

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 23, 2017
4 p.m. – SC 213c, Utah Valley University

Board of Trustee Members Present

Elaine Dalton, Chair
Karen L. Acerson
Taran Chun
James Clarke
Birch Eve
John Gappmayer
Anne-Marie W. Lampropoulos (phone)
Jack Sunderlage
Jill Taylor

Guests

Jacob Atkin
Kat Brown
Sarah Khalfa
Arthur Evensen
Brian Milligan

UVU Regular Attendees

President Matthew S. Holland
Mark Bracken, Faculty Senate President
Karen Clemes, General Counsel
Scott Cooksey, Vice President Development and Alumni
Shalece Nuttall, PACE President
Linda Makin, Vice President Planning, Budget and HR
Jeffery Olson, Senior Vice President Academic Affairs
Kyle Reyes, Special Assistant to the President for Inclusion
Michelle Taylor, Vice President Student Affairs
Katie Zabriskie, Assistant Associate

Chair Dalton began the meeting by welcoming the Trustees and acknowledging the Trustee Engaged Learning Scholarship Finalists who were present.

I. ACTION

1. Engaged Learning Scholarship Presentations

Three students who had been selected as finalist for the Board of Trustee Engaged Learning Scholarship gave short presentations on their area of research and the impact the funding would have:

Sarah Khelfa – Real-time pathology of sentinel lymph nodes during breast cancer surgery using high frequency ultrasound – After a brief personal introduction, Sarah explained that she was working with previously collected malignant tissue samples to identify the levels of cancer detected by ultrasound waves. Her hope is to use this research to help create a product that would use ultrasound to identify malignant lymph nodes during surgery so that health lymph nodes are not unnecessarily removed. The funding from the Trustees will allow her to focus on this project rather than juggle school, research, and work.

Arthur Evensen – Impact of Phragmites australis control of Utah Lake water quality – After a brief personal introduction, Arthur explained that he was studying the impact of eradication of Phragmites australis in Utah Lake. Phragmites is an invasive species that absorbs environmental toxins through its roots. As these invasive plants are killed by the Utah DNR/Health, the toxins are being leached back into the already environmentally at-risk Utah Lake. Arthur's study of these roots is a collaborative exercise with other UVU and high school students that he has recruited. He hopes to publish his findings about this plant and its relationship to the lake in an environmental toxicology journal. The funding from the Trustees will help to support this collaborative, engaged research.

Brian Milligan – Philippines Micro-Business Development – After a brief introduction, Brian indicated that after his LDS mission in the Philippines, there was a need to help families become self-sufficient in non-hard labor industries. He wants to return to the Philippines to provide business education classes that would be part of a larger micro-finance program that will issue small loans to support family businesses/ community cottage industry. Brian will be working with the LDS Church and local leaders to offer these courses. The funding from the Trustees will support the loan program and some of his personal expenses.

2. Policies

Policy 522 Undergraduate Credit and Degrees: It was explained that limited scope changes were being made to Policy 522 so as to stay in compliance with the Northwest accreditation standards. These changes establish

recognition of certain certificates as eligible for state and other education credits. Specific language changes make this possible, e.g. experimental to experiential. Trustee Taylor motioned to approve Policy 522 Undergraduate Credit and Degrees. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

Policy 601 Classroom Instruction and Management: It was explained that in order to be in compliance with Title VII, Policy 601 was being revised so as to address concerns in sections relating to sincerely held beliefs and practices. These revisions provide greater due rights protection of both religious and non-religious students, allowing them to be accommodated when syllabi need to be modified because of the student's religious practices. It also protects professors in their instruction of religious beliefs. Professors will have access to a website with a calendar of recognized religious dates that will provide guidance on religious practices. Trustee Clarke motioned to approve modifications to Policy 601 Classroom Instruction and Management. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

Policy 607 Course-Based Fees for Credit Courses: It was explained that Policy 607 was being updated so as to be up to date with current practices regarding lab fees and course fees. The revisions will keep UVU ethical in its operations. The revisions to the policy will help address the over-all financial management of fees and ensure proper oversight. It was noted that there will be a three-year sunset provision for course fees to help ensure accuracy and compliance. The difference between Regent controlled tuition and fees and UVU controlled fees was discussed. Trustee Chun motioned to approve revisions to Policy 607 Course-Based Fees for Credit Courses. Trustee Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

