

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 20, 2018
8 a.m. – SC 213c, Utah Valley University

Board of Trustee Members Present

Elaine Dalton, Chair
Karen Acerson
Rick Nielsen
Jack Sunderlage, Second Vice Chair
Jill Taylor
Paul Thompson

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

I. INFORMATION

At the beginning of the meeting, Trustee Chair Elaine Dalton welcomed President Astrid S. Tuminez. President Tuminez provided the Trustees with a brief overview of her unofficial presidential engagements and her first official week in office. This included attendance at athletic events, first day welcome reception, brief speaking engagement at the Center for Constitutional Studies Constitution Week lecture, employee Faculty Senate BBQ, and media interviews. President Tuminez noted that she is investing deeply in getting to know the university before making any major decisions and, in her first 100 days, she will be undertaking a listening tour of campus.

II. ACTION

1. Requisition

The Trustees were presented with a proposal to sell the Aviation programs fleet of DA20s and replace it with a fleet of DA40s. The purchase of 9 DA40 aircrafts will occur in 2019 and payment of the \$3,894,354 purchase price will be achieved through leveraging of trade-in value, contingency funds, and a shifting of the current revenue stream. The new fleet will enable increased enrollment and more effective training. The Trustees discussed options pertaining to the existing fleet, the best practices for planes used in aviation programs, and the status of UVU's aviation program in terms of enrollment and ranking. Following the discussion, Trustee Jill Taylor motioned to approve the expenditure of \$3,894,354 for the purchase of 9 DA40 aircrafts by the School of Aviation Sciences. Trustee Paul Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

2. Academic Program Approval

The Trustees were presented with a proposal to create a BS/BA in National Security Studies (NSS). The NSS currently has 80 declared minors. With the addition of this degree, UVU will be one of the only schools in the western United States that provides such an offering. The Trustees discussed the difference between a BS and a BA track. Subsequently, Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the addition of a BS/BA in National Security Studies. Trustee Jack Sunderlage seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

The Trustees then were presented with requests to delete the department of Interdisciplinary Studies and enact programmatic changes and to move the BS Physical Education Teacher Education program from the College of Science to the School of Education. It was explained that the programs housed in Interdisciplinary Studies have been realigned with departments that are better able to offer courses and address student needs. The movement of the P.E. education program reflects a change in the focus of the College of Science and a desire to better align the program with existing School of Education offerings. After additional clarification about the deletion of the Interdisciplinary Studies department, Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the department deletion and program changes for Interdisciplinary Studies and the BS Physical Education Teach Education move from the College of Science to the School of Education.

3. Policies

The Trustees were presented with a proposal to adopt Policy 710 The Clery Act as a temporary emergency policy. The policy will enable UVU to be compliant with Department of Education requirements and formally address the student notification process and fire safety in on campus housing. The Trustees were apprised that the policy would still be revised through the normal process. Trustee Sunderlage motioned to approve the adoption of Policy 710 The Clery Act as a temporary emergency. Trustee P. Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

II. ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

4. Naming Opportunities

Trustee Rick Nielsen motioned to approve the naming of the outdoor soccer practice fields at Vineyard as the Hansen Fields. Trustee Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition. Trustee Taylor motioned to approve the following namings: the Noorda Blackbox Theatre to be the Melanie Laycock Bastian Theatre; the Dance Theatre to be the Barbara Barrington Jones Family Foundation Dance Theatre; the Green Room to be the Christopher Clark Green Room; the Piano Performance Suite to be the Paul Pollei Piano Performance Suite; the Music Office to be the Don and Cherie Pauley Music Office; the SOA Dean's Suite to be the Janette Hale Beckham Dean's Suite; the Music Library to be the Sandefur Schmidt Music Library; and, the Proscenium Theater to be the Scott and Karen Smith Theater. Trustee Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar which consisted of the minutes of August 16, 2018; the minutes of September 7, 2018; the June 2018 and July 2018 investment reports; and, the 2017-18 Institutional Residence Expenditure Report. Trustee Sunderlage motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Trustee Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

V. INFORMATION

1. Campus-Adjacent Student Housing Development

The Trustees discussed the letters sent to them by the neighborhood group calling itself SWONA which request that the Commissioner's Office investigate conflicts of interest and financial transaction surrounding the UVU Foundation's investment in the Woodbury/PEG housing development adjacent to campus. It was noted that there is a collective opinion among legislators and Regents that this is a local city council issue; however, Commissioner Buhler has agreed to review the investment. The Trustees were informed of the background of the decision by the Foundation to invest in the housing development, the return of investment if the development does not move forward, and the steps taken by the university to be a good neighbor with regard to this potential property development. The Trustees were told that any decisions about propriety rest with the Commissioner.

2. Committee Charters and Trustee Feedback

The Trustees were asked to provide feedback on the charters for the Board of Trustee committees. The Trustees engaged in discussion about the need for a Risk Committee and a Digital Transformation Committee. It was agreed that Justin Jones would investigate the structure and role of such committees at other USHE institutions and the Board of Regents. The Executive Committee will meet with President Tuminez in the near future to discuss the findings and larger needs of the university in this regard.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting with a motion from Trustee P. Thompson.