

## UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 24, 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  
Rick Nielsen  
Dru Huffaker  
Scott Smith  
Paul Thompson  
Danielle Corbett  
Elaine Dalton

### **Others Present**

Cameron Gunter

### **UVU Attendees**

Astrid S. Tuminez, President  
Wayne Vaught, Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Linda Makin, Vice President, Planning, Budgets, and HR  
Kyle Reyes, Vice President Student Affairs  
Val Peterson, Vice President, Finance and Administration  
Kat Brown, Deputy Provost, Academic Administration  
Kara Schneck, Chief of Staff  
Clark Collings, General Counsel  
Mark Arstein, Vice President, Institutional Advancement  
Kelly Flanagan, Vice President, Digital Transformation  
Belinda Otukolo Saltiban, CIDO  
Anne Arendt, Faculty Senate President  
Beka Grulich, PACE President  
Stephen Whyte, Vice President, University Relations  
Frank Young, Associate VP, Finance and Administration  
Karen Magana-Aguado, New Student Body President  
Collin Craig, Technician  
Jenny Christensen, Legal Secretary

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Duff Thompson welcomed those in attendance to the March 24, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting.

## II. INFORMATION

### **1. Essential Learning Outcomes Update**

Anne Arendt, Faculty Senate President, provided an update on Essential Learning Outcomes (“ELOs”). The University is working to make these outcomes more clear, concise, memorable, and measurable. A task force was created to accomplish this goal. The ELOs have a tie into program learning outcomes, which have a tie into class learning outcomes. This will be placed on the consent agenda for approval at the April board meeting.

### **2. Legislative Update and Strategy**

Vice President Val Peterson provided an update on the 2021 legislative session. The legislature passed a \$23.5B budget for the State of Utah which included \$1.1B into transportation with \$300M to double tracking front runner, \$100M in tax cuts, \$500M into education, \$140M investment into state parks and trails, and \$300M into a college access advisor’s program. There were increases in funding for mental health services, creating a health council and student mental health days. House Bill 381 received one-time funding of \$9.2M, designed to address the needs of the state with teachers and counselors.

Associate Vice President Stephen Whyte also provided an update on the 2021 legislative session and the impact it had on UVU. The session was successful for higher education with a 9% increase in funding. The legislature passed 503 bills. Of those, 55 bills affected UVU in some way. The legislature approved a 3% employee compensation market increase, as well as a 4.3% medical increase. The Utah System of Higher Education (“USHE”) received \$20.5M in performance funding, UVU will receive \$3.3M of that funding. USHE also received \$5.7M for growth funding and UVU will receive 2.2% of that funding. The

legislature also approved mandatory cost increases of \$1.5M to cover risk management and insurance expenses, as well as attorney general rate increases. Specific UVU opportunities of funding included \$1M one-time funding for the Civic Thought and Leadership Initiative, \$406,000 for the Utah Lake Algae Bloom Project, \$300,000 for the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy on campus, \$260,000 for the Strategic Workforce Initiative Grant, and \$50,000 to help light the pedestrian bridge at night.

### **3. Campus Facilities Update**

Vice President Val Peterson provided an update on campus facilities. The Keller Building is 70% complete. It will be delivered to UVU, along with the Gateway Building, in September 2021 to begin furnishing and will be ready for use in January 2022. The University is also renovating Lakemount Manor. It is 20% complete and should be completed in November 2021. There was also a groundbreaking for the Young Living Alumni Center, which is a \$12.5M project. It is now in the bidding phase and will take about 18 months to completion. It was discussed that the old alumni building may be a premier presidential residence. Such renovation would be a \$700,000 project. The Student Center is under remodel, a \$26M renovation that is 40% complete. The Thanksgiving Point building in Lehi has been a great addition to campus, it has undergone renovation with a \$750,000 budget with eight classrooms and two computer labs. The next major construction project is the new engineering building. The Board of Higher Education has delegated the approval of master plans to the Board of Trustees. Three things that will be incorporated into UVU's next facilities master plan are an innovations or tech park, public private development, and possible mixed-use development. In addition, the University has purchased 38 acres in Payson which will have a facility built within the next 13 years. Next steps are for the Trustee subcommittee in Vineyard to finalize recommendations and incorporate those into a draft master plan, look into the changes that need to be made to the Orem campus, and look at other changes or additions to the satellite campuses. Once all the ideas are incorporated it will go to Cabinet and then to the Board of Trustees for approval.

### **III. CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee James Clarke motioned to enter Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Trustee Scott Smith seconded. The motion was carried without opposition.

### **IV. ACTION**

#### **1. 2021 Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Approvals**

Trustee Rick Nielsen motioned to approve the 2021 tenure and rank advancement approval and denial recommendations as presented. Trustee Paul Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

#### **2. 2021–2022 Tuition and Fee Rates - Ratification of Executive Committee Vote of March 9, 2021**

Vice President Linda Makin presented the process that established the proposed 2021/2022 tuition and fees rates. Trustee Danielle Corbett addressed the change in student programming fees. Trustee Dru Huffaker motioned to ratify the approval of the 2021-2022 Tuition and Fee Rates as approved by the Board of Trustees Executive Committee. Trustee Danielle Corbett seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Rick Nielsen motioned to approve the consent agenda which included the Minutes of the February 23, 2021 Board Meeting; the January Investment Report; and the Restatement of 2019-2020 Institutional Discretionary Actuals. Trustee Dru Huffaker seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## VI. INFORMATION AGENDA (continued)

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

President Astrid Tuminez highlighted Women's History Month and the leadership of women at the University. The Women's Success Center's virtual luncheon raised over \$436,000. On April 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a virtual ceremony to celebrate the recipients of the Trustee Awards and the Presidential Awards of Excellence. Recipients of the Trustee Awards are Eric Domyan, Seth Gurrell, Sue Jackson, Judy Martindale, and Darah Snow. Recipients of the Presidential Award are Debjani Chakravarty, Robin Ebmeyer, Cameron Evans, Eric Humphrey, and Brandon Truscott. President reported that with some early funding for the Office of Engaged Learning, and support from Micron and Facebook, the University was able to put together a SEED (Science and Engineering Education) Pod, which was a trailer delivered to Forbes Elementary that included books, toys, a 3-D printer, and other items to assist with teaching in science and engineering. President reported that a master's degree in Math Education has been approved along with a 5-year \$1.2M grant from the National Science Foundation. She highlighted that UVU competed in and won the annual International Cyber Strategy Challenge, which included 36 strong competitors. UVU sent their women's basketball team to the NCAA tournament for the first time. UVU also won platinum level in the Utah Worksite Wellness Award. Recently UVU was ranked the #1 college in Utah for alumni earnings and ranked highest among public institutions in Utah in earnings performance.

Chair R. Duff Thompson adjourned the meeting.