

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 9, 2021

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Kim Brunisholz	Anne-Marie Lampropoulos
H. David Burton	David Parkin
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)	J. Steve Price
Christian Gardner (Chair)	Randy Shumway
Ephraim Kum	Jim Sorenson

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Brooke Adams	Executive Communications Manager
Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer
Robin Burr	Chief Design and Construction Officer
Randy Dryer	President, Academic Senate
Brynn Fronk	Executive Assistant to President Ruth Watkins
Alison Flynn Gaffney	Executive Director, U of U Health Services Lines, Ancillary and Support Services
Michael Good	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Mark Harlan	Athletics Director
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Lori McDonald	Vice President for Student Affairs
Janine Murphy	Administrative Manager, President's Office
Chris Nelson	Director, Communications
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Daniel Reed	Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Patti Ross	Chief Business Strategy Officer
Laura Snow	Chief of Staff and Secretary to the University
Jeannette Taylor	Manager, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Mary Ann Villarreal	Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
Ruth Watkins	President
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Andy Weyrich	Vice President for Research
Bryce Williams	President, Staff Council
Mark Winter	Associate Vice President, Budget and Finance
Shawn Wood	Communication Specialist, Marketing and Communications
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President for Institutional Advancement

OTHERS

Geoffrey Landward	Deputy Commissioner, General Counsel & Secretary to the Utah Board of Higher Education
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CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The virtual meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:01AM via Zoom. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the February 9 Meetings of the Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters and Sabbatical Request (Appendix I)

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – Monthly Comparison (Gifts) Report (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – University Leases (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Report of Investments Portfolio for the Month of January (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Investment Compliance Report (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Faculty Awards (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Integrated Minor in Health (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Integrated Minor in Human Rights and Resources (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Relocate the Pediatric Clinic from Building 521 to Former Transplant Clinic Space (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Provide a Connector Pathway Between Research Park and University Campus (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – University of Utah Board of Trustees Amended Bylaws (Appendix XII)

Supportive comments regarding 2.09 and 2.10

- Innovative thinking – taking an approach to empower students with knowledge and capability of continuous learning
- Present students with challenges surrounding social justice, climate change, international health
- Teach a multi-disciplinary approach – seven different classes, different disciplines – geared to equip students with system level thinking and critical analysis
- Powerful learning experiences that can change student lives

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by David Burton, second by Randy Shumway. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: H. David Burton, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ephraim Kum, Anne-Marie Lampropoulos, David Parkin, Randy Shumway, and Jim Sorenson.

Background materials are included in the Appendix (as noted above) and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ACTION AGENDA

Action: 3.01 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Relocate the Transplant Clinic to Area E, Level 2

Robin Burr, chief design and construction officer, introduced the Transplant Clinic's proposed relocation to Area E, Level 2 of University of Utah Hospital.

The proposed project will relocate the Kidney & Liver Transplant Clinic from Area B, Level A, to Area E, Level 2, shell space. This new clinic will be adjacent to the Transplant Clinic Service Line Office, which will improve efficiency for evaluation, post-transplant care, and care coordination. The relocation will also increase the clinic's square footage and increase exam room availability from 19 to 24.

The scope includes the construction of a new ambulatory clinic within the available shell space. This clinic will consist of 24 exam rooms, leadership office space, huddle rooms, support teamwork space, and a conference room.

The proposed total project budget is \$7,446,799 and will be funded by Hospital funds. The Hospital Board has approved this project.

Approval is requested to authorize the University to design, bid, and award a construction contract to complete this project.

Fiscal Note: No additional operating budget or personnel will be required.

Motion to approve 3.01 by David Parkin, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: H. David Burton, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ephraim Kum, Anne-Marie Lampropoulos, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Randy Shumway, and Jim Sorenson.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XIII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report: 4.01 – Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community, Distinguished Visitors and Research

President Watkins referred Trustees to the written report included in the agenda materials noting that many remarkable things are happening at the University of Utah.

A copy of the items is included as Appendix XIV with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Report: 4.02 – Current Events and Updates

President Watkins introduced Jason Perry, vice president for government relations, who provided a brief recap of the recent legislative session.

President Watkins commended Trustee Brunisholz and the U Alumni team for a fantastic Founders Day. The celebration was virtual this year, and the videos of the honorees were powerful and compelling. The videos can be found on YouTube.

President Watkins noted the following on the presidential search and transition.

- Three public meetings were held over the past couple of weeks to obtain input from members of the University of Utah community and the general public to help shape the position description.
- Trustees and members of the Utah Board of Higher Education (UBHE) are heavily involved in the process.
- The UBHE appointed Dr. Mike Good to serve as interim President.

