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Kathleen Debenham, Professor, Department of Dance. MFA in Dance/Physical Education from Brigham Young University, Graduate certificate in Integrated Movement Studies with Laban Movement Analysis from the University of Utah. Over the past 20 years at UVU, she has established the UVU Synergy (modern dance) Company, developed the BS in Dance, organized the Department of Dance, being the first Chair. She has consistently participated, published and presented within her discipline. She has served as the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Interim Dean of the School of the Arts when it was split from the Humanities and Arts area, Interim Dean of the School of Humanities Arts and Social Sciences, and Associate Dean of that same school. She was also Director of Institutional Effectiveness, and was very active in developing outcomes measures for the schools as part of ongoing assessment and accreditation.

Jacob Ellsworth, Senior Oracle Developer in IT Administrative Programming. B.S. in Information Technology from Utah Valley University, with Oracle certifications as a certified professional and certified Java associate. He has skills in multiple computer languages and standards, and proficiency in many computer software programming platforms. He developed the Online Residency Application, which has been recognized by the state of Utah as the easiest application to review. He also developed the Graduation Application and Advisor Assignments, which has saved many hours for staff. He was the Project Manager and key player in Structured Enrollment implementation, developing and implementing the needed software programs and overseeing the testing. He is a strong leader in his division, with great customer service skills.

Briant Farnsworth, Professor Emeritus, former Dean, School of Education. Ed.D in Education, Brigham Young University with a major in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction and minor in Education Administration. His BS major was in biology and his MS minor in sociology. He retired the end of December after 14.5 years as UVU. He was a tenured Professor in the School of Education, served as the Department Chair of the Elementary Education Department and for the past 10.5 years as Dean of the School of Education. He started with one cohort of 30 students, growing to a nationally accredited teacher preparation program graduating over 200 students a year. He also started the secondary education program at UVU, and played a primary role in developing one of the first Masters programs at UVU in Education, which last year graduated 18 students. He set an example in quality teaching, scholarship and service. He was a very effective Dean, exemplified by the academic excellence and collegiality in the School of Education. After retirement, he is now Professor Emeritus.

Cheryl Hanewicz, Department Chair, Technology Management, College of Technology and Computing. D.E. in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University. Associate Professor, Technology Management Department, has also been Assistant Dean of the College of Technology and Computing, and Senior Director of Student Success and Retention at UVU. She is the only female department chair in the College of Technology and Computing. She serves on the boards of the Women in Technology Council, Student Success and Retention, and Women in STEM Academic Committee. She is the past president of the American Association of University Women, and has been Co-Director of the Utah Women and Education Project, whose goal is to attract and retain more young women in higher education, and has written many scholarly publications regarding that work. As Department Chair she is working hard to build both the bachelor and associate degrees within the Technology Management program, and to secure internships, student engagement activities, noteworthy capstone projects, and job placement.
**Toni Harris**, Assistant Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Master’s in Business Administration/minor in Business Management. Ms. Harris is the liaison between the Dean and the College Academic Advisors, and her work in elevating commitment and professionalism of advisors has been recognized by NACADA, the national academic advisor organization. She is responsible for their College scholarship efforts and has been instrument in recruitment and retention efforts. Though not part of her formal duties, she has been active in advancement and development efforts, forming an Advisory Board and spearheading the Forgotten Carols scholarship, and a series of literary events that brought together community members and students. She has managed and organized university and community events including UVU conferences on Addiction, Autism, Mental Health, Adoption, Substance Abuse and Adoption.

**Katri Haycock.** Associate Director of Creative Services in University Marketing and Communications. BFA in Illustration and Design from Utah Valley University, BA in German with minor in Visual Arts from Brigham Young University. She is responsible for the visual culture on campus that is communicated through her creation of an array of marketing pieces. Every major marketing project on campus has her input. She created a commencement template that has saved the university thousands of dollars, and works hard every year to make the Scholarship Ball an amazing event. She genuinely cares about the success of every project she works on, whether large or small. She has also proven to be an effectively teacher, mentoring young creative minds at UVU, and supervising student interns and designers within the department where she is able to critique without being critical of others’ ideas. She has a strong work ethic that is infectious within the department and has a fun and positive attitude.

