

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 8, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Christian Gardner (Chair)
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)
Jack O'Leary
J. Steve Price

Bassam Salem
Glenn Seninger (via zoom)
Jim Sorenson

EXCUSED

Maria Garciaz
David Parkin
Randy Shumway

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Administrative Services
Robin Burr	Chief Design and Construction Officer
Andrea Cavrag	Director, Project Management, Planning Design and Construction
John Creer	Chief Real Estate Officer
Aniko Csirmaz	Associate Professor, Linguistics
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Shanti Deemyad	President, Academic Senate
Michael Good	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Chase Hagood	Dean, Undergraduate Studies
Gina Hawley	Chief Operating Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Stephen Hess	Chief Information Officer
John Jentz	Executive Senior Associate Athletic Director & CFO
Jeff Labrum	Special Assistant to President and CFO
Teresa Kehl	Special Assistant to the President
Dan Lundergan	CEO, University of Utah Hospital and Clinics
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Lori McDonald	Vice President, Student Affairs
Mitzi Montoya	Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Charlton Park	Chief Financial Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Sarah Projansky	AVP for Faculty
Taylor Randall	President
Erin Rothwell	Vice President, Research
Laura Snow	Senior Advisor
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Rebecca Walsh	Associate Director of Communications, Marketing and Communication
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Shawn Wood	Manager, PR/Communications

Heidi Woodbury Vice President for Institutional Advancement

OTHERS ATTENDING

Geoffrey Landward Deputy Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES and OTHERS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM

Ken Nye Deputy Chief Facilities Officer

Marjean Nielsen Director, Education and Student Pathways, School of Dentistry

Rochelle Randazzo Director, Accounting and Finance, Planning, Design & Construction

Kimberly Wright Administrative Manager, Real Estate

Zac Wright Senior Director, Real Estate

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:12AM in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused Trustees Maria Garcia, David Parkin, and Randy Shumway who were unable to attend.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the June 13th 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 – University Leases (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – Report of Investments Portfolio for the Months of May and June (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Revised – Policy 3-110: Lease or Rental of Property for University Use (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – New Emphasis – MPH Health (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – New Emphasis – Economic BA/BS Law and Economics (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Naming – Amanda Pahnke Simmons and Laura Snow Prosper Room in the Orrin G. Hatch Center (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Naming – Paul “Talmage” Walton Jr. Studio (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Purchase of Leased Property – Advanced Approval to Purchase Property Located at 2540 Copper Ridge, Units 5 & 6, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487 (Appendix XI)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by Steve Price, second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Jack O’Leary, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, and Jim Sorenson

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 – New Degree – BS Linguistics

Aniko Csirmaz, Associate Professor, Linguistics presented the proposed BS in Linguistics.

The Department of Linguistics requests approval for a new Bachelor of Science degree in Linguistics. Linguistics is the scientific study of human language, and linguists use the standard tools of scientific investigation (experimentation, development of formal theories, etc.) to understand how humans learn and use language. The Department of Linguistics currently offers a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and has determined that a Bachelor of Science degree would serve a population of students for whom the B.A. degree is a poor fit. Linguistics courses provide familiarity with aspects of languages other than English, and students pursuing the B.A. in Linguistics gain a deeper understanding of one language when they fulfill the B.A. language requirement. But students primarily interested in B.S. degrees offered by other units (e.g. the School of Computing, the College of Science, or the College of Health) express interest in broadening their scientific training by studying linguistics, and for them the B.A. language requirement presents an unnecessary obstacle. For example, students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders may wish to pursue a linguistics degree to gain a better understanding of phonetics, phonology, and psycholinguistics. Students of this sort are the target audience for the proposed B.S. degree.

This B.S. degree will require the same program of study as the existing B.A. The study of linguistics is scientific in nature, so the B.A. degree already offers a firm grounding in scientific inquiry as applied to human language, and therefore faculty in the department deemed the B.A.’s course of study appropriate for a B.S. (In fact, this is in keeping with standard practice at the University of Utah, where almost all departments that offer both a B.S. and a B.A. have identical requirements for those degrees.) The proposed B.S. degree requires a total of 36 credit hours including one of two introductory courses offered by the Department of Linguistics (Introduction to the Study of Language; Bad Words & Taboo Terms), two courses in the core areas of linguistics (Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology; Introduction to Syntax), and an advanced course in one of these core areas (either Intermediate Phonetics and Phonology or Intermediate Syntax). A senior Capstone course is also required, as are 21 hours of electives (6 credits at the 3000 level or higher, 9 credits at the 4000 level or higher, and 6 credits at the 5000 level). Students are likely to opt for different electives depending on their pursuit of a B.A. or B.S. degree, but because each elective can serve both groups of students, the department has chosen not to constrain students’ choice of electives.

