

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 29, 2018

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

Board of Trustee Members Present

Elaine Dalton, Chair
Karen Acerson
James Clarke
John Gappmayer
Marc Reynolds
Rick Nielsen
Jack Sunderlage, Second Vice Chair
Paul Thompson

Others Present

Steven Clark
Braley Dodson
David McEntire
Saeed Moaveni
Barb Smith
Stephen Whyte
Norm Wright

UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President
Karen Clemes, General Counsel
Scott Cooksey, Vice President, Development and Alumni
Justin Jones, Chief of Staff, Secretary to the Board
Linda Makin, Vice President, Planning, Budgets, and HR
Cameron Martin, Vice President, University Relations
Jeff Olson, Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Alexis Palmer, Associate Vice President Student Affairs
Val Peterson, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Belinda Otukolo Saltiban, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer
Craig Thulin, Faculty Senate President
Katie Zabriskie, Executive Communication Officer

At the beginning of the meeting, Trustee Chair Elaine Dalton welcomed all those in attendance and noted those who could not be present. She explained the presence of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* who was filming a “Day in the Life Of” piece on President Tumienz. Because of President Tuminez’s responsibilities and schedule, Chair Dalton asked President Tuminez to provide her President’s Report, altering the stated agenda structure.

IV. INFORMATION

1. President’s Report

President Astrid S. Tuminez provided the Trustees with a review of university highlights, initiatives, and developments which had occurred since the October Board of Trustee meeting. These included the announcement of Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Jeff Olson’s retirement and position search process; the hiring of Belinda Otukolo Saltiban as the Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer and Jerry Henley as the Associate Vice President of Development; the 10-year anniversary celebration of the Capitol Reef Field Station; the donation of Lakemount Manor and its re-designation as the UVU Museum of Art; the Illumine Awards at which Andrea Clarke was honored; and, the Passage of Proposition 5. President Tuminez then discussed the acquisition of two fire trucks to support the College of Health and Public Service; the Golden Spike awards earned by University Relations and students in the PR program; recognition of both students and faculty in media publications; and, the keynote speech given by John Ratzenberger at UVU’s CTE conference. President Tuminez also noted those events at which she spoke or was directly involved, including the Latin American Studies Conference, the POLS 110 Town Hall, and a flight with a UVU Aviation faculty over Utah County during her visit to the Provo Hangar. Finally, athletic successes were noted.

I. ACTION

1. Academic Program Approval

The Trustees were presented with several academic programs for adoption - the Master of Financial Planning and Analytics, Bachelor of Architecture, BS in Aerospace Technology Management, Master of Physician Assistance, and Master of Art in Marriage and Family Therapy. For each program, the value of the degree was discussed in terms of student educational preparation, local and national industry need, and the particular manner in which UVU will provide instructional resources and engaged learning for these courses. The Trustees engaged in thoughtful questioning about each program, specifically the ability of UVU to financially support the new programs. The Trustees were then presented with a request to transfer several interdisciplinary studies (IS) emphases from the Interdisciplinary Studies department (IDST) to another department within the College of Health and Social Sciences

(CHSS). This is similar to the approved movement of minors out of the now dissolved IDST department. Finally, the Trustees were asked to approve the suspension of the Building Inspection Technology program. The program is being evaluated to determine if it will be ended or if new faculty will be hired to continue the offering. After minimal further discussion, Trustee Paul Thompson motioned to approve the adoption of the Master of Financial Planning and Analytics, Bachelor of Architecture, BS in Aerospace Technology Management, Master of Physician Assistance, and Master of Art in Marriage and Family Therapy; the transfer of IS emphases from IDST department to other departments within CHSS; and, the suspension of the Building Inspection Technology program. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

2. Policies

The Trustees were presented with a request to approve Policy 541 Student Code of Conduct as a temporary emergency. It was noted that the policy needs revisions but must be brought into immediate compliance with mandated mental health initiatives in the USHE system. The policy will continue to be revised in the regular policy process. Trustee Marc Reynolds motioned to approve Policy 541 Student Code of Conduct as a temporary emergency. Trustee Karen Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

