

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)	Bassam Salem
Maria Garciaz	Randy Shumway
Christian Gardner (Chair)	Glenn Seninger
David Parkin	Jim Sorenson (zoom)
J. Steve Price	Taylor VanderToolen

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer
Seth Bracken	Associate Director, Public Relations and Communication
Chase Hagood	Dean, Undergraduate Studies
Mark Harlan	Athletic Director
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Ischa Jensen	Director, Planning and Operations, University Hospitals and Clinics
Teresa Kehl	Special Assistant to the President
Dan Lundergan	CEO, University Hospitals and Clinics
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Keith Marmer	Chief Innovation & Economic Engagement Officer
Scott McAward	Executive Director, University Counseling Center
Lori McDonald	Vice President, Student Affairs
Rob Patton	Executive Communications Manager
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Wendy Peterson	Deputy Chief Human Resources Officer
Sarah Projansky	Associate Vice President for Faculty
Taylor Randall	President
Sonia Salari	President, Academic Senate
Laura Snow	Senior Advisor
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
Peter Trapa	Dean, College of Science
Randy VanDyke	Assistant Vice President, Chief Audit Executive
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Rebecca Walsh	Associate Director of Communications, Marketing and Communication
Sherrá Watkins	Associate VP, Student Health and Wellness
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President, Institutional Advancement

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES VIA ZOOM

Amy Choate-Nielsen	Manager PR/Communication
Melody Murdock	Director, PR/Communication
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Allison Nicholson	Special Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer

Mark Rapaport Chair, Department of Psychiatry, CEO, Huntsman Mental Health Institute (HMHI)
 Erin Rothwell Vice President, Research

OTHER

Julie Beck Board Member, Utah Board of Higher Education (zoom)
 Geoffrey Landward Deputy Commissioner, General Counsel & Secretary to the Utah Board of Higher Education
 Shawn Newell Board Member, Utah Board of Higher Education

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:11 AM in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees, Shawn Newell and Julie Beck, board members from the Utah Board of Higher Education, Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner, General Counsel & Secretary to the Utah Board of Higher Education and others in attendance.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the October 11th Meeting of the Board of 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 September (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Policy Update – Policy 5-300: Holidays (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Policy Update – 6-002 – The Academic Senate and Senate Committees Structure, Functions, Procedures (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – New Certificate – Certificate in Cognitive Science (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – New Minor and Emphasis – Real Estate (Appendix IX)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by David Parkin, second by Randy Shumway. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

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 – Kahlert School of Computing

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President, University Advancement, introduced the proposed naming.

In recognition of a \$15 million commitment from the Kahlert Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the Kahlert School of Computing.

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

Motion to approve the item 3.01 by Katie Eccles, second by Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

Action: 3.02 – New Degree – BS Earth and Environmental Science with Emphases in Climate Science, Geoscience, and Ecosystem Science

Peter Trapa, Dean, College of Science, introduced the proposed new degree.

The Earth and Environmental Science major will prepare students to be leaders across a wide range of fields in the private and public sectors to help tackle major societal and environmental challenges in the 21st century. The major will train them in complex systems analysis, calculus-based quantitative reasoning and thinking, and provide them with a detailed understanding of land, atmosphere, water, and ecosystems. The major is based around a rigorous science core of classes, a set of cohort-building earth and environmental science courses, and a flexible set of emphases and electives. The proposed major fills a fundamental set of curriculum gaps at the University of Utah and advances the institutional mission.

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

Motion to approve the item 3.02 by Bassam Salem, second by Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

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

UNIVERSITY FOCUS

Report: 5.01 – University Focus

Lori McDonald, VP Student Affairs, Sherrá Watkins, Associate VP Student Health and Wellness and Scott McAward, Executive Director of University Counseling Center, introduced the University Focus presentation on Student Mental Health. Dr. Mark Rapaport, chair of the Department of Psychiatry and CEO of the Huntsman Mental Health Institute (HMHI) also joined via zoom to answer questions.

