

# UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 18, 2018

4 p.m. – SC 213c, Utah Valley University

## Board of Trustee Members Present

Karen L. Acerson  
James Clarke  
Rick Nielsen  
Rob Smith  
Jack Sunderlage  
Jill Taylor  
Paul Thompson  
R. Duff Thompson, First Vice Chair

## Guests

Brailey Dodson  
Dan Fairbanks  
Parker Fawson  
Saeed Moaveni  
Stephen Whyte  
Norm Wright  
Forrest Williams

## UVU Regular Attendees

Karen Clemes, General Counsel  
Scott Cooksey, Vice President Development and Alumni  
Matthew S. Holland, President  
Linda Makin, Vice President Planning, Budget and HR  
Cameron Martin, Vice President University Relations  
Shalece Nuttall, PACE President  
Jeffery Olson, Senior Vice President Academic Affairs  
Val Peterson, Vice President Finance and Administration  
Kyle Reyes, Vice President Student Affairs  
Craig Thulin, Faculty Senate President  
Katie Zabriskie, Executive Communication Officer

## I. INFORMATION

### **1. Inclusion Discussion**

VP Kyle Reyes engaged the Board of Trustees in a conversation about inclusion. The purpose was to introduce the awareness, understanding, and skills necessary to be interculturally competent. VP Reyes noted the need to be aware of one's dispositions and lenses of understanding as these impact one's ability to build bridges of understanding and empathy. Ideas discussed included the biological implications of experiences, the development of implicit and explicit scripts, coding of experiences, development of identity, societal scripts and stereotypes, and the importance of exposure in the formation of new scripts and lenses of understanding.

## II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice Chair R. Duff Thompson provided a report on the Audit Committee meeting that was held immediately preceding the Trustee meeting. He noted that the members received training on their state-mandated responsibilities and were presented with the outcomes of the state audit. The state auditors were complimentary of UVU's accounting team and their preparedness as it facilitated a timely conclusion of the audit. The state auditors indicated that UVU is one of the best managed institutions in USHE. UVU was issued a clean audit report. He further noted that the General Counsel's office provided the committee members with an update on exposure, risk, complaints, and legal filings.

First Vice Chair D. Thompson asked Trustee Jack Sunderlage to provide a report on the Finance and Facilities Committee; Trustee Sunderlage in turn asked VP Val Peterson to provide an overview of his CFO report to the Audit Committee. VP Peterson noted the developments in dining options on campus, the construction progress of the Noorda Center for the Performing Arts, the status of the warehouse preparations, and the placement of the bubble over the soccer field in Vineyard. The Trustees discussed the possibilities of branding the bubble both institutionally and with donors/partners

First Vice Chair D. Thompson asked Trustee Karen Acerson to provide a report on the Honorary Awards Committee. Trustee Acerson indicated that the Trustees had received wonderful nominations for the Awards of Excellence and were eager to hear feedback from the Trustees with regards to honorary awards at graduation. She noted further discussion would follow in Executive Session.

First Vice Chair D. Thompson asked Trustee Paul Thompson to provide a report on the Academic Affairs Committee. Trustee P. Thompson noted how impressed he was by UVU's Center for Ethics and the attention that the university is paying to this issue. He indicated that the committee had recently discussed the re-envisioning of the undergraduate experience initiative and its implications for general education. Trustee Thompson asked VP Jeff Olson to explain the initiative further. VP Olson noted that general education had not been reviewed comprehensively for many years, and although it is a priority, it is a challenging undertaking. He discussed the new approach being taken and the emphasis on transparency. He indicated that although President Holland will not be able to see it through, it remains a focus in his last six months.

### III. ACTION ITEMS

#### **1. Academic Programs**

The Trustees were presented with a proposal to change the name of the College of Technology and Computing to the College of Engineering and Technology. The name change will reflect the addition of the new engineering programs and position the university to better host conferences. The Trustees were presented with a proposal to add 2 new emphases in the Forensic Science BA/BS to reflect market demand for degreed individuals. The Trustees were presented with a proposal to create a Secondary Teaching Emphasis and a Graduate Certificate in Secondary Teaching. These will allow individuals from outside the teaching profession to enter the field and help address a critical shortage in secondary teachers. The Trustees were presented with a proposal to delete the Legal Studies program. The program has suffered from declining enrollment; its elimination will free resources to support students in other areas and increase university efficiencies. The Trustees were presented with three year reviews of the BA/BS University Studies, BS Physics Education, and BA Statistics. All three programs were seen as strong enough to continue despite a continuing need to increase enrollment. Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the College of Engineering and Technology as the new name of the College of Technology and Computing; the addition of 2 emphases in Forensic Science, the addition of a Secondary Teaching Emphasis and Graduate Certificate; the deletion of the Legal Studies Program; and the continuation of the BA/BS University Studies, BS Physics Education, and BA Statistics. Trustee Sunderlage seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

#### **2. UTA Contract**

The Trustees were presented with a proposal for a 10 year contract renewal with UTA. The contract will cost UVU \$1,008,000 per year and allow UVU to issue 55,000 permits, a significant increase over the number of permits currently issued. A fee increase will be imposed on UVU if student ridership increases by more than 5,500. The recipients of the permits were discussed as was the structure of the contract. The sustainability of public transportation was discussed in terms of campus infrastructure and local traffic were explained as were marketing efforts to encourage ridership. Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the 10 year UTA contract. Trustee Jill Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Rob Smith motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Trustee Rick Nielsen seconded.

### III. ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

#### **3. 2018 Commencement Speaker**

Trustee Acerson motioned to approve the 2018 Commencement Speaker as proposed in Executive Session with the name to be revealed at a later date by way of a coordinated, planned media announcement. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

#### **4. 2018 Honorary Degree Recipients**

Trustee Acerson motioned to approve the 2018 Honorary Degree recipients as proposed in Executive Session with the names to be revealed at a later date by way of a coordinated, planned media announcement. Trustee Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

#### **5. 2018 Board of Trustee Awards of Excellence Recipients**

Trustee Acerson motioned to approve the awarding of the 2018 Board of Trustee Award of Excellence to Joel Herd, Lowell Glen, Mark Bracken, Vicki Marriott, and Elizabeth Sowards. Trustee Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

#### **IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar which consisted of the minutes of November 30, 2017, and the investment report for October 2017 and November 2017. Trustee Acerson motioned to approve the Consent Calendar and Trustee Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

#### **I. INFORMATION**

##### **1. President's Report**

President Holland provided the Trustees with an update on the university since the last Board of Trustee meeting. This included an invitation to the Board of Regents meeting the following day, the Hugh Herr Presidential Lecture on March 7, and the Trustee National Conference in April. The President then discussed awards and recognitions at the university which included the boost in the Strengthening Families Program, the Envision Utah Common Good Award, the press received from the UTA announcement, the opening of Chick-fil-a, the MLK speakers, and the Venture Fund kick-off event. He noted the success in men's wrestling and men's basketball, as well as two alums in the Olympics. He discussed the publication of an editorial on UVU in *Public Purpose* and an article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The President then provided the Trustees with an overview of the University's legislative requests with regards to compensation, student growth, completion, and workforce development. He closed with a discussion of the new Woodbury School of Building proposal and the support of a FrontRunner stop in Vineyard.

Trustee Sunderlage motioned to adjourn. The motion carried without opposition.