The B.A. degree will be unchanged. Students pursuing this degree will still benefit from the appreciation of the diversity of the world's languages fostered by the B.A.'s language requirement, and they will be prepared for career paths that linguistics students have traditionally pursued (e.g. teaching English to speakers of other languages or graduate study in linguistics). Without this foreign language requirement, the B.S. will allow deeper study of both linguistics and an appropriate companion discipline such as computer science or biology.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the BS in Linguistics.

Motion to approve the item 3.01 by Bassam Salem, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Jack O'Leary, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, and Jim Sorenson

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 Remodel Space on the Second Floor of the Biomedical Polymers Research Building

Robin Burr, Chief Design and Construction Officer and Dr. Michael Good, SVPAA Health Sciences, presented the proposed remodel of space on the second floor of the Biomedical Polymers Research Building.

The proposed project will remodel a portion of the second floor to house Neurobiology Researchers. Work includes removal of all dividing walls between labs to provide a more open floor plan suited to modern research. There will be provisions for new and relocation of existing hoods, and upgraded data systems. New lab casework, lighting and ceiling systems, and adjustments to HVAC and electrical systems are also included in this project.

The proposed total project budget is \$6,000,000 and will be funded by Sr. VP for Health Sciences funds and grant funds.

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 remodel in the Biomedical Polymers Research Building.

Motion to approve the item 3.02 by Bassam Salem second by Jack O'Leary. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Jack O'Leary, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, 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.

Action: 3.03 – Lease & Purchase – Approval of the Real Property Lease & Purchase Transaction Summarized Below

John Creer, Chief Real Estate Officer, presented the proposed real property purchase and lease transaction.

Myriad Genetics occupies multiple buildings in Research Park. The buildings are colloquially known as Myriad I, II, III, V, VI. Recently, the University acquired Myriad IV. Myriad is in process of relocating to alternate facilities, leaving these buildings largely vacant. The University has an opportunity to acquire these remaining Myriad buildings through lease & purchase.

The following is a summary of the buildings with their lease/purchase terms:

Myriad I, II, III, & V to be purchased for a total price of \$68,484,100.

Myriad I, II, III

- Purchase: Jan. 1, 2026
- 154,361 rentable square feet
- Constructed 1996, 1999, 2002 (respectively)

Myriad V

- Lease w/ Option to Purchase
- 85,411 rentable square feet
- Possession: Jan 1, 2024
- 4 months of free rent to complete TI (\$100/sf)
- Lease Rate: \$39.00/sf NNN
- Term: 120 Months
- Annual Option to Purchase begins Jan 1, 2026
- Constructed 2009

Myriad VI

- 154,361 rentable square feet
- Occupancy: upon USHE approval (est. October)
- Lease Concessions:
 - \$4.3M of FF&E
 - 24 months of free rent
- Lease Rate: \$37.25/sf NNN
- Term: 146 months
- Constructed 2020

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the purchase and lease of the Myriad buildings.

Motion to approve the item 3.03 by Bassam Salem second by Jack O’Leary. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Jack O’Leary, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, and Jim Sorenson

Recused: Christian Gardner

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 – University Hospitals and Clinics Capital & Operating Budget – FY24

Chair Gardner thanked Steve Price for the time and energy he devotes to serving as the trustee representative on the hospital board.

The hospitals and clinics annual budget is nearly \$3.5 billion – a significant part of the U’s overall budget. Traditionally, the CEO and CFO of the hospitals and clinics review the budget and then the Trustees vote to approve based on the recommendation of the hospital board.

Recognizing the size and significance of the hospitals and clinics budget, Chair Gardner asked that Karen West set up information sessions with the Trustees and then have Dan Lundergan and Charlton Park come back in October for a formal presentation and vote by the full Board of Trustees. This will give individual trustees ample time to review and ask any questions they might have.

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.

UNIVERSITY FOCUS

Report: 4.01 – University Focus

Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, shared a general update on the new Utah Board of Higher Education responsibilities and authority and responded to questions from trustees.

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.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 5.01 – Current Events

Chair Christian Gardner noted the following:

- Trustees are invited to the White Coat Ceremony for the entering class of students in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine, Friday, August 11th at 10:00am. If you would like to attend, please let Karen know.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report: 6.01 – 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: 6.02 – Current Events and Updates

President Randall noted the following:

- The University is in “back to school” mode. Students begin moving into the residence halls next week. The New Student Welcome event on Saturday, August 19th and fall semester classes begin on the August 21st.

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.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Report: 7.01 – Academic Affairs Report

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

New deans are welcomed for fall semester

Several new deans joined the U this summer, and we are glad to welcome them to campus. In May, Monisha Pasupathi, associate dean of the Honors College, accepted an offer to serve as interim dean of the Honors College. On June 1, Graduate School Dean Darryl Butt began his new position. In late June, our new Alice Sheets Marriott Dean of Libraries Sarah Shreeves arrived. On July 1, Architecture + Planning Dean Arnab Chakraborty, School for Cultural and Social Transformation Dean Ruma Chopra, College of Health Dean Kelly Tappenden and Interim College of Medicine Dean Samuel Finlayson joined our campus.

