

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 3, 2020
4:00pm MSFT Teams

Board of Trustee Members Present

R. Duff Thompson, Chair
James Clarke, First Vice Chair
Jill Taylor, Second Vice Chair
Karen Acerson
Rick Nielsen
Elaine Dalton
Dru Huffaker
Scott Smith
Paul Thompson
Danielle Corbett

Others Present

Cameron Gunter
Arthur Newell

UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President
Wayne Vaught, Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Kara Schneck, Chief of Staff
Val Peterson, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Belinda Otukolo Saltiban, CIDO
Clark Collings, General Counsel
Scott Cooksey, Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Kelly Flanagan, Vice President, Digital Transformation
Linda Makin, Vice President, Planning, Budgets, and HR
Kyle Reyes, Vice President Student Affairs
Anne Arendt, Faculty Senate President
Beka Grulich, PACE President
David Connelly, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs
Michelle Kearns, Associate VP, Student Success/Retention
Collin Craig, Technician
Jenny Christensen, Legal Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Duff Thompson welcomed those in attendance to the December 3, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting.

II. INFORMATION

1. Spring Semester 2021 Update

Provost Wayne Vaught provided a Spring Semester 2021 update, including an update on campus COVID-19 testing, the low prevalence of COVID-19 on campus, and how safety protocols have helped prevent significant spread of the disease. As a result of the ongoing pandemic, he reported that Spring 2021 will look and feel a lot like Fall 2020. The University will be offering the same selection of face-to-face, live streaming, and online courses. Specifically, 26% of enrollment is face-to-face, 30% is live streaming only, and the remaining is online only. The University is delaying open enrollment to April 19, 2021 for Fall Semester 2021 to accommodate for circumstances associated with the pandemic. Chair Thompson inquired about face-to-face classes and whether the University sees more demand in certain areas of study over others. It was reported that students preferred their general education courses online but preferred face-to-face with their major courses. There are some disciplines, like public health, that are fully online. There was an additional discussion on modalities of courses and how they are functioning. Provost Vaught concluded his presentation with a brief discussion about vaccines.

2. Vision 2030 Update & Discussion – UVU Completion Plan 2.0

Associate Vice President Michelle Kearns presented the University's completion strategy. She reported that the University has historically had a six year graduation rate compared to other universities, but now it has a federally approved completion measurement called "Outcome Measure," an inclusive measurement of success which includes all types of students and measures over eight years. She also mentioned that there has been a change in federal methodology. She concluded by expressing confidence

that the University will meet the 2025 completion goal of 45%, and that retention and completion efforts are paying off and completion numbers will continue to climb.

Associate Provost David Connelly shared that the University will not be complacent with just a 45% completion goal. He remarked that of the eight components of the completion plan, we are working on a course centric idea in terms of scheduling. Working with the student in mind and not so much the faculty. COVID-19 has created a shift with providing mixed modalities. He reported that first-year advising and support was established a few years ago to allow students to focus on their momentum year. There are a handful of courses and activities for students in their first year of college that allow them to make the progress they need. Associate Provost Connelly concluded his presentation by addressing general education classes. The University is working towards revamping these classes to make sure they are relevant for students moving into the future. Other highlights included data-driven intervention, faculty development, and high impact practices.

3. Committee Reports

Trustee Clarke provided the Audit Committee report. He reported a slight decline in investments. Additionally, he shared that there has been meaningful resolution with the legal department and Ethics Point issues are being resolved.

III. ACTION

1. Requisition of MBS Direct Collected Fees for Inclusive Access Courses

Vice President Val Petersen addressed the requisition to pay MBS Direct. This vendor provides all materials for students within a course, the student pays the University a fee, the University collects that fee, then once ratified by the Board, the University pays MBS Direct the contractually agreed to amount. This year the amount is \$2.5M, which is for the cost of materials plus 10% for MBS Direct.

Trustee Rick Nielsen motioned to approve the requisition. Trustee Jill Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Danielle Corbett motioned to approve the consent agenda which included the Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Board Meeting; July, August, and September Investment Reports; Budget Office Report; and UVU Financial Update for UBHE Finance and Facilities. Trustee Scott Smith seconded. The motion was carried without opposition.

V. INFORMATION AGENDA (continued)

4. President's Report

President Astrid Tuminez reported on the ongoing rapid testing on campus for COVID-19. She shared that a critical aspect of the pandemic is how it affects enrollment and that the University is tracking to make sure students are being encouraged to persist and not give up. President Tuminez acknowledged Associate Vice President Michelle Kearns, she and two other colleagues recently wrote a paper on the "Outcome Measure," which was selected as the best paper in the region. In the Woodbury School of Business four students recently took the certified financial planner exam with a 100% pass rate. Further, President Tuminez shared that David Neeleman is launching an airline called Breeze and in order to work for the airline in certain roles, employees must enroll as a student at UVU. Breeze will provide housing and some cash to help with tuition costs. President Tuminez also reported a new a partnership with the top

resorts in Park City. These resorts will hire students to work during peak season and during off peak they will attend school at the University's Wasatch campus. At the conclusion of the program, students will have thousands of hours of practical work experience that will allow them to easily become managers or supervisors in the resort industry. President Tuminez has had several meetings with government officials, as the legislative session begins, regarding how the University has meet the challenges presented by the pandemic. President Tuminez concluded by highlighting the Presidential Lecture featuring Tara Westover and David Kellerman's campus presentation. She pointed out that interactions with successful, hopeful, positive people are some of the best things the University can do for its students.

Chair R. Duff Thompson adjourned the meeting.