

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 18, 2021
4:00pm Clarke Building Room 511

Board of Trustee Members Present

James Clarke, Chair
Jill Taylor, First Vice Chair
Rick Nielsen, Second Vice Chair
Dru Huffaker
Paul Thompson
Scott Smith
Blake Modersitzki
Jeanette Bennett
Cydni Tetro

Others Present

David Woolstenhulme
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
Kara Schneck, Chief of Staff
Clark Collings, General Counsel
Kelly Flanagan, Vice President, Digital Transformation
Mark Arstein, Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Kyle Reyes, Vice President, Student Affairs
Wayne Vaught, Provost & Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
Marilyn Meyer, Vice President, People and Culture
Hilary Hungerford, Faculty Senate President
Beka Grulich, PACE President
Tim Stanley, Director, Institutional Research
Jeffrey Johnson, Director, University Planning & Effectiveness
Tara Ivie, Senior Director, Women's Success Center
Jenny Christensen, Legal Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair James Clarke welcomed those in attendance to the August 18, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting.

II. OATH OF OFFICE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair James Clarke welcomed new trustees Blake Modersitzki, Jeanette Bennett, and Cydni Tetro. They were each administered the oath of office.

III. INFORMATION

1. Student Affairs Update

Vice President Kyle Reyes presented the student affairs impact map.

K-16 Grants Outreach and Partnerships department is entirely funded by federal grants, about \$18 M per year, and serves over 10,000 students working to get them to college. Greg Jackson in K-16 helped facilitate the writing of nearly \$5 M in grants that UVU received. The GEAR UP Program serves 5,500 students and has distributed nearly \$250,000 in scholarships to low-income students each year. STEM PREP is a 7-week program for rising 7th-9th graders. These students matriculate into UVU at a rate of 94% and 50% of the participants come from underserved backgrounds. TRIO Upward Bound and Undergraduate Programs are federal programs that have just been renewed, one grant includes \$1.3 M for the EOC which is to help veterans and adult learners. Care About Childcare is granted program connecting students with over 500 childcare facilities and over 2,000 providers in the area.

Within the Enrollment Management department, UVU received the most HEERF funding in the state of Utah. The University has had to collapse their scholarship grid because they are attracting the most academically prepared students in the community and beyond. The Career Development Center wants to

make career connections from the moment students are recruited. The University has jump start orientations, freshman convocation, and a reading program with President Tuminez. UVU has 8 retention mentors assigned to call students who haven't checked in for a while. The First Year Advising Center meets with about 4,500 incoming freshman each year.

Student Development, Health and Wellbeing is considered the fun division. Housing has contracts with 9 housing units with resident community leaders. The Reflection Center is interfaith, engaging with 30 denominations from different faith communities. Student Health Services has all services within one shop and can quickly triage where the student needs to go. The waitlist percentage has been reduced from 74% to 26% over the last two years. Teletherapy has had no wait time for group therapy and crisis intervention. 92% of students surveyed said that Student Health Services helped them to stay in school. There is a food pantry at the Center for Social Impact which helps to feed students. Student Conduct meets with over 800 students to resolve conflict issues. The CARE Task Force has distributed \$80,000 in emergency funding. Campus Recreation includes the Outdoor Adventure Center, club sports, and intramurals. UVU data suggests that students that attend the Student Life and Wellness Center and engage 20x or more in a year, are retained at a 3% higher rate.

The final department Vice President Reyes highlighted was Inclusive Excellence. He echoed President's statement, "come as you are", bring what you have and let UVU add to it. He highlighted the services that show inclusive excellence, which are the Women's Success Center, First-Generation Student Success Center, Veterans Success Center, Multicultural Student Services, International Student Services, and Accessibility Services.

IV. ACTION

1. Approval of UVU's Five Year Performance Funding Goals

Vice President Linda Makin addressed performance funding goals. The Commissioner's office and Board of Higher Education has adopted a strategic plan. As part of that plan, they have identified 3 attainment goals: access, timely completion, and high yield awards. Under each of those goals, UVU has set further goals for all students and for underrepresented students. UVU has been given the assignment by the end of the month to identify their five-year goals in each of those areas. Data has been collected, underrepresented populations have been identified, and the University has set a goal that 11.42% of 2024 Utah high school graduates and 8.14% of 2024 underrepresented Utah high school graduates will come to UVU within 3 years of graduating high school. It is essential to capture the graduates as soon as possible.

