

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 8, 2022

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Kim Brunisholz	J. Steve Price
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)	Randy Shumway
Maria Garciaz	Jim Sorenson
Christian Gardner (Chair)	Jessica Wojciechowski
David Parkin	

EXCUSED

Bassam Salem

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer
Jason Atuaia	Executive Director, Senior Vice President Academic Affairs
Robin Burr	Chief Design and Construction Officer
Tyler Christopulos	Assistant Professor, Communication Science & Disorders
Alison Flynn Gaffney	Interim Chief Operating Officer / Executive Director, U of U Health Services Lines, Ancillary and Support Services
Michael Good	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Chase Hagood	Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mark Harlan	Athletics Director
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Chris Hoggan	Construction Project Manager, Planning Design and Construction
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Lori McDonald	Vice President for Student Affairs
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Christina Poruczniak	President, Academic Senate
Erin Rothwell	Interim Vice President for Research
Jo Scofield	President, University of Utah Staff Council
Laura Snow	Chief of Staff and Secretary to the University
Sherri Somers	Construction Project Manager, Planning Design and Construction
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Mary Ann Villarreal	Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Rebecca Walsh	Associate Director of Communications, Marketing and Communications
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Mark Winter	Assistant Vice President, Budget and Finance
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President, Institutional Advancement

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:22 AM in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni Center, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused SVPAA Martell Teasley and Trustee Bassam Salem who were unable to attend.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the February 8th Meeting of the Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (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 – New Provisional Center – Utah Energy and Power Innovation Center (UEPIC) (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Policy 1-021 – Abusive Conduct (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Policy 6-300 – Categories and Ranks (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Real Estate Disposition – Approval to Sell a Portion of the Vacant Lot Located at 3300 South & 900 West in South Salt Lake, Utah to UDOT (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space in HPER North, Rooms 236 & 238 for the College of Health (Appendix XI)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by David Parkin, second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J Steve Price, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Jessica Wojciechowski

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

ACTION AGENDA

Action: 3.01 – Proposed Naming for the Mental Health Crisis Care Center

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, introduced the proposed naming for the Mental Health Crisis Care Center.

In recognition of a commitment of \$5 million to the Huntsman Mental Health Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the new Mental Health Crisis Care Center, located at approx. 3300 South and 1000 West in Salt Lake County, in honor of Kem and Carolyn Gardner.

Motion to approve the item 3.01 by Katie Eccles, second by Kim Brunisholz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz., David Parkin, J Steve Price, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Jessica Wojciechowski

Abstain: Christian Gardner

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

Action: 3.02 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Renovate Space in the Orrin G. Hatch Center to Provide Temporary Intern Housing in Washington D.C.

Robin Burr, Chief Design and Construction Officer, and Jason Perry, Vice President for Government Relations and director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics, introduced the proposed renovation of space in the Orrin G. Hatch Center to provide temporary intern housing in Washington D.C.

The proposed project will renovate recently purchased property to serve as temporary housing and gathering space. Work includes renovation of two historic row houses and accompanying carriage house inside a historic neighborhood located in the Washington D.C. area. Buildings will be remodeled to preserve historical features, meet ADA requirements, and provide new MEP systems that meet energy standards. Existing office spaces will be converted into bedrooms. Updated kitchens, bathrooms, and communal living rooms are also in the plans.

The proposed total project budget is \$9,111,290 and will be funded by donations to the Hinckley Institute of Politics.

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

Fiscal Note: Operations and maintenance costs will be funded by revenues from rental of the rooms and meeting / gathering space venues.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposed project.

Motion to approve the item 3.02 by Randy Shumway, second by Katie Eccles. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J Steve Price, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Jessica Wojciechowski

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Action: 3.03 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space in the Park Building, Rooms 160 & 170 for the Financial Services Department

Robin Burr, Chief Design and Construction Officer, and Cathy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the remodel in the Park Building, Rooms 160 & 170 for the Financial Services Department.

The proposed project will remodel space to create a hybrid model of adaptable workspace to support staff needs. The new space will contain a mixture of private and shared offices, workspaces and hoteling areas. Work includes the removal of all existing interior walls to create an open concept floor plan. A small interior courtyard with skylights will be added to bring natural light into the space. All lighting and HVAC will be upgraded.

The proposed total project budget is \$2,892,866 and will be funded by Administrative Services.

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.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposed project.

Motion to approve 3.03 by Jim Sorenson second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J Steve Price, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Jessica Wojciechowski

A copy of the report 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

Action: 3.04 – Proposed Tuition for Academic Year 2022 – 23

Cathy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer, and Mark Winter, Assistant Vice President, Budget and Finance, introduced the proposed tuition increase of no more than 5.5% and explained that when combined with a .4% decrease in student fees the actual total overall increase is roughly 4.81%. It was noted that the Truth in Tuition session was held in a virtual format on Tuesday, March 1st. Students and other interested campus and community members were invited to participate and to send comments and questions in advance.

