropriated funds.
Contingency will also have a higher balance. Trustee Powell motioned for approved of the 2007-08 Institutional Interest Income revision. Trustee Campbell seconded. Voting was unanimous.

I. Rank and Sabbatical Approval. Trustee Campbell motioned for approval of rank advancement to Professor for Jans Wager, David Keller and Briant Farnsworth, and denial of rank advancement to nine other applicants. He motioned for approval of rank advancement to Assistant Professor for Max Aeschbacher, Kelvyn Blackhurst, Jane Loftus and Keith White and to Senior Lecturer for Linda Shelton. Trustee Lund seconded. Voting was unanimous.

J. Land Sale. Trustee Campbell motioned to approve sale of four acres of land on the west campus to UTA for a commuter station. Trustee Lund seconded. Voting was unanimous.

II. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR
A. Minutes of February 13, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting
B. Investment Report for January 2008
C. Human Resources Report for January 2008
D. Purchase of Property

Vice President Peterson explained the property purchase is the remainder of the orchard property contiguous to campus. The legislature appropriated $1.783 million towards the $3.25 million purchase price. This purchase also requires Regent approval.

Trustee Merrill motioned for approval of the General Consent Calendar. Trustee Campbell seconded. Voting was unanimous.

III. INFORMATION
A. Internal Audit Year-end Summary. Brent Turner, Internal Auditor, presented the yearly summary of audit activities. Chair Beckham thanked Mr. Turner for how well he does his job and for keeping Trustees appraised. President Sederburg referred to the MYUVSC reporting system and the numerous inquiries and successes that are transmitted through the process.

B. Legislative Update. Vice President Peterson distributed a handout on legislative budget actions. UVSC received the remaining $2 million for university status, $1.783 million for property purchase discussed earlier and $50,000 for the engineering initiative. Compensation was funded at 2% COLA, 1% discretionary and 9.9% benefits. Business Resource Center bill was passed and UVSC will receive a small funding. IT bill was defeated. Dr. Peterson also noted the legislature is studying system governance, which will be crucial. Our county delegation does a tremendous job. Trustees would like to sign a note thanking the legislative delegation for their efforts in our behalf. Linda Makin noted between now and April 8 budget decisions will be made, and Trustees were invited to the announcement meeting that day. They will receive the budget information to review before it is announced.

C. President’s Report. President Sederburg reported things are going well, with the pace getting faster at this time of year with budget, compensation, faculty hiring, and space decisions. He referred to the Campus Highlights report which includes an update on the transition to university.

Trustee Merril motioned to move to Executive Session to discuss matters permitted under the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act. Trustee Campbell seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.