The University of Utah has seen increased levels of mental health challenges experienced by our students. The students have reported issues with:

- Anxiety
- Stress
- Depression
- Suicidal and self-injury behavior

In a recent survey students reported how many days in the last four weeks they have experienced emotional or mental difficulties that have hurt their academic performance.

- 15% - none
- 30% - 1 - 2 days
- 29% - 3 – 5 days
- 26% - 6 or more days

Primary Campus Health Services

- University Counseling Center
 - 25 Licensed Clinicians
 - 2 Psychiatric APRNs
 - Virtual and in-person services
- Women's Resource Center
 - 4 Licensed Clinicians
 - Virtual and in-person services
- MH1
 - Over the phone and in-person crises services for students living in Housing & Residential Education
 - During the 2021 – 2022 Fiscal Year
 - University Counseling Center
 - 2,435 students served – 15% increase
 - 14,410 appointments – 4% increase
 - Women's Resource Center
 - 303 students served – 66% increase
 - 2,200 individual appointments – 15% increase

The University Counseling Center has implemented several changes in Fall 2022 to increase access

- Stepped Care Model
- Skills Workshops and Groups
 - Taming stress
 - Building resiliency

- Mindful authentic living
- Mindful work life balance
- Quick Care
 - One-time only meeting with a counselor – beneficial for students with a very brief, particular concern or ambivalence about seeking mental health services
- 24/7 Care
 - Available to all University of Utah students through the MySSP Virtual Service App – provides over the phone and virtual crisis services – especially for those outside of Utah

A few highlights:

- Wait times have improved – lately intake wait times have been as short as one day
- With the implementation of stepped care, quick care skills workshops, MH1 and MySSP students have increased pathways to access mental health care
- Between July 2022 – present
 - 15% increase in clients served from same time frame the previous year
 - 10% increase in sessions provided from same time frame the previous year

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 5.01 – Current Events

Chair Gardner reported on a recent meeting with Governor Cox and board chairs from the other higher education institutions around the state. The Governor has raised concern about tuition costs. He acknowledged that tuition at Utah schools is lower when compared to national peers but suggested more could be done to lower costs as inflation continues to affect many Utahns.

Following additional discussion of the Governor's proposal to freeze tuition rates for the 2023-24 academic year, the Trustees recommended President Randall and University leadership engage an outside consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of expenditures, propose operating efficiencies across campus and identify areas of potential cost savings.

Report: 5.02 – Resolution of Appreciation – Randy VanDyke

Chair Gardner recognized Randy VanDyke for his service to the University. VanDyke will retire in January 2023 after a 40-year career in the Department of Internal Audit. Trustee David Parkin read the resolution noting the accomplishments during Randy's tenure. Several commented on what a privilege it has been to work with Randy over the past years and commended him on his leadership.

A copy of the resolution 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

President Randall referred to the written report included in the agenda materials and highlighted some of the noteworthy accomplishments listed, stating that many remarkable things are happening at the University of Utah.

Report: 4.02 – Current Events and Updates

President Randall noted the following:

- Native American Scholarship applications opened on November 1st. The scholarship is available to full-time students enrolled at the U and also enrolled in Utah's eight federally recognized tribal nations.

The scholarship is renewable up to eight semesters as long as students continue to make academic progress toward degree completion. The priority deadline for completed applications is December 8, 2022, and the application portal closes January 9, 2023.

- Announced Mitzi M. Montoya as the University of Utah's new senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. He spoke of Dr. Montoya's depth and breadth of experience and noted she will begin on Jan. 3, 2023.
- Expressed gratitude to Dr. Martell Teasley for his leadership and service as interim senior vice president for academic affairs this year.

