

# UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 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  
Paul Thompson  
Scott Smith  
Elaine Dalton  
Karen Magaña-Aguado

## **Others Present**

Cameron Gunter  
Nina Barnes  
Arthur Newell

## **UVU Attendees**

Astrid S. Tuminez, President  
Linda Makin, Vice President, Planning, Budget, and Finance  
Val Peterson, Vice President, Administration & Strategic Relations  
Kat Brown, Deputy Provost, Academic Administration  
Kara Schneck, Chief of Staff  
Clark Collings, General Counsel  
Kelly Flanagan, Vice President, Digital Transformation  
Belinda Otukolo Saltiban, CIDO  
W. Barney Nye, Associate VP, PK-16 Outreach/Partnerships  
Jefferson Moss, Associate VP, Institutional Advancement  
Frank Young, Associate VP, Facilities Planning  
Anne Arendt, Outgoing Faculty Senate President  
Hilary Hungerford, Incoming Faculty Senate President  
Beka Grulich, PACE President  
Emmy Bell, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Jenny Christensen, Legal Secretary  
Danielle Corbett, Presidential Intern

## I. CALL TO ORDER

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

## II. INFORMATION

### **1. UVU 2027 Performance Funding Goals Timeline and Process**

Vice President Linda Makin discussed the Utah State Board of Higher Education's strategic planning process. USHE has established goals and asked each institution to establish 5-year goals for 2027. The role of the trustees includes understanding the metrics, providing feedback, helping to establish the 5-year goal by August 27<sup>th</sup>, and setting annual goals by May 2022. The new performance goals should align with USHE's strategic plan. The three main areas of goals are Access, Timely Completion, and High Yield Awards or Workforce Alignment. UVU's Institutional Research is to review the underlying data, present findings in late July or early August to President's Council, and then the proposed goals will be presented to the Board on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## III. CLOSED SESSION

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

## IV. ACTION

### **1. Sabbatical and Tenure Approval**

Trustee Elaine Dalton motioned to approve sabbatical and tenure decisions as presented. Trustee Paul Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## **2. Facilities Master Plan Presentation and Approval**

Vice President Val Peterson addressed UVU's facility master plan. He stated that there have been minor revisions to the master plan and how the process will work moving forward. Associate Vice President Frank Young addressed changes to the original plan from 2016. The new master plan for the Vineyard property shows areas for athletics, innovation, and mixed-use business type buildings. Chair Thompson discussed the importance of the University benefiting from the use of the 280 acres of property at Vineyard. Discussion ensued regarding what is best for the use of the property. The University is getting specialized consultancy. Development and changes to the Orem campus were highlighted, as well as development for the Lehi and Wasatch Campuses, and the Payson property.

Trustee Paul Thompson motioned to approve the Facilities Master Plan as presented. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## **3. Institutional Budgets Review and Approval**

Vice President Linda Makin addressed the actions that need to be taken regarding institutional budgets. In the area of Appropriated Funds, there needs to be a revision to the current 2021 Education and General and Fire & Rescue Training Budgets. There needs to be approval of the 2021-22 Education and General, Education Disadvantaged, and Fire & Rescue Training Budgets. An overview was given for those budgets. There was a significant increase of \$16M in revenue from last year's budget to this year. \$12M was received in tax funds from the legislature for Education and General Expenses. 48% of the UVU's money now comes through tax funds. Highlights were given for each of the action commitments for Include, Engage, Achieve and Organizational Sustainability. There needs to be a revision of the 2021-22 Education and General Budget. Approval is needed for the 2021-22 Civic Thought and Leadership One Time Budget. For the area of Institutional Discretionary Funds there needs to be a revision to the 2020-21 budget. The main changes are \$100,000 more into marketing, increased funding for Institutional Advancement and \$100,000 of seed money for Tech Commercialization.

Trustee Karen Acerson motioned to approve the Institutional Budgets as presented. Trustee Jill Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## **4. Policy Approvals**

Vice President Linda Makin presented Policy 101, Policy Governing Policies, Policy 146, Financial Management and Accounting of Sponsored Programs, Policy 355, Sick Pool Leave, Policy 360, Family Medical Leave Act, Policy 361, Leave of Absence, Policy 522, Undergraduate Credit and Transcripts and Policy 525, Credit for Prior Learning for approval. Jeremy Knee presented Policy 162, Title IX Sexual Harassment, Policy 165 Discrimination, Harassment, and Affirmative Action, and Policy 168, Whistleblower Anti-Retaliation for approval.

Trustee Scott Smith motioned to approve the policies as presented. Trustee Rick Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## **V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Trustee Karen Magaña-Aguado motioned to approve the consent agenda which included the Minutes of the April 29, 2021 Board Meeting; the March and April 2021 Investment Reports; and the Executive

Committee Ratifications which include Standing Requisitions and Facilities Leases. Trustee Karen Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

#### VI. INFORMATION AGENDA (continued)

##### **5. President's Report**

President Astrid Tuminez began her report by highlighting the graduating class of the Spring 2021 semester, which is now the largest class to date with 8,729 graduates. 31% of the 2021 graduating class are first generation students. The University saw a 67% retention rate and a 41.5% graduation rate. Faculty, staff, and administrators have been attending retreats, trainings, and workshops over the summer so that they are prepared to help advance the goals of UVU this upcoming year. President pointed to the belief that people are the most critical and important part of UVU. Thanks to the work of Dr. Belinda 'Otukolo Saltiban, UVU is now offering a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion certificate program.

There are currently 21,124 students enrolled for the Fall 2021 semester, 480 students up from last year during the same period of enrollment opening to June 22nd. This could indicate that students are enrolling early, but administration is eager to see how student behavior will change and are watching figures closely. HEERF funds allotted 63.6 million to UVU for students. 21.7 million has already been dispersed and the remaining funds must be used by May 22, 2022. Every student enrolled at least half time will get \$500 regardless of financial aid status for the Fall 2021 semester. 3 million per term is used for emergency student grants. President is excited to serve as the new vice chair of the Western Athletic Conference Executive Committee and for upcoming events at UVU such as staff forums, fundraising opportunities, and the Dual Mission Summit. She warmly acknowledged and thanked Chair R. Duff Thompson, Trustee Elaine S. Dalton, and Trustee Karen Acerson for their monumental contributions to UVU and thanked them for their service on the UVU Board of Trustees.

#### VII. BOARD OFFICER ELECTION

Chair R. Duff Thompson addressed further action items. At the recommendation of President Tuminez he proposed that Clark Collings be appointed as the Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Jill Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition. Chair Thompson read the Bylaws regarding the election of Board Officers, addressed the nominations, and gave instruction to the board members on the election process. The voting process took place and the following were elected, James Clarke as Chair, Jill Taylor as First Vice Chair, and Rick Nielsen as Second Vice Chair.

#### VIII. END OF YEAR BANQUET

Resolutions (see attached) were read and presented with a gift to trustee members Duff Thompson, Elaine Dalton, and Karen Acerson.

Chair R. Duff Thompson adjourned the meeting.





Resolution in Honor of  
**Karen L. Acerson**  
a member of the Board of Trustees  
**Utah Valley University 2012 - 2021**



*WHEREAS*, Trustee Karen L. Acerson has served Utah Valley University with excellence, dedication, and generosity as a member of the Board of Trustees from January 2012 to June 2021; and,

*WHEREAS*, Trustee Acerson served diligently as Chair of the Board of Trustees' Honorary Awards Committee, from July 2016 to June 2021; and,

*WHEREAS*, as Chair of the Honorary Awards Committee, she brought greater awareness and recognition to the recipients of many University awards, specifically the Trustees' Awards of Excellence and honorary degrees. Her preference for face-to-face, personal delivery of these awards brought recipients a special sense of appreciation and honor; and

*WHEREAS*, Trustee Acerson served with distinction for eight years as a trustee on the Mountainland Technical College Board of Trustees as the Utah Valley University representative on that board, providing leadership as the board's Vice Chair from August 2015 to August 2017, and then as Chair of the Board from August 2017 to August 2019; and,

*WHEREAS*, as a result of her service on the MTECH board, the University strengthened its ties to MTECH and developed a rich partnership that contributes to vital student pathways to the University; and,

*WHEREAS*, Trustee Acerson was a thoughtful and valued voice in Board discussions providing insightful feedback related to community needs and expectations, advocating for students as she assessed changes to University policy, and exhibited exceptional care in focusing the University on its educational mission in the community; and,

*WHEREAS*, Trustee Acerson helped cultivate several key donor relationships that resulted in significant support to the University's development projects and goals; and,

*WHEREAS*, we, as members of the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees, wish to extend our utmost appreciation for the work that Trustee Acerson has done to support the success of Utah Valley University; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Board wishes to extend our sincere best wishes for every happiness in the future to Trustee Acerson, who completes her final term on the Board on June 30, 2021;

*THEREFORE*, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Utah Valley University makes official recognition of Karen L. Acerson and her dedicated service and contribution to the Board of Trustees, the University, its students, and the community, and hereby extends a statement of appreciation; and,

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT* this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Trustee Acerson, with a copy to be incorporated in the official minutes of the June 24, 2021 meeting of the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees. Realized this twenty-fourth day of June 2021, in Orem, Utah.

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*Astrid S. Tuminez, President*  
*Utah Valley University*

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*R. Duff Thompson, Chair*  
*Utah Valley University Board of Trustees*