**Megan Kennedy.** Associate Athletic Director/Senior Women Administrator. M.Ed. in Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and BS in Elementary Education. During her 14 years at UVU, she has had a great influence in the growth of Athletics. She began as Assistant Volleyball Coach/Academic Advisor, and has moved up the ranks to her current position. She has been a leader in the transition from junior college athletics to NCAA Division I, and was instrument in development of the NCAA strategic plan. Her administrative responsibilities include women’s soccer, men’s and women’s golf, student support, financial aid, compliance, and academic advisement in Athletics. She is well respected by her colleagues and those she supervises, and mentors and continues to be an outstanding leader.

**Yudi Lewis,** Advisor, Multicultural Center. MBA, University of Phoenix, and is currently in the Ph.D. program in Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Utah. She began at UVU as an advisor in the Multicultural Center. Her primary focus in advising Latino students on campus, but she has also been able to reach out to many Latino students around the state in bringing them to UVU. She has received numerous awards for her advocacy of under-presented populations, and has presented at local and national conferences.

**David Litchford,** Professor, Department of Communication. Masters in Educational Leadership with emphasis in Organizational Behavior from Brigham Young University. He has been at UVU for 33 years as a Professor of Communication and Management. In addition he has very involved in community service, currently volunteering in these four community organizations: Grovecrest Elementary School where he is both a business partner and classroom volunteer; American Fork Recreation Center, where he is a patron-adviser committee member, volunteer and doner; American Fork High School where he established a leadership class and curriculum, is a guest speaker, volunteer coach, and doner; State of Utah Governor’s Honors Academy where he is a member of the original board established in 1988, and has presented yearly at the annual summer leadership academy. He is a highly sought after speaker and preseniter.

**Jim Michaelis,** Associate Vice President for Facilities. BA in Finance from the University of Utah. He also has a Lifetime CPM with the National Association of Purchasing Managers. His 34 year career at UVU began as
Assistant Director of Purchasing. He was soon promoted to Director of Purchasing with responsibilities for risk management, warehouse, mail services, surplus property, property control, computer shop and purchasing. In 2001 he became Associate Vice President of Facilities. In this role he has responsibility for construction management, facilities planning, space management/development, maintenance/custodial, grounds/landscaping, construction and remodeling, security, campus policy, parking/motor pool, emergency management, risk management, hazardous waste, signage, campus engineering/central plant, sustainability, architecture, etc. He oversees $15.8 million of operating funds, plus millions of annual remodeling/capital improvement funds and has overseen the design and build of the Computer Science building, Wasatch Campus, McKay Education Building, Liberal Arts Building, Student Center remodel, Baseball Stadium, Library, Science Building, Facilities Building, Wee Care Center and Classroom Building. Under his direction, UVU was the first university in Utah to implement an ESCO project to reduce energy costs. He is committed to managing scarce resources effectively to provide an excellent education and work environment and has the ability to get the job done while maintaining a sense of calm and humor.

Lauri Miller. Director of Utah Statewide GEAR Up Education program. Ph.D. in Instructional Systems Technology from Indiana University, and BS in Elementary Education from BYU. The GEAR Up program is in 14 school districts and 51 public high schools statewide and assists 12,000 low-income and minority students to successfully graduate from high school and prepare for college. She was able to secure one of only 16 national federal grants, worth $26 million. UVU’s GEAR Up program has become one of the largest and most successful programs in the nation. 90% of its high school seniors graduate, and their enrollment in college has risen from 46% in 2006 to 80% this year. She has worked tirelessly to promote this program. She is a founding member of the executive steering committee for UtahFuture, the College Access Network of Utah, and co-chair of the Data Access and Sharing Committee. She participates in a multistate College and Career Reading Evaluation Consortium, where she serves as the state director liaison on the Research and Evaluation Committee. She has an incredible work ethic and is well respected by her staff and professional colleagues.