We are kicking off the search for the next dean of the John and Marcia Price College of Engineering. Peter Trapa, Dean of the College of Science and Kevin Whitty, Associate Dean of the College of Engineering have agreed to co-chair the committee. We have contracted with AGB Search to facilitate the search process and the goal is to have the new dean start in July 2024.

ONCS helps students receive scholarships

The Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships (ONCS), which is housed within the Honors College, successfully supported more than 125 students in the 2022-2023 school year. The students received more than 150 scholarships worth an estimated \$2.6 billion through working with the office. Created in 2020, the office works with students across campus to advise them about scholarships for which they might be eligible, as well as assist them in the application process. Scholarships awarded include the Fulbright, Truman and Goldwater awards, as well as the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

<https://nationallycompetitivescholarships.utah.edu/>

Travel impacts expected for Aug. 31 football game

On Thursday, August 31, the U will begin its 2023 football season with a home game hosting the Florida Gators. Kickoff for the game is scheduled for 6 p.m. but impacts to our campus will begin on Wednesday with the closure of three main parking lots. During a normal fall schedule on a Thursday afternoon, we estimate more than 10,000 students are on campus in classes, with more than 8,000 cars parked. In light of the parking lot closures, campus is recommended to adjust schedules and find alternative instructional models where possible for classes on Thursday, Aug. 31.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/historic-football-season-opener-at-university-of-utah-prepare-for-impacts-and-adjustments/>

Utah Asia Campus tour celebrated commencement for students in South Korea

In May, I visited our Utah Asia Campus (UAC) to celebrate commencement with our students in South Korea. I arrived home with excitement about the success of our Utah Asia Campus and the wonderful possibilities that lie ahead. This fall, UAC will begin offering a B.S. in Games, allowing students to study this technology in the eSports capitol of the world. With the largest U alumni population outside of the U.S., South Korea offers U students many international opportunities in a safe environment at UAC. I look forward to seeing this valuable asset grow.

Professor receives achievement award

Manish Parashar, director of the Scientific Computing and Imaging (SCI) Institute, chair in Computational Science and Engineering, and professor in the Kahlert School of Computing, received the 2023 Achievement Award in High Performance Distributed Computing. Parashar is recognized for pioneering contributions in high performance parallel and distributed computational methods, data management, in-situ computing, and international leadership in cyberinfrastructure and translational computer science. Dr. Parashar was recognized at the HPDC 2023 conference as part of the ACM Federated Computing Research Conference in Orlando, Florida.

<https://www.hpdc.org/2023/awards/achievement-award/>

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 – Health Sciences Report

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

Leadership Announcements

- Sam Finlayson, MD, MPH, MBA, was appointed interim dean for the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine. Finlayson succeeds Wayne Samuelson, MD, dean of medical education, who retired in June after 28 years at U of U Health. The interim dean position consolidates and assumes the executive dean responsibilities previously held by Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and U of U Health CEO, Michael Good, MD.
- Carolyn Buma, BS, assumed the role of Executive Director of Principal Gifts for U of U Health. Buma succeeds Steve Warner, MBA, CFRE, who served in this role for more than 30 years. Warner announced he will retire August 31, 2023.

FDA Approves First-Ever Companion Diagnostic for Gene Therapy

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued simultaneous approval of ARUP Laboratories' AAV5 DetectCDx™ and BioMarin's ROCTAVIAN.™ AAV5 DetectCDx™ is the first-ever immunoassay companion diagnostic for treatment with ROCTAVIAN,™ the first and only gene therapy for adults with severe hemophilia A. ARUP will serve as the sole laboratory testing provider in the U.S.

Research Milestones

- A new system for fixing bone fractures, called the Bone Bolt System, was approved for market by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Bone Bolt System was developed by collaborators from U of U Orthopaedic Innovation Center, Department of Orthopaedics, and Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine. This milestone marks the first time that a novel medical device has received an FDA 510(k) clearance in University of Utah's history.

Awards, Grants & Recognition

- Michelle Debbink, MD, PhD, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was selected as the 2023-2025 Norman F. Gant/American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Fellow at the National Academy of Medicine.

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

ASUU UPDATE

Report: 8.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Jack O’Leary 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 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

Dr. Shanti Deeymad referred Trustees to her written report and shared an update on the Academic Senate.

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.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information 10.01 – Graduate Council Review – Human Genetics

Information: 10.02 – Graduate Council Review – World Languages & Cultures

Chair Gardner referenced the Graduate Council Reviews and invited questions. None were raised.

A copy of the Graduate Council Review is included as Appendix XXII – XXIII respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting 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 10:40a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 10, 2023.

Motion to approve by Jim Sorenson second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

Aye: Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Jack O’Leary, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, and Jim Sorenson

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 10 October 2023