

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 23, 2021
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
Elaine Dalton
Rick Nielsen
Scott Smith
Paul Thompson
Danielle Corbett

Others Present

Cameron Gunter
Arthur Newell

UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President
Wayne Vaught, Provost & SVP, Academic Affairs
Mark Arstein, Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Troy Martin, Vice President, Digital Transformation/CIO
Linda Makin, Vice President, Planning, Budgets, and HR
Kyle Reyes, Vice President Student Affairs
Clark Collings, General Counsel
Jacob Atkin, Vice President Finance and Administration
Kat Brown, Deputy Provost, Academic Administration
Kara Schneck, Chief of Staff
Belinda Otukolo Saltiban, CIDO
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 February 23, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting.

II. INFORMATION

1. Vision 2030 Update & Discussion – UVU “45 by 25” Update

Vice President Michelle Kearns provided an update on Vision 2030. She shared key retention strategies for UVU, including a comprehensive first year experience, early intervention outreach efforts, a culture changing campus campaign, new first year advising center, and momentum year strategies. The new Outcome Measure is more inclusive and includes all degrees, including certificates and associate degrees, part-time and transfer students, and measures over eight years rather than six. UVU’s goal is to reach 45% retention by 2025. Thus far, the University has locked in 39% for next year and it is confident that it will reach its goal. There was a significant increase in completions due to the creation and awarding of the general education certificates. There are several initiatives and programs to support underserved populations including a nationally recognized first-generation student initiative, non-traditional student resources, women’s success center, veteran’s success center, and several multi-cultural programs.

Associate Provost David Connelly remarked that UVU’s tuition and fees are staying lower, especially in relationship to the University’s peers. He addressed specific opportunities to work on the reasons that students are stopping out, which include, getting much more intentional about scheduling, first year advising, and curricular effort to make credentials stackable. UVU is on the right trajectory. The progress and efforts made 4 or 5 years ago are starting to show dividends. This fall UVU will have above 30% of classes online, 10% live-streamed.

2. Annual Open Meetings and Conflicts of Interest Training

General Counsel, Clark Collings, provided training on the Board's legal obligations. He addressed the requirements under the Utah Open Meetings Act and the Utah Ethics Act. Trustees were provided and asked to complete their annual conflicts of interest disclosure forms.

3. Committee Reports

Trustee James Clarke provided an update from the Audit Committee. The most recent state audit was discussed at the last committee meeting. Trustee Clark reported that the cost relative to an audit seemed to have substantially increased over time, for relatively the same service. He highlighted the athletics and compliance reports; and commended these teams for the wonderful things they are doing. He pointed out that there were clean audit reports presented by Peter VanderHeide. The committee was presented with draft audit committee reports to the Board of Higher Education that will be submitted March 24. The legal and compliance report was also given to the audit committee.

III. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Elaine Dalton motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Trustee Jill Taylor seconded. The motion was carried without opposition.

IV. ACTION

1. Sabbatical Approvals

Trustee Paul Thompson motioned to approve the sabbaticals as presented. Trustee Scott Smith seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

2. Policy Approvals

Vice President Linda Makin presented and answered questions regarding the revised Policy 366. Trustee Scott Smith motioned to approve the policy as presented. Trustee Karen Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Jill Taylor motioned to approve the consent agenda which included the Minutes of the January 28, 2021 Board Meeting; December Investment Report; and 2020 Human Resources Report. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion was carried without opposition.

VI. INFORMATION AGENDA (continued)

4. President's Report

President Astrid Tuminez introduced Mark Arstein, the new Vice President of Institutional Advancement and welcomed Belkis Capeles, Vice President of Academic Affairs. UVU has had a relatively healthy 2021 Spring Semester, thanks to the leadership team, faculty and staff. Enrollment is less than 2% down compared to 2020 Spring Semester. President Tuminez commented that the grit and perseverance of students to continue their education is inspiring. UVU broke ground, symbolically, for the new Young Living Alumni Center. Young Living donated \$4.5M to the new state of the art building and event center. President Tuminez has been busy with the legislative session, including presenting to the Higher Education Appropriation Subcommittee. President discussed the new funds that the University is hoping

to obtain out of the current session that will support risk management fees, faculty tenure and promotion, moving forward in digital transformation, and other core strategies that will assist the University in retaining students. She is optimistic that UVU will get the funding requested. The truth in tuition hearing had a great turnout, tuition will be raised between 1.4% and 3.5%. By the year 2023, 92% of the energy at UVU will be coming from renewable resources, this will save about \$250,000 per year. President has launched a listening tour to look to evaluate what the University is doing well and where improvement and growth is needed. In August 2020, Business Insider voted UVU as #3 in the nation as best return on investment. Other rankings in the state of Utah for UVU included #1 for earnings performance and #2 in public institutions for best bang for the buck. President concluded by highlighting a student success story recently published in the Daily Herald.

Chair R. Duff Thompson adjourned the meeting.