Keith Mulbery, Department Chair, Information Systems and Technology. Ph.D. in Business Information Systems, Utah State University. Dr. Mulbery is a proven teacher, receiving the College of T&C teaching award and Scholar of the Year award, and receiving consistently high student ratings. He received the Trustee Excellence award in 2001 for his scholarship in writing teaching manuals. He is a well-recognized author in the information systems field, where many of his long-list of textbooks and manuals has been adopted by academic institutions nationally. Along with teaching, he has served in several administrative roles including being asked to be interim Associate Dean of the College of T&C, and now Department Chair. Under his leadership, the department completed a successful ABET accreditation review. He recently secured a $3.1 million federal grant for cyber security training and education, and created the academic cyber security program at UVU. He has expanded industry collaboration and partnerships, which enables students to get good jobs in the growing fields of computer networking and computer information security.

Glendon Parker, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology. Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Monash University in Australia, with two prestigious post-doctoral appointments at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Alabama. He has published in a wide range of top-tier journals. He is recognized as one of the leading faculty members at UVU in providing professional caliber research experiences. His expertise in cell biology, molecular biology and biochemistry allows him to teach a broad range of courses from biochemistry, applied experimental methods to general education biology courses. His students consistently present their research at top national and international scientific conferences and publish in top-tier scientific journals. In addition to being an outstanding teacher, he is an outstanding researcher bringing cutting edge technical knowledge with his remarkable ability to think and innovate. One of his significant projects is his development of methods for genetic identification of humans through hair-protein polymorphisms using
mass spectrometry. His research will have extraordinary value for forensic identification from hair samples when DNA is not available. He has received a research grant from the Utah Science Technology and Research initiative and currently has a contract with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He recently completed his term of service as director of UVU’s Institutional Review Board, reviewing all research projects that require IRM approval. His provides overall impact on UVU through the students he mentors in the classroom and laboratory, the research he publishes, the professional connections he has forged, and the reputation he has brought to the university.

**Lynley Rowan**, Associate Professor, Department of Public and Community Health. Ph.D. in Health Promotion and Education with International Health Emphasis from the University of Utah, with certificates and minors in Gerontology and Spanish. Dr. Rowan has provided a level of academic leadership to students through her extensive international ties. Every other summer she has taken a group of students to Ghana Africa. During their 5-7 week stay, students have worked with the Ministries of Health to journey to traditional African villages and provide preventative education programs to local women and children, particularly in HIV prevention, nutritional diseases and barriers to equality. Dr. Rowen has also established close ties with Peruvian Health Officials and has spent spring breaks with the University of Utah School of Medicine’s “Reach Out and Learn” program to provide education to health professionals and treat hundreds of Peruvians citizens. In 2010 she organized a yearly public health education conference for physicians, nurses and public health professionals in Peru. The professional participants came from students and faculty from UVU. She has made presentations to many international organizations including the Pan American Health Organization in the Dominican Republic, the 11th World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the Women’s Rights and Freedom Conference at Oxford University. She is also active in local service organizations in the health professions. She is an excellence teacher, engaging her students one-on-one and as a group mentor. She is one of the most student-centered and engaged professors anywhere.

**Peter Sproul**, Department Chair Culinary Arts. AAS degree in Restaurant Management and Operations from the State University of New York at Delhi with many professional certifications and affiliations. He consistently encourages his students to not only learn principles of culinary arts, but expand in areas of personal interest to showcase their creations and business plans. He works hard to establish networks, both locally, nationally and internationally to secure internships and service learning opportunities for students. His own national and international awards have opened doors for his students to intern in the finest dining restaurants in Europe and resort areas through the US. He was asked to be a Guest Judge at the Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung in Germany, commonly known as the Culinary Olympics. He has created partnerships with non-profits and exposed his students to ways they can give back to the community. He and his students have donated time and talent to preparing food for the less fortunate members of the community. He has found opportunities for students to compete in a variety of culinary competitions, where they have gone on to successful employment and national acclaim, and is focused on providing student scholarship opportunities.