

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 22, 2018
4 p.m. – SC 213c, Utah Valley University

Board of Trustee Members Present

Elaine Dalton, Chair
Karen L. Acerson
Rick Nielsen
Rob Smith
Jack Sunderlage (phone), Second Vice Chair
Jill Taylor
Paul Thompson
R. Duff Thompson, First Vice Chair

UVU Attendees

Clark Collings, Associate General Counsel
David Connelly, AVP Academic Affairs
Scott Cooksey, Vice President Development and Alumni
Matthew S. Holland, President
Cameron Martin, Vice President University Relations
Andrew Stone, AVP Enrollment Management
Craig Thulin, Faculty Senate President
Fred White, AVP Engaged Learning
Katie Zabriskie, Executive Communication Officer

Guests

Arthur Evensen
Sarah Khelfa
Sarah Calloway
Amber Rowley
Nicholas Williams
Taylor Cook

I. ACTION

1. Board of Trustee Engaged Learning Scholarship

The Trustees received final reports from the 2017-18 Board of Trustee Engaged Learning Scholarship. Arthur Evensen, whose project was the Impact of Phragmites australis control on Utah Lake water quality, reported on the growth of the project both in terms of scope of study and engagement of UVU students and the publications and conference presentations that have resulted. Arthur noted that he has been accepted to medical school and his research played a key role in his admission. Sarah Khelfa, whose project was Real-time pathology of sentinel lymph nodes during breast cancer surgery using high-frequency ultrasound, noted the impact of her research on developing new data analysis methods and instruments that are to be used in studies currently under request for IRB approval. She reviewed the publications and conferences that have resulted from her research and the role that the funding played in her ability to attend the latter.

The Trustees then heard presentations from the three finalists for the 2018-19 Engaged Learning Scholarship. Sarah Calloway, whose proposal was Wasatch Elementary School Absentee Survey, discussed her hope to receive funding to support an investigation into attendance issues at Wasatch Elementary and develop target school interventions that would have relevance for middle class communities. Amber Rowley, whose proposal was the Investigation of Mechanisms for Quantum Dot and Protein Interactions, explained her hope to secure funding for an investigation into the development of a biomarker test and apparatus for cancer, much like a blood glucose monitor, that would rely on the interaction of proteins and quantum dots. Nicholas Williams and Taylor Cook, whose proposal was Helping Hands – Affordable 3D Printed Prosthetics, discussed their desire to receive funding to support the development of affordable prosthetic fingers that would eliminate the need for surgery and be more universally accessible to amputees.

Following these presentations, the Trustees discussed the parameters of the Engaged Learning Scholarship, the role of the Trustees in selection, and the availability of award funds for this cycle. The Trustees noted the merits, strengths, and weaknesses of each project and the impact potential. Based on the presentations, the Trustees felt two awards would be appropriate. They identified a recommendation rank order of Ms. Rowley, Mr. Williams and Mr. Cook, and finally, Ms. Calloway. Trustee Rick Nielsen offered to meet with Ms. Calloway to discuss in greater detail her proposal should the selection committee decide not to award her a scholarship. Trustee Paul Thompson made a motion to recommend the afore noted rank order to the Engaged Learning Scholarship Committee. Trustee Karen Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition. Trustee P. Thompson then motioned to approve the awarding of 2 scholarships in the amount of \$6,000 each. First Vice Chair R. Duff Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice Chair R. Duff Thompson provided a report on the Audit Committee noting that no meetings had occurred since the January 18, 2018, Board of Trustee meeting.

Trustee Jack Sunderlage provided a report on the Finance and Facilities Committee noting that no meetings had occurred since the January 18, 2018, Board of Trustee meeting.

Trustee Acerson provided a report on the Honorary Awards Committee noting that no meetings had occurred since the January 18, 2018, Board of Trustee meeting.

Trustee P. Thompson asked to skip providing a separate report on the recent meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and instead move directly into academic program approvals, the substance of the committee meeting.

I. ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

2. Academic Programs

The Trustees were presented with a proposal to delete the Graduate Certificate in Regulatory Affairs due to lack of demand. The Trustees reviewed a proposal to create a Minor in Event Planning in the Woodbury School of Business effective Fall 2018, providing students with official designation of their qualifications in this area and positioning them for greater career success. The Trustees were presented with a proposal to change the core requirements of the BA/BS in Political Science and change the name of World Politics emphasis to Global Politics and the Political Philosophy/Public Law emphasis to Public Law and Political Philosophy effective Fall 2018. The change in core requirements will allow students to be exposed to discipline of political science in its entirety while the name changes will allow the emphases to better reflect course content. The Trustees discussed the necessity of this change and the nuance of the language proposed. The Trustees were then asked to review a proposal to create an emphasis in Public Administration and Policy in the BA/BS Political Science effective Fall 2018, to increase success in their chosen field through relevant skill development. Finally, the Trustees were presented with a proposal to create an emphasis in Peace and Justice Studies within the BA/BS in Political Science effective Fall 2018. The Trustees discussed the relocation of the emphasis from Interdisciplinary Studies. Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the deletion of the Graduate Certificate in Regulatory Affairs; the creation of a Minor in Event Planning; the change in the core requirements of the BA/BS in Political Science and change in the name of the World Politics emphasis to Global Politics and the Political Philosophy/Public Law emphasis to Public Law and Political Philosophy; the creation of a Public Administration and Policy emphasis; and, the creation of a Peace and Justice emphasis. Trustee Jill Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

2. Vineyard Property Sale

The Trustees were presented with a proposal to approve the sale or long-term lease of 6 acres of the Vineyard property to Real Salt Lake Youth Academy. The Academy would use the land to build a youth soccer training facility that UVU would acquire access to through a joint use agreement. The Academy would pay UVU \$2.6 million for the property, the rights to which would return to UVU at the end of 50 years. The Trustees were informed that in the days leading up to this meeting, a lease had been proposed as an alternate option. Given the uncertainty of what will be decided as the final request by the Academy, UVU wants permission to move forward with the general terms of the purchase with the understanding that any final contract will need approval by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees discussed the value of the property now and in the future, the reasonability of various terms of a ground lease, the correspondence of this proposal with the university's Master Plan, and the benefits of moving the soccer facilities given the land needs of the Orem campus. It was noted that there were numerous issues to work through, including the legality of the gift with respect to NCAA compliance. First Vice Chair R. D. Thompson motioned to approve the sale or long-term lease of the 6 acres in Vineyard to Real Salt Lake Youth Academy in the amount of \$2.6 million contingent upon final review of the contract by the Executive Committee. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

3. Policy 638 Post Tenure Review

The Trustees reviewed a request to approve adoption of revisions to Policy 638 Post Tenure Review. Updates to the policy bring UVU into compliance with new NWCCU standards and provide a clearer explanation of triggers for termination evaluation and the separate policy which governs it. The drafting process took into heavy consideration the concerns of the faculty. The Trustees engaged in discussion about comprehensive reviews for faculty and the tensions inherent in the review process. Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the adoption of Policy 638 Post Tenure Review. Trustee Rick Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Rob Smith motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Trustee Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

I. ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

4. Namings

Trustee Acerson motioned to approve the naming of the Classroom Building as the Andrea and James Clarke Classroom Building; the Oquirrh Mountain Room as the Labor & Honor Room; a 150-seat classroom in the new Woodbury School of Business building as the Andrea and James Clarke Family Classroom; and the Center for Constitutional Studies for a prominent community/state leader. Trustee Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

5. Sabbaticals

Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve Fall 2018 sabbaticals for Grant Moss, Brian Jensen, and Hazel McKenna; and, 2018-19 academic year sabbaticals for Nathan Gorelick, Frederick White, Sam Yunxiang Liang, Christopher Nguyen, Eric Stencil, Mathew Horn, Nathan Toke, Susan Cox, Nancy Steele-Makasci, and Jacqueline Preston. Trustee Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition. Faculty Senate President Craig Thulin discussed the faculty complaints about the Sabbaticals process, the expression of these complaints in a public forum, and the response of the Faculty Senate with regard to opening policy.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar which consisted of the minutes of January 18, 2018, and the investment report for December 2017. Trustee Nielsen motioned to approve the Consent Calendar and Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

V. 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 invitations to attend lectures by Pasek and Paul and Hugh Herr and a save the date request for the Dual Mission Summit on May 16-17. President Holland reviewed the Board of Regents meeting at UVU in January, specifically the State of the University, and the outcomes of the NWCCU Accreditation process. He then turned to discussion of development initiatives under way, including talks with the Bastians about their family home and Ira Fulton about support for endowed chairs in engineering. The President noted positive press about the Vivint SMARTLab in relationship to the Super Bowl, and various instances of student success in academics and athletics. He noted recent public presentations about the Quill Project and the positive press surrounding these engagements. Finally, President Holland provided the Trustees with an update on the legislative session, focusing on funding expectations, proposed budget reductions, capital facility funding decisions, and bills of interest.

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