Trustee Blake Modersitzki motioned to approve UVU's Five Year Performance Funding Goals as presented. Trustee Paul Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

2. Approval of Research Institute at the Women's Success Center

Vice President Kyle Reyes addressed the Research Institute at the Women's Success Center. This institute is a collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, where there is an imbedded research institute housed within a center that focuses on student services and outreach.

Dr. Tara Ivie discussed the importance of the Research Institute. Female enrollment has increased from 43% to 48%. Utah has historically low women's college enrollment and graduation rates and has one of the lowest female proportions for faculty. Building the research institute allows them to have a multi-disciplinary collaborative environment that gives focus to female faculty work and any women's related issues. It provides opportunities for students to engage in higher practices with those faculty. The model embeds a tenured, full-time faculty member as the academic director in the institute. UVU has secured a

full faculty council. If the University wants to keep women on campus, they must provide an environment that supports them. The research institute will elevate the work that they've done.

Trustee Jeanette Bennett motioned to approve the Research Institute at the Women's Success Center as presented. Trustee Dru Huffaker seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

3. Program Approvals

Vice President Wayne Vaught discussed the process of creating, modifying, and deleting programs. He addressed the programs on the agenda for approval, which included: Deletion of the IS emphases, Graduate Certificate of Applied Behavior Analysis, Minor in Military Science, Graduate Certificate in Marketing, Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management, Graduate Certificate in Finance, Graduate Certificate in Technology Management, AAS in Collision Repair Technology (modification and the deletion emphases), Diploma in Collision Repair Technology (deletion of full diploma and both its emphases), CP in Professional Kitchen, CP in Entry Kitchen, CP in Baking and Pastry, CP in Administrative Support, Minor in Homeland Security, Minor in Forensic Science Deletion, AS in Health Sciences Deletion, Minor in Ethnic Studies, Minor in Cognitive Neuroscience, AA/AS Behavioral Science Deletion, BA/BS English Modification, AA/BA Theatre Studies Name Change, CC in Integrated College and Community Studies, CP in Personal Development and Professional Advancement, Graduate Certificate in Management, Deletion of MBA Emphases and Modification of MBA, AAS and BFA in Entertainment Design, BS in International Business, BAS in Transportation Technologies, CP in Collaborative Piano-Chamber Music, CP in Collaborative Piano-Vocal Coaching and CP in Piano Pedagogy. Trustee Cydni Tetro motioned to approve the programs as presented. Trustee Scott Smith seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Rick Nielsen motioned to approve the consent agenda which included the Minutes of the June 24, 2021 Board Meeting, and the May and June 2021 Investment Reports. Trustee Jill Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

VI. INFORMATION AGENDA (continued)

5. President's Report

President Astrid Tuminez began her report by highlighting that Utah Valley University is celebrating its 80th year and a campaign is in the works to tell the story of UVU and where they are going. Enrollment across the country is down 3%. Despite the pandemic, enrollment at UVU has held up well. Enrollment for fall is at 29,714, which does not include high school concurrent enrollment. The University has 84 new faculty members, 55 of them are tenure-track. Four of UVU's students became fellows in Station 1 during the summer, they received 34 hours of leadership training, 100 hours of STEM instruction, and 270 hours with start-ups in the Boston innovation zone. UVU has a new Physician Assistant program. This program can feed into schools of medicine and the first cohort will begin in January. The University received \$1 M in funding for a civics initiative, which is now fully in place and operational. There are three components to the initiative, curriculum development at UVU, outreach to the community through seminars, and working with K12. Three of the University's faculty members received a \$1.5 M grant from the National Science Foundation for BE-TEC, teaching students to be excellent in technology and engineering. The 15th Annual Governor's Native American Summit was recently held at UVU. There are 8 Native American tribes in the state of Utah, but the numbers are low for graduation and retention. The University is looking into what they can do to better serve the Native American population. Intermountain Health Care is sponsoring a Mental Health Services Awareness Summit. UVU has received their second round of funding for the Learn and Work program in Utah for reskilling and upskilling. Upcoming events

include Faculty Convocation, Freshman Convocation, and the Scholarship Ball. All money raised at the Scholarship Ball goes to presidential scholars. President expressed the importance of the College of Engineering and Technology Building. The growth in this department was 28% from 2014 to 2019 and 22% from 2016 to 2020 in just engineering, and there are currently over 5,000 students. The University needs about \$98 M to build the CET building. They are looking to raise \$40 M and will ask the legislature for the rest. UVU was ranked #8 for the best affordable college to earn a Computer Engineering degree.

6. Board Retreat Discussion

Chair James Clarke addressed the benefits of a retreat for board and cabinet members and would like to host one soon. Dates will be circulated.

Chair James Clarke adjourned the meeting.