

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 21, 2019
4 p.m. – SC 213c, Utah Valley University

Board of Trustee Members Present

Elaine Dalton, Chair
Karen Acerson
John Gappmayer
Rick Nielsen
Marc Reynolds
Jack Sunderlage, Second Vice Chair
Jill Taylor
Paul Thompson
R. Duff Thompson, First Vice Chair

Others Present

Scott Trotter
Stephen Whyte

UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President
Jacob Atkin, Associate Vice President, Finance
Karen Clemes, General Counsel
Scott Cooksey, Vice President, Development and Alumni
Nathan Gerber, PACE President
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
W. Barney Nye, Associate Vice President, Student Affairs
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, noted those who could not be present, and addressed housekeeping items.

I. ACTION

1. Academic Program Approval

The Trustees were provided with a review of the most recent meeting of the Academic Affairs committee by Trustee Paul Thompson. The Trustees were then presented with several academic programs for adoption and/or name changes. These were centered around the geomatics program, surveying technology, and the Engineering Design Technology department which wished to change its designation to the Department of Architecture and Engineering Design to reflect the new architecture degree program. Some discussion of paths to licensure and job demand followed. The Trustees then looked at programs that were being recommended for deletion because of low demand and enrollment, including the IS emphasis in Graphic Design and an emphasis in forensic chemistry. After minimal discussion, Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the name change to the Engineering Design Technology department, the name change of the Geomatics program, the adoption of the CP in Surveying Technology, and the adoption of the AAS in Surveying Technology as well as the deletion of the IS emphasis in Graphic Design and the Forensic Chemistry emphasis. Trustee Jack Sunderlage seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

The Trustees were then presented with several three-year reviews of new programs as required by Regents policy. The Trustees were assured that all programs were meeting expectations, but discussion followed about how these decisions are made, the desire to more firmly develop criteria for elimination, and the nature of enrollment numbers. Specific questions were asked about the entrepreneurship program and retention. Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the three-year reviews and recommendations for continuation of the BFA Theatre, BS Entrepreneurship, BS Mechatronics, BS Digital Cinema, BS Digital Audio, BS Animation and Games, and BS Web Design and Development. Trustee Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

2. Policies

The Trustees were presented with a request to approve revisions to Policy 333 Background Checks. It was noted that Policy 333 was a joint effort of the Office of the General Counsel and Human Resources, establishing the requirements for legally conducting background checks and ensuring the confidentiality of the information gathered. Among other benefits, the policy will help prevent negligent hire claims. After minimal discussion, Trustee John Gappmayer motioned to approve the adoption of revisions to Policy 333 Background Checks. Trustee Marc Reynolds seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

The Trustees then looked at Policy 608 Internship Programs. It was noted that internships are considered a high impact practice and are one of the pillars of UVU's commitment to engaged learning. This new policy helps to guide the responsibilities and requirements of internships in each college/school and codifies the guidelines and practices on a university level for consistency and accountability. Trustee Jill Taylor motioned to approve the adoption of Policy 608 Internship Programs. Trustee Gappmayer seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

3. Property Purchase

The Trustees reviewed a proposal to purchase the home located at 1252 South 490 West, Orem at or below appraised value with institutional funds. The home lies within the approved Master Plan growth zone. If the appraisal price is above \$500,000, the purchase request will be sent to the Board of Regents for approval. The appraisal is not completed yet, but based on existing data, there is confidence that the appraisal will be less than \$500,000. It was noted that this request for approval is being made out of order to accommodate the existing Regent and Trustee meeting schedules. After discussion of the risks of this request and the need to ensure appropriate appraisal, Trustee R. Duff Thompson motioned to approve the purchase of the home in discussion for up to \$500,000; but if the home appraises for more than \$500,000, the Board of Trustees will approve the purchase subject to Board of Regents approval. Trustee Sunderlage 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 Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

I. ACTION (CONTINUED)

4. Sabbaticals

Trustee Sunderlage motioned to approve Fall 2019 sabbatical requests for Ruhul H. Kuddus, Biology; Heather Wilson-Ashworth, Biology; and, Thomas Mgonja, Developmental Math; and 2019-20 Academic Year Sabbatical requests for Todd Peterson, Computer Science; Michael Goode, History and Political Science; Pierre Lamarche, Philosophy and Humanities; Michael Shaw, Philosophy and Humanities; Ya Li, Mathematics; Cyril Slezak, Physics; Sheri Rysdam, Literacies and Composition; and Mohammad El-Saidi, Strategic Management and Operations. Trustee Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

5. Honorary Awards

Trustee Karen Acerson motioned to approve the 5 Browns as the 2019 Commencement Speaker and honorary Doctorate of Arts recipients; two honorary degree recipients whose names and degrees will be announced publicly following their acceptance of the award and commitment to attend the May 2, 2019, commencement ceremony; and, the awarding of the Trustee Awards of Excellence to Eddy Cadet, Mary Brown, Stephen Whyte, and Summer Valente. Trustee Gappmayer seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar, which consisted of the minutes of January 17, 2018, the December 2018 Investment Report, and the 2018 Human Resources Report. Trustee Nielsen motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Committee Reports

The Trustees were provided with updates on the activities of both the Audit Committee and the Finance and Facilities committees. Audit Chair D. Thompson noted that the State Auditors gave the university a clean audit report. Chair Thompson expressed his appreciation for the hard work and professionalism of UVU's Audit

Department. Finance and Facilities Chair Sunderlage spoke of the focus that was placed on the legislative session, the funds available, and UVU's needs during the meeting. With commentary from VPs Linda Makin and Cameron Martin, the Trustees were given a review of the growth being experienced in Utah County and its impact on UVU. There was strong emphasis placed on the need for UVU to secure growth funding to meet the demands of UVU's service region. The efficiency of UVU in educating this population was noted, particularly in terms of tax dollars received and tuition expenses. The Trustees were asked to message the legislature about the critical nature of growth funding, both statewide and at UVU.

2. President's Report

President Astrid S. Tuminez provided the Trustees with an update on the university since the January 2019 Board meeting. Her report included a thank you for the support of her Cabinet and recognition of changes in leadership, including the hiring of Marilyn Meyer as AVP for Human Resources and the designation of Jared Sumsion as interim AVP for Athletics. Student successes were noted, including Emma El-Farra's designation as the ACF Western Region Student Chef of the Year and the UVU Dance Team's first place finish in the Varsity Universal Dance Association Division 1 Jazz competition. Significant happenings at the university were noted, including a Broadway production being workshopped at UVU, the announcement of the UVU MBA at Silicon Slopes, and the Bloomberg spotlight on UVU. Further mention was made about legislative requests for UVU and monies needed for the WSB. President Tuminez then spoke about game changers at UVU, one of which would be an endowment increase to \$500 million. She closed by reminding the Trustees about the Week of Dreams.

3. Tuition Setting

The Trustees were informed about the new tuition setting process designated by the Board of Regents. The history of UVU's tuition and fee amounts was reviewed, as was the rationale for these dollar amounts. The expectations of the new tuition setting process were noted, including the presentation of four separate proposals relating thereto and the expected recommendation by UVU to the Regents for a tuition increase. The desire to raise out of state tuition was explained but the criteria for establishing waivers for these students was also discussed. The timeline for tuition setting was then reviewed.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting.