

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 16, 2018

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

Board of Trustee Members Present

Elaine Dalton, Chair
James Clarke
John Gappmayer
Rick Nielsen
Marc Reynolds
Jack Sunderlage, Second Vice Chair
Paul Thompson
R. Duff Thompson, First Vice Chair

Guests

Clark Collings
Braley Dodson
Glenda Gleeves
Gordon Gleeves
Barbara Smith
Scott Trotter
Stephen Whyte

UVU Attendees

Kathren Brown, Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs
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, Interim President
Val Peterson, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Kyle Reyes, Vice President, Student Affairs
Craig Thulin, Faculty Senate President
Katie Zabriskie, Executive Communication Officer

At the beginning of the meeting, Trustee Chair Elaine Dalton ceded time to Trustee Jack Sunderlage to speak about the new portrait of President Holland that had been painted by artist Glenda Gleeves. Trustee Sunderlage invited Ms. Gleeves to discuss her process and the vision behind the piece. The Trustees all expressed their delight with the portrait and their gratitude for her efforts.

Chair Dalton then noted that the Executive Committee had an engaging meeting with President-elect Astrid S. Tuminez the day before. Trustees Sunderlage and R. Duff Thompson agreed that it underscored how impressive President-elect Tuminez is and all noted how much they look forward to the start of her presidency in September. The Board was then shown a 12 minute documentary of President-elect Tuminez.

I. ACTION

1. Mandatory Board Training

General Counsel Karen Clemes and Associate General Counsel Clark Collings provided the Trustees with an annual training on the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, GRAMA, Ethics, Compliance, Conflicts of Interest, UVU By-Laws, and Trustee Responsibilities. It was noted that these trainings ensure that the Trustees are kept abreast of their legal and fiduciary obligations as well as stay in compliance with state statutes and policy. The Trustees engaged in appropriate and thoughtful commentary and questioning throughout the training.

2. Academic Program Approval

Trustee Paul Thompson indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee conducted an electronic vote to approve the recommendation of the addition of a Masters of Education emphasis for Education Leadership. The Trustees were then presented with the proposal to create a Masters of Education emphasis for Education Leadership, which is intended to provide individual school leaders with competencies in five areas, leading to the ability to apply for a USBE Leadership Area of Concentration License. Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the Masters of Education emphasis for Education Leadership. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Marc Reynolds motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, real estate transactions, and pending litigation. Trustee John Gappmayer seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

I. ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

3. Naming Opportunities

Trustee D. Thompson motioned to approve the naming of the Entrepreneurship Institute as the Amy Rees Anderson Entrepreneurship Institute. Trustee P. Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition. Trustee Clarke motioned to approve the naming of the Michael and Kay Elton Classroom in the Cole Nellesen Building. Trustee Rick Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

4. Property Purchase

Trustee Nielsen motioned to approve the purchase of an additional 60 acres of property contiguous to the 225 acres currently owned by the university at \$5.00 per square foot for a purchase price of \$12.9 million, subject to approval of the contract by the Attorney General's Office and the Board of Regents. Trustee D. Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

5. Board Supported Public Statement

Vice President Cameron Martin noted that a public statement affirming the support of the Board of Trustees for the facilities master plan was reviewed and edited by the Executive Committee. The statement will serve as the formal position of the Board on matters pertaining to the development of property contiguous to UVU, particularly that which was denoted as potential student housing. The statement acknowledges that the Board gives UVU the authority to proceed as appropriate (collaboration v. property purchase) given the outcome of pending ballot initiatives. Trustee D. Thompson read the following statement:

“The Utah Valley University Board of Trustees affirms its support of the University’s current state-approved facilities master plan, which identifies three properties contiguous to the Orem Campus as potential future sites for student housing. These have been chosen to meet student housing needs and limit the impact on the community. To this end, the Board directs and authorizes the University to pursue options to work collaboratively with land owners, developers, Orem City, and neighbors to develop student-housing complexes on these properties, or to buy and develop these properties into student housing. Based on the current master plan, neither the Board of Trustees nor UVU encourage the development of other properties around the Orem Campus beyond those currently identified in the plan.

The Board and the University affirm their commitment to meeting the education needs of UVU’s surrounding communities and emphasize that UVU’s current size and future growth reflect the region it serves. Furthermore, the Board directs the University to pursue reasonable and safe housing development options that build a positive sense of community, create efficient traffic flow, minimize other potential disruptions to the community, and serve the needs of UVU’s students, faculty, and staff – now and in the future.”

Trustee Nielsen motioned to approve the articulated statement as the official statement of the Board in affirmation of the master plan. Trustee Gappmayer seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Sunderlage provided the Board with an update on the Finance and Facilities Committee. At the most recent meeting, the committee examined university expenses and revenue, viability and debt ratio, appropriations, tuition and fees, affordability efforts of the university, and the automatic issuing of college acceptance letters from USHE open admission institutions to high school graduates. Trustee Sunderlage asked Vice President Val Peterson to provide an update on facilities. VP Peterson noted the progress on the Noorda Center for the Performing Arts, the Student Center Bond renewal process, the state of the water purchase with CUP, as well as campus infrastructure improvements to parking both at the airport and West Campus.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar which consisted of the minutes of June 28, 2018, and the May 2018 Investment Report. Trustee D. Thompson motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Trustee Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

V. INFORMATION

1. Interim President's Report

Interim President Jeff Olson provided the Trustees with a newsletter containing recent “good news” stories from the university. He further noted the positive meetings held in recent weeks about a new building to house the Woodbury School of Business. He reported that President Tuminez had been gracious enough to speak at several events on campus aimed at kicking off the school year, and she was warmly received by faculty and staff alike.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting and invited those present to a tour of the Noorda Center for the Performing Arts.