Planning for Commencement 2021 is well underway. President Watkins noted she will announce the keynote speaker for the general commencement this month.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Report: 5.01 – Health Sciences Report

In a written report to the Board, Dr. Mike Good noted the following:

America's Best Hospitals

- Healthgrades named University of Utah Hospital & Clinics and University Orthopaedic Center among America's 250 Best Hospitals for 2021. These elite hospitals are in the top 5 percent in the nation for overall clinical excellence and consistently delivering superior outcomes year after year.

Improving Community Health

- On February 8, Utah's Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson joined U of U Health (UUH) to recognize the Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) team for taking more than 250,000 calls for the Utah Coronavirus Hotline. Now staffed by nurses and public health professionals, the hotline was initially staffed by students across UUH and UPCC working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week answering questions and helping patients get appropriate care.

Awards, Grants & Recognition

- The University of Utah Alumni Association recognized Distinguished Professor of Radiology & Imaging Sciences, Anne Osborn, MD, with the 2021 Honorary Alumni Award for her contributions in helping establish the field of neuroradiology.
- The College of Nursing is currently ranked No. 22 in National Institutes of Health funding for colleges of nursing, a five-position increase in ranking from last year.
- Preliminary 2020 Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research (BRIMR) rankings show the School of Medicine (SoM) is No. 37 nationally. Population Health Sciences ranking reports the SoM more than doubled in funding, jumping six spots to No. 22.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XV with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Report: 5.02 – Academic Affairs Report

In a written report to the Board, Dr. Dan Reed noted the following:

News Items

- Truth in Tuition Hearing
 - Senior Vice President Dan Reed thanked those Trustees who could attend the Truth in Tuition hearing on March 8. The University of Utah is proposing increasing tuition by up to 2.5% for the 2021-22 school year. At the same time, the University will cut mandatory student fees slightly. The proposed tuition increase and student fee reductions total an overall increase for a full-time, resident undergraduate student of 1.8% or \$75.22 per semester.
- Planning a Return to In-Person Classes for Fall 2021 Semester
 - As COVID-19 vaccinations increase and infections in the community decrease, the University of Utah will provide an in-person experience for every student who wants one in the fall.

The University Registrar's office is working with colleges and departments on the logistics for fall scheduling. In keeping with guidance approved by Utah lawmakers, the U will aim to have more than three-fourths of fall classes held in person when classes begin August 23. The University will continue to offer online course options to accommodate student needs, preferences and schedules.

- Commencement/Convocation Plans Will Be Announced March 12
 - The University of Utah will hold both virtual and in-person events for the 2021 Commencement/convocations.
 - This spring, students were surveyed to determine their preferences for graduation events. Fully 79 percent said they would attend an in-person, college-specific convocation ceremony. In response, many colleges plan to offer in-person convocations this spring.

The main university Commencement ceremony will be pre-recorded and live-streamed on utah.edu/live, Thursday, May 6. College-specific convocations—both virtual and in-person—will be held on May 6 and May 7. Convocations may be scheduled on May 5 as well, if necessary. Two campus locations for outdoor, in-person convocations have are reserved: Red Butte Garden and Rice-Eccles Stadium. Attendance will be limited to graduates and faculty.

Executive Searches

- Sr. Associate VP / Undergraduate Studies Dean Search—Public Presentations - Four finalists met last week with members of the campus community, including Undergraduate Studies and Bennion Center staff, as well as student leaders. Search committee members will narrow the list for individual interviews and in-person campus visits later this month.

Awards/Recognitions

- The 2020-2021 cohort of Distinguished Professors has been named:
 - Dave Kieda, College of Science
 - Eric Garland, College of Social Work
 - Randall Olson, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
 - Elaine Schmidt, College of Pharmacy
 - Sandra Buys, School of Medicine

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVI with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ASUU UPDATE

Report: 6.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Ephraim Kum gave an overview of his written report noting accomplishments and issues of focus over the past month.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 7.01 – Academic Senate Report

Academic Senate President Randy Dryer referred Trustees to his written report and offered to respond to questions.