Summary of Tuition Increase:

- 4.81 percent tuition increase
- Student Fee Committee Recommendations
 - No new fees
 - Eliminate Student Union fee (\$2.35/semester)
 - Although not a general student fee, it has been proposed to eliminate the current \$60 fee per online course

Summary of Differential Tuition Increase:

- College of Law - \$464.85/credit hour
 - This differential rate will replace the current credit fee of \$363.93 per semester
- College of Health
 - Speech Language Pathology Assistant Graduate Program - \$618/credit hour
This is a one semester, 15 credit hour certificate program.
 - Online DPT program - \$871.55/credit hour (\$15,833 per semester, \$31,667 per year and \$95,000 total for the incoming cohort over three years)
- College of Science - charging undergraduate courses \$60 over the next three years
 - Year-one - \$12.23 increase (differential tuition \$35.53/per credit hour)
 - Year-two - \$12.23 increase (differential tuition \$47.76/per credit hour)
 - Year-three - \$12.24 increase (differential tuition \$60/per credit hour)
- College of Engineering – standard increase in differential rates
 - Undergraduate (all lower division courses) - \$64.61
 - Graduate - \$92.27

President Randall expressed gratitude for the thought, care, and detailed effort that has gone into these recommendations. He noted the dialogues and important questions raised by the Trustees and the thoughtful work on the part of leadership to strike the right balance to ensure quality and student outcomes while doing all we can to manage cost.

Representing her student peers, Trustee Wojciechowski expressed strongly her concern that the increase will be a hardship for many; noting financial challenges with inflation and cost of living expenses, etc.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposed tuition increase.

Motion to approve 3.04 by J. Steve Price second by Kim Brunisholz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J Steve Price, Randy Shumway, and Jim Sorenson

Opposed: Jessica Wojciechowski

Trustee Randy Shumway recommended the following motion.

- Next month we spend 30 minutes of the Trustee's meeting reviewing at least 5 meaningful investments the University is already making and is committed to increase – and to measure the impact of – over the next 18 months:
 - Caring for our student's most basic necessities
 - Off-setting costs for our vulnerable, first-generation and other struggling students

- Better attracting and serving our state's more vulnerable students.
- A plan and commitment presented to Trustees for improved tracking and publishing of such data by major such as:
 - Employment rates within 90 days of graduation
 - Starting compensations and five-year compensations
 - Time it takes to graduate
 - Completion rates
 This data should be broken down by socio-economic, race, and other metrics
- An integrated plan presented to the Trustees by end of August to further optimize and rationalize costs across the university while simultaneously improving university outcomes in scholarship, research, and student performance
- Understanding of net expenses based on scholarship augmentation and other financial assistance

Motion to approve recommendation from Randy Shumway by Randy Shumway second by Maria Garciaz Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J Steve Price, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson and Jessica Wojciechowski

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Action: 4.01 – Current Events

Chair Christian Gardner thanked the Trustees for participating in the Truth in Tuition hearing Tuesday, March 1. President Randall and Chair Gardner will now present to the proposed tuition increase to the Utah Board of Higher Education on March 24.

Chair Gardner and President Randall commented on the 2022 Legislative Session. The University of Utah is appreciative of the state's investment in and support for its flagship university. President Randall acknowledged VP Jason Perry and special assistant for Government Relations, Natalie Tippets, for all their effort / time spent during the legislative session.

Trustee J. Steve Price briefly discussed the Idaho National Laboratory and the University of Utah agreement which allows both organizations to collaborate on research and development projects that will advance the nation's energy and security technology.

Upcoming Events:

- March 23 – President Randall's Inauguration
- March 30 – Founders Day

Action: 4.02 – 2022 Honorary Degree Recipients

Chair Gardner announced that the Honors Committee has selected the 2022 Honorary Degree Recipients and thanked Trustee Brunisholz, Chair, and the Committee members for all their work. Trustee Kim Brunisholz introduced the proposed slate of recipients, which includes Karen Haight Huntsman, Jacqueline Thompson, and Ruth V. Watkins.

Motion to approve 4.02 by Kim Brunisholz, second by Randy Shumway. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Jessica Wojciechowski

A copy of the press release 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report: 6.01 – Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community, Distinguished Visitors and Research

Due to time constraints the Trustees were referred to the written report.

A copy of the items 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.

Report: 6.02 – Current Events and Updates

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Report: 7.01 – Health Sciences Report

Due to time constraints the Trustees were referred to the written report.

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.

Report: 7.02 – Academic Affairs Report

Due to time constraints the Trustees were referred to the written report.

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ASUU UPDATE

Report: 8.01 – ASUU Report

Due to time constraints the Trustees were referred to the written report.

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

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 9.01 – Academic Senate Report

Due to time constraints the Trustees were referred to the written report.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXI 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 a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 11:25 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 12, 2022.

Motion to approve by Randy Shumway, second by Kim Brunisholz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Randy Shumway, and Jessica Wojciechowski.

Signed by: Laura Snow

Date approved: 12 April 2022