

# UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 27, 2019

8 a.m. – SC 213c, Utah Valley University

## Board of Trustee Members Present

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

## UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President  
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  
Belinda Otukolo Saltiban, CIDO  
Kyle Reyes, VP, Student Affairs  
Craig Thulin, Faculty Senate President

At the beginning of the meeting, Trustee Second Vice Chair Jack Sunderlage excused Chair Elaine Dalton, welcomed all those in attendance, and addressed housekeeping items.

## I. ACTION

### **1. Academic Program Approval**

The Trustees were presented with two academic programs for adoption. The programs were an associate of applied science in digital audio and an associate of applied science in digital cinema. After minimal discussion, Trustee Paul Thompson motioned to approve the addition of the AAS Digital Audio and the AAS Digital Cinema. Trustee Rick Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

### **2. Policies**

The Trustees were presented with a request to approve revisions to Policy 204 Appropriateness of Expenditures. It was noted that this update allows for more efficient administration of approvals for expenditures and redefines approval levels for significant expenditures. After minimal discussion, Trustee John Gappmayer motioned to approve the adoption of revisions to Policy 204 Appropriateness of Expenditures. Trustee P. Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

The Trustees then looked at Policy 354 In-classification Salary Increases for Non-Faculty Employees for deletion. It was noted that this policy is no longer used. More appropriate and impactful practices have replaced it. Trustee Karen Acerson motioned to approve the deletion of Policy 354 In-classification Salary Increases for Non-Faculty Employees. Trustee Nielson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

The Trustees were presented with an update to Policy 542 FERPA (Student Records Privacy). It was noted that the updates reflect changes to federal regulations with regard to the protection of student records and information. Trustee Jill Taylor motioned to approve the revisions to Policy 542 FERPA. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

The Trustees then looked at Policy 543 Use of Social Security Numbers as Student IDs for deletion. It was noted that this practice was eliminated years prior. The policy is no longer applicable. Trustee Nielsen motioned to approve the deletion of Policy 543 Use of Social Security Numbers. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

### **3. Executive Committee Vote Ratification**

It was noted that the Executive Committee met following a Finance and Facilities meeting in which the factors for tuition setting were discussed and specific tuition increases, differential tuition scale, and student fees were

decided. The recommendation made by the Finance and Facilities committee was for the approval of an undergraduate tuition increase of 1.7%, graduate tuition increases between 1.5% and 1.8% with a .5% match leniency, the approval of a new graduate differential tuition scale for the Master of Physician Assistant program, and approval of an increase to 2019-20 Student Fees in the amount of \$4. Based on the saliency of the arguments presented and the confidence in the tuition and fee setting process, the Executive Committee of the Board voted to approve the recommendation on March 14 prior to the state mandated tuition-setting deadline. After minimal conversation, Trustee Clarke motioned to ratify the vote of the Executive Committee regarding 2019-20 tuition and fees as described. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

#### **4. Property Purchase**

The Trustees were asked to review a proposal to purchase property located in Lehi, UT. The trustees were reminded of the desire indicated in the master plan to broaden UVU's reach through multiple campuses across Utah Valley which would be connected along public transportation. The desire to create a significant presence at Thanksgiving Point was noted and a brief explanation of why this was an ideal location for UVU was given, with emphasis on the connection to Silicon Slopes and MTECH. The property being purchased is that of a building the university is currently leasing for \$22.11 million. This building includes attached parking and is located across the street from the Frontrunner station. This building is partially leased to other companies, which will provide a revenue stream to the university, and opportunity for future expansion of university programs at Thanksgiving Point. Trustee P. Thompson emphasized the need to fill this building with a full array of classes, general education and discipline specific. Trustee Clarke motioned to approve the purchase of the building at 2912 Executive Pkwy, Lehi, Utah for \$22.11 million dollars. Trustee Gappmayer seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

### II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Marc 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 Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

### I. ACTION (CONTINUED)

#### **4. Rank Advancement**

Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the following individuals for Rank Advancement: Angela Banchero-Kelleher, Professor; Mary V. Brown, Professor; Vessela Ilieva, Professor; Marcus Jorgensen, Professor; Christopher Lee, Senior Lecturer; Amy Markgraf, Professor; Violeta Vasilevska, Professor; Marcus Vincent, Professor; Keith White, Professor; Lynda Williams, Senior Lecturer. Trustee Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

#### **5. Tenure**

Trustee Gappmayer motioned to approve the following individuals for tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor: Katie Bagley; Jeremy S. Boden; Debjani Chakravarty; Jared Chapman; Courtney Davis; Elena G. Garcia; Lindsey Gerber; Todd Goddard; Michael J. Goode; Benjamin Johnson; Claudia Jorgensen; Bobbi Kassel; Mark Lentz; David T. Morin; Kyle Reyes; Kazem Sohraby. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

### III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar, which consisted of the minutes of February 21, 2019; the January 2019 Investment Report; the Institutional Discretionary Funds 2017-18 Actual Report and 2018-19 Revised Budget; and the 2018-19 Education and General Appropriated Revenue Revision Two. Trustee Taylor motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Trustee Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## IV. INFORMATION

### **1. Committee Reports**

The Trustees were provided with a report on the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting during the Executive Committee Vote Ratification agenda item so little further commentary was added. It was noted, however, that the strength of the student presence during the student council meeting to discuss student fees and tuition was impressive and showed an active engagement by the student body.

### **2. UVUSA Annual Report**

Trustee Reynolds discussed the efforts of UVUSA over the course of the past academic year. Among the items discussed were outreach communications, STAMP and its role in creating longevity of ideas and continuity in initiatives, the Proud Wolverines initiative and the response from students, efforts to bring consistency in branding on campus, the Wolverine of the Week social media spotlight, the Painting the Valley Green initiative, and student involvement in UVUSA and the election process. Pride in the student body was articulated as was enthusiasm about the level of investment by students in being Wolverines and owning the university as theirs. Taylor Bell introduced himself to the Trustees as the new student body president and detailed his campaign platform.

### **3. Mission and Core Themes Revisions**

The Trustees were provided with a briefing about the mission and core themes revisions which were underway. The history of the mission and core themes under President Holland was briefly noted. The timing of the revision under President Tuminez was highlighted and the efforts she had taken to date to listen to the university and provide a pivot on the university's action commitments and mission were explained. The efforts to find and build consensus around the mission statement and certain terms therein were briefly described, particularly among the faculty, and gratitude was given for the willingness to show patience and a spirit of collaboration with various parties during the process. The revision approval process was reviewed in terms of submission to the Board of Regents and NWCCU was noted. A vote will be taken by the Trustees at a meeting to be held in April.

### **4. President's Report**

President Tuminez provided a short report on the university since the mid-February Board of Trustee meeting. She began with a thank you for engagement in the first few events of the Week of Dreams, particularly the ribbon cutting on the Noorda Center for the Performing Arts. She moved into a brief report on the legislative outcomes and her own personal experiences as a new president on the Hill. She noted the 11% increase in the base budget and approval of the Business building as wonderful outcomes. President Tuminez noted some highlights over the last month, including the competition success of the Wolverine Fund students, Cyber Defense team, and illustration students, as well as athletic successes in golf, basketball, wrestling, and cross country. She closed by discussing the hiring of Wayne Vaught as provost and vice president for academic affairs and the Women's Success luncheon fundraising efforts.

Second Vice Chair Sunderlage adjourned the meeting.