In addition to his written report, Dryer noted the following:

- A reporter from the Chronicle of Higher Education, who is writing a profile on a day in the life of the faculty senate during the pandemic era, attended the March 1 meeting.
- Thanked Trustees for adopting/approving the two integrated minors, Integrated Minor in Health and Integrated Minor in Humans Rights and Resources. These are truly remarkable education experiences for the students.
- Thanked Chair Gardner for helping to facilitate the addition of two faculty members from the Colleges of Humanities and Social Work who were not initially represented on the Presidential Search Committee.
- Policy 4-010 University Employee Individual Email Policy will be sent to the Trustees in the next couple of months. The primary purpose of this Policy is to bring the University into compliance with Utah law, including Rule R840 of the Utah Board of Higher Education. The Policy regulates that all University of Utah employees and officers use the University's official Enterprise Email System whenever conducting University business. The Policy will assist the University in complying with its legal responsibility to preserve and maintain business email communication in the institution's email system for security, auditing, records management, document preservation, personnel actions, achieving and destruction and other required purposes.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVIII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information: 8.01 – Graduate Council Review – Entrepreneurship & Strategy

Information: 8.02 – Graduate Council Review – Finance

Information: 8.03 – Graduate Council Review – Management

Information: 8.04 – Graduate Council Review – Marketing

Chair Gardner introduced the Graduate Council Review. There were no questions or concerns raised by the Trustees.

A copy of the Graduate Council Review is included as Appendix XIX - XXII respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Action: 9.01 – Current Events and Announcement

Chair Christian Gardner noted the following:

- Board of Trustees webpage was updated/refreshed – thank you to University Marketing and Communications for their efforts to improve both the aesthetics and the content of the site..
- Thanked those Trustees who were able to join the Truth in Tuition hearing yesterday, March 8. The University of Utah will hold a virtual meeting on Friday, March 12, to vote on tuition and fees recommendation for the academic year 2021-22. President Watkins and Chair Gardner will present to the Utah Board of Higher Education on March 25.
- Take away from the public dialogues on Presidential search:
 - Community appreciates the great work of the leadership team of President Watkins, Dr. Good and Dr. Reed.
 - Community appreciates the trajectory the University has been on.
 - Community would like to see the University continue to build on the great foundation that has been established.

Chair Gardner introduced Geoffrey Landward, deputy commissioner, General Counsel & Secretary to the Utah Board of Higher Education, to provide the Trustees with an update on the Presidential Search.

Deputy Commissioner Landward noted:

- Appreciate the feedback and the large attendance from those who were able to attend the town halls.
- Reoccurring themes from community members:
 - Maintain the trajectory the University is on with regard to equity, diversity and inclusion and sustainability efforts.
 - International and national reach of the University.
 - Continue to further the trajectory and stature as the flagship university for the state and intermountain west created by becoming an AAU member.
- Search committee will meet on Thursday, March 11, to finalize the position description and announcement and begin official recruitment.
- Recruitment in earnest will begin Monday, March 15.

- Update on the search process:
 - Unable to effect a change in legislation (in the 2021 session) to maintain the confidentiality of the 3-5 finalists. This would likely have helped enhance the applicant pool and protect candidates for whom the exposure might be damaging with their current employer.
 - Past process of announcing search finalists will continue.
 - Salary data will be gathered to review salaries of presidents from peer institutions in the Pac 12 and AAU universities. Utah Board of Higher Education (UBHE) hopes to set the salary in the median of these institutions.

Action: 9.01 – 2021 Honorary Degree Recipients

Chair Gardner announced that the Honors Committee has selected the 2021 Honorary Degree Recipients and thanked Trustee Brunisholz, chair, and the Committee members for all of their work. Trustee Kim Brunisholz introduced the proposed slate of recipients, which includes Russell M. Nelson (Doctorate of Science), C. Hope Eccles (Doctorate of Humane Letters) and William “Bill” Rutter (Doctorate of Science).

Motion to approve 9.01 by Kim Brunisholz, second by Anne-Marie Lampropoulos. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, H. David Burton, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ephraim Kum, Anne-Marie Lampropoulos, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Randy Shumway, and Jim Sorenson.

A copy of the press release is included as Appendix XXIII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Action: 9.03 – Resolution of Appreciation

Chair Gardner recognized President Ruth Watkins, along with her husband, Bob Young, for their tremendous service to the University. Trustee Burton read the resolution noting the many accomplishments during her tenure as president and senior vice president for academic affairs. President Watkins expressed gratitude for the opportunity to have been part of the University, noting what a privilege it has been to work with the trustees and U leaders over the past eight years.

A copy of the resolution is included as Appendix XXIV with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Christian Gardner recommended adjournment of the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 10:13 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 13, 2021.

Motion to approve by Katie Eccles, second by David Parkin. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

Aye: Kim Brunisholz, H. David Burton, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ephraim Kum, Anne-Marie Lampropoulos, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Randy Shumway, and Jim Sorenson.

Signed by: Laura Snow

Date approved: 13 April 2021