A copy of the items 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.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Report: 6.01 – Health Sciences Report

In a written report to the Board, Dan Lundergan, CEO Hospitals and Clinics, on behalf of Dr. Mike Good noted the following:

Leadership Announcements

- Effective January 3, 2023, Gina Hawley, DrPH, MHA, will serve as Chief Operating Officer for University of Utah Health Hospitals and Clinics. Hawley joins us from Oregon Health & Science University where she serves as Vice President, Professional & Support Services, and previously as Senior Director, Neuroscience and Spine.

- Jason Hunt, MD, will serve as Interim Chair of the newly established Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine. Meeting the criteria to be recognized as a department speaks to years of dedicated work from current and past faculty in the former division.

Research Milestones

- The Mark and Kathie Miller Pediatric Genomics Fund announced a gift of \$3.6 million over five years to support a pair of pediatric genetic research programs at the Center for Genomic Medicine. The gift will allow the Utah NeoSeq Project and the Penelope Program to expand efforts to diagnose rare childhood disorders.
- Robert Silver, MD, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, led a new study that reveals stillbirth can be inherited and tends to be passed down through male members of the family. These novel findings, published in BJOG, were possible by analyzing the robust data in the Utah Population Database.

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.

Report: 6.02 – Academic Affairs Report

In a written report to the Board, Sarah Projansky, Associate Vice President for Faculty, on behalf of Dr. Martell Teasley noted the following:

NWCCU completes accreditation visit

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) performed a comprehensive accreditation evaluation visit at the U in late October. The visit was a testament to the power of teamwork and an opportunity to show all of the amazing things happening at the U. At the exit interview, the NWCCU delegation had great things to say about the institution and the people who work here.

Searches for deans are in progress

Current active searches include:

- Dean of Libraries,
- Dean of the College of Architecture and Planning,
- Dean of the School for Cultural and Social Transformation
- Dean of the Graduate School.

<https://administration.utah.edu/postings/dean-of-libraries/>

<https://administration.utah.edu/postings/dean-architecture-planning/>

<https://administration.utah.edu/postings/graduate-school-dean/>

College of Engineering researchers receive CAREER awards

Seven faculty members from the College of Engineering received the National Science Foundation's Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) Award to fund their research. The five-year, \$500,000 grants were awarded to Tsung-Wei Huang (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Huiwen Ji (Materials Science and Engineering), Mingyue Ji (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Mingxi Liu (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Bei Wang Phillips (School of Computing), Mostafa Sahraei-Ardakani (Electrical and Computer Engineering) and Jason Wiese (School of Computing).

<https://www.coe.utah.edu/2022/09/07/nsf-career-award-recipients-for-2022/>

U.S. Department of State selects U instructor for English Language Specialist project

The U.S. Department of State selected Karen Marsh Schaeffer for a six-month virtual English Language Specialist project in Russia at Dostoevsky Omsk State University. Karen is the Director of Utah Global Instruction in the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Academic Liaison for Utah Global, and Student Support Specialist and Associate Instructor in the Department of Linguistics. This is her fourth English Language Specialist award, and this project will run January – June 2023.

<https://humanities.utah.edu/news/karen-marsh-schaeffer.php>

U to receive \$1.4 million in federal funding to advance nuclear fuel recycling technology

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is funding 12 projects that will work to reduce the impacts of light-water reactor used nuclear fuel (UNF) disposal. The U has been selected to develop a pyrochemical process for efficiently converting UNF into a fuel feedstock suitable for sodium-cooled fast reactors or molten-salt-fueled reactors.

<https://arpa-e.energy.gov/news-and-media/press-releases/us-department-energy-awards-38-million-projects-leading-used-nuclear>

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.

ASUU UPDATE

Report: 7.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Taylor VanderToolen referred Trustees to his written report and shared an update on ASUU's current plans and activities

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.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 8.01 – Academic Senate Report

Academic Senate President Sonia Salari referred Trustees to her written report and gave a briefing on the recent meeting of the Senate.

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.

ADJOURN

Resolution: Vice Chair Katie Eccles recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 10:55 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 13, 2022.

Motion to approve by Randy Shumway second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 13 December 2022