3. Requisitions

Classroom Media Refresh: It was indicated that as part of the cycle of computer and multimedia equipment updates, 60 classrooms had been identified as needing resource upgrades. The cost of such updates has been quoted at \$498,923.45, technically under the \$500,000 threshold for Trustees, but because it was so close, the Trustees are being asked to approve the expenditure. The Trustees asked about the approximate annual cost of these updates and how the used equipment is re-used/disposed of. It was explained that annually the cost is roughly \$500,000 and every attempt is made to reuse equipment in other areas before it is processed through Surplus. Trustee Sunderlage motioned to approve the requisition for the Classroom Media Refresh. Trustee Clark seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

Autism Center Management Contract: It was explained that the as the Nellesen Autism Center nears completion, efforts are underway to begin programing initiatives. The Autism department has signed a contract with the Star Program to provide additional resources/services. The Star Program is an Autism initiative that has seen good results in other states. The contract was signed by \$1.5 million, and donor funds, which UVU will manage, will help off-set the cost over three years. Trustee Acerson motioned to approve the requisition for the Autism Center Program Management contract. Trustee Chun seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

4. Mission Fulfillment Self-Evaluation

It was explained that every other year, UVU undertakes a mission fulfillment self-evaluation that looks at 80 measures and indicators of UVU's delivery on its core themes and administrative imperatives. Accreditation requires Trustee approval of the completed evaluation. The evaluation allows UVU to examine its operations and determine areas that need improvement. The process stimulates healthy debate and encourages in-depth analysis of what it truly means to be excellent versus satisfactory in any given area. Throughout this process, the measures used are evaluated and several will be changed for the next review cycle. The Trustees asked questions about the accreditation cycle, the evaluation by the accreditors, and their role as trustees. VP Linda Makin indicated the confidence of UVU going into this process and the authentic picture of the institution that will be presented. Trustee Eve motioned to approve the Mission Fulfillment Self-Evaluation. Trustee Chun seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

5. Academic Programs

TM Emphasis in Building Construction and Construction Management (Deletion): It was noted that the TM Emphasis had already been eliminated. The request for deletion was overlooked previously and this request was a matter of records keeping.

Certificate of Proficiency in Geographic Information Systems (New): It was explained that the Certificate of Proficiency pulls together various courses in a meaningful certificate that can complement other degree programs in the natural sciences, and by providing UVU students with a better understanding of data management, help with future employment.

AAS/BS in Respiratory Therapy (New): It was noted that as UVU has looked at the needs of its service area, there has been increasing recognition that the greatest need lies in healthcare. Weber State has been operating a respiratory therapy program in Utah County, but as their programmatic needs shift, they want to turn this program over to UVU. Weber offers the only BS in Respiratory Therapy in the state, and nationally, this program is too valuable to allow to collapse. This is a program that deals with the top-line of medicine. It was explained that the Academic Affairs Council prioritized their budget with this programmatic addition at the top. The Trustees then discussed the expense of the program, the initial and ongoing hiring and equipment needs, and the impact on both Weber students and UVU students during this transition.

Certificate of Proficiency in Interdisciplinary Gerontology (New): It was noted that this Certificate of Proficiency will be combine courses offered through the Nursing department and the Public Health department. The certificate will be attached to a degree that is already being offered, and will aid not only in better care for older populations but will differentiate graduates for greater employment success.

Unit Name Change/Restructure of the Office for Global Engagement (Merger): It was noted that two offices were being merged to create the new singular Office for Global Engagement. This change occurred as faculty changes were made, and the new office has been effectively operational under this new name for several months. Trustee Sunderlage spoke to the benefits of such international engagement.

Trustee Chun motioned to approve the deletion of TM Emphasis in Building Construction and Construction Management, the addition of the Certificate of Proficiency in Geographic Information Systems, the addition of the AAS/BS in Respiratory Therapy, the addition of the Certificate of Proficiency in Interdisciplinary Gerontology, and the Unit Name Change/Restructure of the Office for Global Engagement. Trustee Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

6. 2017-18 Proposed Student Fees

Trustee Eve discussed the student fees reconciliation process, noting that this year, Student Government was able to do more follow-up on costs versus expenditures and ascribed to a new level of accountability through process. He explained that although a \$2 cut was possible, but the Student Government felt it was better to re-allocate the found funds to important initiatives. These initiatives included (among others) health services where a part-time medical assistant position would be made full-time and student computing both for equipment life-cycle maintenance and new Fulton Library hours on Sunday. Trustee Eve further noted that because of an audit process, Student Life recommended that sports clubs be housed in campus recreation; this move will open resources to better serve non-athletic clubs on campus. Trustee Acerson motioned to approve the adoption of the 2017-18 Proposed Student Fees. Trustee Sunderlage seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Eve motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss issued related to the character of individuals. Trustee Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