The Trustees were then presented with a request to approve Policy 636 Research Ethics and Compliance as a temporary emergency. This will allow UVU to expand research on campus under a policy that fully addresses the necessary compliance pieces and best practice guidelines. It was noted that UVU has appointed an interim research officer (Dean Dan Fairbanks) to ensure this immediate compliance and help develop a fully articulated policy. Trustee Acerson motioned to approve Policy 636 Research Ethics and Compliance as a temporary emergency. Trustee Rick Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

Finally, the Trustees were presented with a request to reapprove Policy 705 Unmanned Aircraft Systems as a regular process policy. It was noted that the version the Trustees received and approved in October was not the correct finalized version. Trustee John Gappmayer motioned to approve Policy 705 Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Trustee Jack Sunderlage seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

3. Internal Audit Charter Ratification

The Trustees were asked to ratify the recent decision of the Audit Committee to adopt an internal audit chart which brings Audit into compliance with Board of Regent policy and ensures that UVU's internal auditors will remain independent and objective and receive full access to institutional information. Trustee Clarke motioned to approve the ratification of the adoption of the internal audit charter. Trustee Gappmayer seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Reynolds motioned to enter Executive Session to strategically discuss character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and litigation that is pending or reasonably imminent. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

I. ACTION ITEMS

4. Naming Opportunity

Trustee Nielsen motioned to approve the naming of a conference room in the Noorda Center for the Performing Arts the Paul and Janette Clyde Conference Room. Trustee Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar, which consisted of the minutes of October 25, 2018; the September 2018 Investment Report; the 2018 UVU Fleet Report; and, an explanation of approved sabbatical deferments. Trustee Sunderlage motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

IV. INFORMATION

2. Trustee Committee Reports

The Trustees were provided with a report on the activities of the Finance and Facilities Committee by Trustee Sunderlage. Trustee Sunderlage turned time over to VP Makin to discuss issues surrounding tuition setting and accessibility. VP Makin briefly discussed the efforts of USHE to look at access and affordability among the institutions. She then turned her attention to developments surrounding tuition setting in recent weeks, explaining that the Board of Regents made significant revisions to the tuition setting policy as a result of an audit of prior practices. USHE tuition will no longer be tiered and will no longer have a common system increase. Instead, she noted, each university will present a number of tuition scenarios from which the Regents will select in late March once the Legislative session has concluded. VP Makin noted that the scenarios present will include requests for funding for legislative mandates, a 25% match for compensation increases as approved by the Legislature, program growth, and compensation increases not funded otherwise. She explained the participation and approval needed by the Trustees prior to March 29. Trustee Sunderlage then asked VP Peterson to give an update on the Noorda Center and the financial health of the university. VP Peterson reported that the Noorda Center was 99% complete and, in terms of overall project, was on time and on budget. The building funding and design was reviewed, in particular the aesthetic elements of the atrium and the sound deadening design structure allowing for multiple simultaneous performances. It was noted that the official ribbon cutting will be the week of March 24-30 as part of a series of events. VP Peterson then noted the strong financial health of the university and the pride in the diversity and balance of its portfolio. Trustee Sunderlage then concluded the update with a brief review of Athletics. He noted the strength of the academic performances of UVU's athletic teams, the forthcoming awarding of funds for academic performance by the NCAA, and the strong graduation rate of UVU's athletes. Trustee Sunderlage briefly touched on the compliance efforts of the program, budgetary realities and strong return on investments, and the plan to continue to have athletics be an ongoing report to the Audit Committee.

3. Board of Trustees Engaged Learning Awards

VP Cooksey presented the Trustees with a request for financial participation in the support of the Board of Trustees Engaged Learning Awards. He noted the history of the award and the funding levels in the past, the most recent of which was \$12,000 supporting two awards. He explained that the goal was for 100% Trustee financial participation at whatever level they were able to give.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting.