Dinner guests were members of the Center of Engaged Learning team- Brian Birch, Susan Thackeray, Diana Hunter, Jessica Awtrey, Carlos Cortez, Alexis Palmer, and Jason Grodagron

Trustee Champion announced the 1st Annual Rebecca Marriott Champion Piano Competition will be held on April 9, and encouraged all Trustees to attend.

I. ACTION

A. Curriculum

Addition: Certificate of Proficiency in Legal Studies
Dean Norm Wright explained the certificate is for student who have a bachelor degree in any discipline who have an interested in paralegal studies and want to the course courses in this discipline in addition to a degree they have already completed. Questions: 1) is it tantamount to a minor? It is similar, but just includes the emphasis courses. 2) Is this national or just from the school? American Bar Association national accrediting body has agreed it is something of value to the field.3) Is it true if you have an AS degree you can’t get another AS degree? Yes, an AS degree is a transfer degree, and is considered a terminal degree.

Name Change and Reinstatement: AAS Paralegal Studies to Legal Studies
Proposal is for name change only. This is the current name used in the field and reflects more of what is contained in the degree. Trustees questioned saying paralegal is more recognized in the legal field and Dean Wright said other American Bar Association accredited schools use this language. The label paralegal is somewhat devaluing of what they do, and new name is accepted as a paralegal with a high skill set. Their board of local attorneys also suggested the name change.

Discontinuation: Certificate Computer Systems Maintenance
Dean Carey said this certificate refers to the repair of computer system. For some time there was an AAS degree in this field, and over the years the demand for graduates has lessened, so this program was eliminated.

Discontinuation: Diploma/AS/AAS Electronic and Computer Technology.
Dean Carey said this program was discontinued several years ago, but they wanted data on demand before it was officially removed. There has been no demand.

Discontinuation: BS Business Management: Finance and Banking emphasis
Discontinuation: BS Business Management: Marketing emphasis
Dean Wright said both of these areas now have four-year degrees, so the areas of emphasis are no longer needed. Questions: 1) does both a BA and BS in the same major cost more? No, there are no additional costs. The Bachelor of Arts is more an emphasis in the liberal arts and contains a language component, and the Bachelor of Science contains a quantitative component.

Trustee Beckham motioned for approval of all curriculum items listed. Trustee Mortimer seconded. Voting was unanimous.

B. Tenure Requests. Trustee Fund motioned for approval of tenure for Rick Griffin, History and Political Science; Jane Loftus, Developmental Math; Jeffrey Torlina, Behavioral Science; and Letty Workman, Marketing. Denial of tenure for Susan Middleton and Bunney Schmidt and one year extensions for Lorraine Wallace, English and Literature; and Leo Chan, Finance and Economics; Trustee Champion seconded. Voting was unanimous.

C. Rank Advancements. Trustee Fund motioned for approval of Rank Advancement to Professor for Chuck Allison, Genan Anderson, Melinda Bender, Scott Hammond, Kia Amir, Pierre Lamarche, Susan Madsen, Phil Matheson, Kate McPherson, Keith Mulbery, Deb Thornton and Christine Weigel; advancement to Associate Professor for Rick Griffin, Jane Loftus, Jeffrey Torlina and Letty Workman; and advancement to Assistant Professor for Terrence Orr, and Robert Warcup; and non-recommendation of rank advancement to professor for Yang Hoo, Farid Islam, Jill Jasperson, Linda Pierce and Barry Stone. Trustee Merrill seconded. Voting was unanimous.

D. 2nd Tier Tuition. Linda Makin referred to background information on tuition that was included in the board agenda. Recommendation is for a 5% 1st tier tuition increase set by the Regents, and a 2.4% increase for residents and a .8% increase for non-resident. This will generate $1.7 million in funding and will help offset the tax reduction and improve quality of instruction overall. Chart compares rates increases at the ten-credit hour level. Masters tuition varies based on the discipline. Comments and questions: 1) is the dollar amount increase the same for both resident and non-resident because the out of state tuition has already met the cost? Yes, a number of years ago the Regents changed the ratio between resident and non-resident after completing a study that indicated most non-residents were to pay for additional tuition increases. 1st tier tuition remains the same percentage for both categories, but 2nd tier is the same dollar amount. 2) Explain increased instruction costs under serious category. This will be used to hire more faculty and staff to meet demand. 3) Will this rate of increase meet the needs for student growth? Yes, it is put on the base budget and helps to mitigate the budget cut, hire more faculty, and enhance the overall student experience. 4) How does this increase compare to other institutions? We are in the middle compared to other state institutions and will remain comparable to Weber and BYU. 5) Why are we not asking for a higher increase? We want to increase enough to meet our needs for serious and quality, but also be able to remain a point of access for students in underserved populations who need education the most. UVU remains low in tuition in comparison to peer institutions and nationally. 6) Complimented UVU on leading out in fiscal responsibility and conservatism, and Trustee Portwood said on behalf of the students it is a good move for future needs of the university and also maintaining student opportunity. Trustee Mortimer motioned for approval of 2nd tier tuition increases of 2.4% for resident and .8% for non-resident tuition. Trustee Fund seconded. Voting was unanimous.

E. 2011-12 Student Fees. Trustee Portwood explained that on top of tuition, there are student fees. Each year the entities that receive student fees are required to present requests and accountability at student fee hearings. Student Council and President’s Council has approved a recommendation for a $5 increase in fees from current $308 to $313 for 2011-12. Changes include removal of UTA subsidy, and move of a 50 cent union building fee to 2nd tier tuition to be used for the recycling program as part of the sustainability initiative. Questions and comments: 1) what is the athletic fee used for? It is used to help fund all athletic programs. Most athletic programs are historically built in other ways, but at UVU it has been through the students. Institutions are often known by their athletic programs. We have a very limited athletic budget, but have competed very well. We have three wrestlers competing nationally, our men’s basketball team won the conference title and we received coach and player of the year. Our women’s basketball program had the highest GPA in the nation. It was noted UVU has received good press for their programs. 2) Can a PELL grant be used for fees? Yes, it is for cost of education so can include fees, books, room and board. Trustee Hawkins motioned for approval of the 2011-12 Student Fees. Trustee Fund seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Vice President Peterson gave an update on UTA. Since 2003-04 UVU has participated in the EduPass program. Originally it was subsidized with a federal grant and has since been subsidized by student fees and administration. UTA has discontinued the EduPass program and replaced it with a student discount program which would increase costs dramatically. The students and administration have made the decision not to continue the subsidy. Under the new program a student pass would cost $56.25 a month or $135 for premium as compared to $20 a year previously for the premium pass. UTA’s business plan is to move all users towards retail price Trustees will most likely receive questions
from the community. We do not know the ultimate impact on student retention, but it will have a high impact on the UCAS students who attend UVU. Any complaints should be directed to UTA. There will be an internal message to campus, no external message planned.

F. Ratification of Honorary Degree. Trustee Beckham motioned for ratification of Executive Board decision to approve honorary degree for Hal Wing. Trustee Hawkins seconded. Voting was unanimous.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of February 10, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting.
B. Human Resources Report for December 2010 and January 2011
C. Correction in Investment Reports for November and December 2010 and Investment Report for January 2011.
D. Bookstore Point of Sale System. This was returned for approval. The bid generates three finalists who are the three leading companies nationally. Committee is reviewing the three candidates carefully and have talked to institutions utilizing their services for how the system is working for them, what kind of updates are available, PCI audit use, credit and debit card use, integration into Banner, and system support. $300,000 cost will include integration costs, software support will require an annual fee, but no additional maintenance costs the first year.
E. ESCO Contract. Vice President Peterson explained our original ESCO program was for $18 million and has been so successful in savings that it has been paid down quicker than anticipated. In consultation with DFCM, another energy audit was conducted with the suggestion to have another contract for lighting and electrical. The payback would be 6.5 years, which is within tolerance level. CEA fee is for consultants that is folded into the cost of the total contract and prorated. This will be paid from previous ESCO savings, and cash on hand targeted for energy, which by state statute can be put back into energy projects. Energy upgrades are done on a cyclical basis so there is not a huge expense in one year. Because of ESCO projects, energy costs have stayed level, even with increased infrastructure.

Trustee Champion motioned for approval of the General Consent Calendar. Trustee Beckham seconded. Voting was unanimous.

III. INFORMATION

A. Campus Reports. President Holland referred to the theme from the State of the University address. The Cabinet is working hard to propose a number of decisions that will also require Trustee input. He referred to the image of the Brooklyn Bridge. At this time bridges could be constructed that were short and could handle lot of foot traffic, or long with little traffic. Roebling had a vision that he could do both. It is this same vision that we want for UVU—that we can be both a high quality, serious institution that is inclusive in reaching out to students at different level of aptitude and aspiration and yet determine to be serious with high academic quality with aspiration and expectation for faculty staff and students. This distinctive mission will be, in many ways, the defining challenge of this administration. The goal is dual mission, and it would be much easier to do one or the other. Trustees were given a copy of the State of the University address to read for background. They will receive in the next few weeks a white paper that is culmination of much research and thought by two campus-wide advisory committees on the unique education mission and the strategic plan for growth. The white paper will articulate a number of decisions to accomplish this and the Trustees will be asked to read and give constructive feedback. This unique mission will set UVU apart nationally and could provide a model that is greatly needed with high economic efficiency and high quality. Question was asked on Utah graduation rates. Trustee Merrill said it is reported at 66% from high school, but is more like 89-95%. President Holland noted Utah has gone down in numbers of adults with college degrees, so we need to provide ways to expand access to higher education.

B. Legislative/Budget Update. Vice President Hale reported on the recent legislative session. Higher education appropriations subcommittee recommended a 7% cut at the beginning of the session. They restored approximately 5%. Bill to remove tenure was stalled in committee, but will return next year. SB6 was passed in the last minutes of the session, which negatively affected UVU and was voted against by the Utah County delegation in the House. Leadership restored $1.5 million system-wide and passed a bill to ensure that UVU would not be disproportionately impacted. Mission Based funding was supported by UVU, with the request it not be implemented until the equity issue is resolved. Senate amendment said while Regents are looking at mission based funding, they must also address inequities in comparable institutions. House amended adding they must also look at historically unfunded growth. Both passed, and will make certain when money is available these issues will be addressed. It was noted we need to do a better job of educating legislators on the issues between sessions and show them the cost per yield.
Student Life and Wellness building was approved. Architects are working on programming, which should be completed by December, bidding in January, and construction beginning in March, with completion in the next 18 months.

Vice President Peterson noted Medicaid funding has had a large impact on higher education as funding that would have previously gone to higher education is being funneled into Medicaid. Applied technology colleges also received a higher rate of funding.

Trustee Fund motioned for approval to hold an Executive Session to discuss items approved under the Open and Public Meeting Act. Trustee Portwood seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Trustee Mortimer motioned to returned to Open Session. Trustee Portwood seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Trustee Portwood motioned to adjourn the March 17, 2011 Board of Trustee meeting. Trustee Fund seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.