I. ACTION (CONT)

7. Sabbatical Requests

Trustee Chun motioned to approve a one-semester sabbatical in fall 2017 for Robert DeWitt and a one-year sabbatical for the 2017-2018 academic year for Michael Bunds, Robert Carney, Karl Haisch, Shannon Mussett, Leslie Simon, Violeta Vasilevska, and Machiel Van Frankenhuijsen. Trustee Gappmayer seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

8. Honorary Degrees

Trustee Acerson motioned to approve President Henry B. Eyring, Shirlee Silversmith, Keith Nellesen, and Brent Wood as the 2017 Honorary Degree Recipients to spring Commencement. Trustee Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

9. Trustee Awards

Trustee Acerson motioned to approve the awarding of the 2017 Trustee Awards of Excellence to Christopher Clark, K. Newell Dayley, Kerri Howlett, Kristine Doty-Yells, and Michelle Kearns. Trustee Chun seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

10. Naming Opportunities

Trustee Clarke motioned to approve the naming of the Mom Fulton's Café in the Ira A. and Mary Lou Fulton Library and the naming of three spaces in the Nellesen Autism Building as the William and Lisa Hopkins Passages Lounge, the Colton Rose Office, and the Mike and Angela Rose Office. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Thompson reviewed the Audit Committee meeting of January 17. He noted his pride in Ray Walker and the work he is doing, particularly as the task of managing information technology infrastructures becomes ever more difficult. Trustee Thompson also noted the good work Peter Vanderheide is doing as the new Director of Internal Audits. He indicated that the agenda included a review of recent investment reports, area audits, the CFO report, President's travel report, and the current legal report with brief mention of a few unusual legal issues. Through all reports, it is evident that the university is in good health. Trustee Thompson noted that the second half of the meeting was dedicated to the State Audit Report. He stated that the Auditors were uniformly complimentary of UVU's efforts. He noted their criticisms and the rationale behind UVU's approach that merited such comments. Overall, he indicated it was one of the best reports UVU has received to date.

IV. Consent Calendar

Trustee Clarke motioned to approve the items contained in the Consent Calendar which included the minutes of the January 12, 2016, Trustee meeting, the HR report, and the December investment report. Trustee Gappmayer seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

V. INFORMATION

1. President's Report

President Holland began by thanking Justin Jones for his work to organize the update to the media in the Trustee Conference Room. The President then reviewed the status of various building projects on campus, noting the Nellesen Autism Building ribbon cutting on May 3, the NUVI basketball facility ribbon cutting in September during homecoming week, and the expected minimal gap in funding for the Noorda Performing Arts Center. He also discussed the decision to redo the campus signage at the University Parkway entrance. The President then turned to academic developments and good news for the university. This included mention of his own presentation on Thomas Jefferson at a Constitutional Law conference, the awarding of the Mendel Medal to Dean Dan Fairbanks, the global cybersecurity panel at UVU and partnership with the National Cybersecurity Association, and the Woodbury School

of Business's recent accreditation extension. He spoke to the awarding of a Fulbright award to a faculty, the visit of President Uchtdorf to the Roots of Knowledge windows, and several speakers who had recently been on campus. Turning to student achievement, President Holland mentioned the success of the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research and the internships now being supported at UVU by Li Ka-shing. He noted that his State of the University speech was well-received by the university community and that from it came the charge to exist as "the nation's very best open admissions platform for student success." President Holland then spoke to this student success by reviewing the state impact of UVU's graduates and our "return on investments." President Holland reviewed UVU's legislative agenda and provided an update on the legislative session to date. He noted that each university was asked to participate in a 2% budget cut exercise, and although it is feasible, the top priority will be to restore the 2%. He then reviewed the request for request for compensation and the push to restore the 75/25 tax funding approach. President Holland explained the emphasis/push UVU places on money tied to growth and the continued de-emphasis on market demand and performance based funding. He then mentioned the presentation of the proposed new Woodbury School of Business to the legislative committee, and although it solicited no questions and will not be funded this year, the case is beginning to be made for the new building. President Holland spoke to the pedestrian bridge request, noting that bond funding may be available but if not, UVU is looking for alternatives. The effort is being actively discussed with UDOT. President Holland then noted that a proposed bill that will likely receive approval will change the relationship between the Regents and the Board of Trustees in terms of academic program approval. Trustees will be kept apprised of any shift in their responsibilities. The President concluded with an invitation to the trustees to attend the Presidential Lecture on March 1 which will feature Hanna Rosin.

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