

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2022

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

Bassam Salem
Jim Sorenson

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

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| Cathy Anderson | Chief Financial Officer |
| Robin Burr | Chief Design and Construction Officer |
| Fred Esplin | Special Assistant to the President |
| 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 |
| Jeff Herring | Chief Human Resources Officer |
| Steve Hess | Chief Information Officer |
| Ischa Jensen | Director Planning and Operations University of Utah Health Hospitals and Clinics |
| Daniel Kopta | Assistant Professor, School of Computing |
| Laura Marks | Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs |
| Lori McDonald | Vice President for Student Affairs |
| Christina Porucznic | 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 |
| Martell Teasley | Interim Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs |
| 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 |
| Shawn Wood | Communication Specialist, Marketing and Communications |
| Heidi Woodbury | Vice President, Institutional Advancement |

OTHERS

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| Geoffrey Landward | Deputy Commissioner, General Counsel & Secretary to the Utah Board of Higher Education |
| Ian Linnabary | VanderToolen Ticket, Press Secretary |
| Benvin Lozada | VanderToolen Ticket, ASUU VP of University Relations Candidate |
| Jack Newell | Professor Emeritus, Honors College |
| Jack O'Leary | VanderToolen Ticket, Deputy Campaign Manager |

Sabah Sial Student, Rhodes Scholar recipient
 Taylor VanderToolen ASUU Presidential Candidate, 2022-23

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:03 AM in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni Center, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused President Randall, Bassam Salem, and Jim Sorenson, who were unable to attend.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the December 14th and February 1st Meetings of the Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters and Sabbatical Requests (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 Months of November and December (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Policy Changes (Appendix VI)

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

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Namings within the College of Engineering, Merrill Engineering Building Renovation (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Disposition of Donated or Gifted Property – Approval to Sell the Below Donated or Gifted Properties (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel the Touchdown Space on Level 1, Area E of the Acute Care Complex (ACC) for U of U Health (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Design and Construct an ADA Ramp and Truck Access Route on the North Side of the Williams Building for Real Estate Administration (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Design and Construct a Path and Bridge North of the Williams Building for Real Estate Administration (Appendix XII)

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, 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 – BS – Software Development – EAE Emphasis

Daniel Kopta, Assistant Professor, School of Computing, introduced the proposed BS – Software Development (SD) degree.

As the software industry has matured, the skills and knowledge needed for many types of jobs in that field have diverged from those of a traditional computer scientist. Throughout this, the faculty and leadership of the School of Computing have observed a changing trend in the common interests and goals of many students in the Computer Science (CS) degree program. Many are interested in computer programming and software development but are not interested in some of the theory-heavy topics in CS. These students discover that CS is not what they thought it was and find themselves taking certain courses because of degree requirements rather than because of a perceived benefit to their career plans. The Software Development degree will allow students interested in that field to focus on courses that directly prepare them for their careers.

The School of Computing faculty discussed this trend and the proposed SD degree with our Industry Advisory Board (IAB) on October 2, 2020. The IAB consists of representatives from companies that employ graduates from the School of Computing, including Goldman Sachs, Lucid Software, L3 Harris, Master Control, Sandia National Labs, and many more. Our graduates fill software development and engineering positions to a broad range of computing specialists and data scientists. The general conclusion of the discussion was that SD graduates would fit better into certain roles such as developers for web, mobile, database, or UI components, and CS graduates would still be more suited for certain other roles, which is of course what we also believe. We formally surveyed the IAB members after the meeting and received eight responses. Three were in favor of the new degree and/or felt it would better prepare students for work in their companies. Four thought a CS degree would better prepare students, and one thought it would make no difference.

We also asked the IAB members to list the most common skills or technologies they wanted their employees to be familiar with. Many of the responses included topics directly covered by the new courses proposed for the SD degree, such as "...DevOps in a cloud environment, understanding how to deploy something they built... they should understand the notion of containers... and database services", and experience with Docker, AWS, typescript and JavaScript. These topics are either not covered at all, or only lightly covered through electives in a CS degree.

Offering a degree in Software Development will enable the University of Utah to produce graduates suited for a wider range of tech jobs, and we believe it will ultimately help grow the student body.

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

Motion to approve the item 3.01 by Randy Shumway, 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, and Jessica Wojciechowski

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: 3.02 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space in the Merrill Engineering Building for the Chemical Engineering Department

Robin Burr, Chief Design and Construction Officer, introduced the proposed remodel of space in the Merrill Engineering Building for the Chemical Engineering Department.

The proposed project will remodel existing space in rooms 2505, 2505A, 2505B and 3520 in the Merrill Engineering Building to create a Process Technologies Lab with the ability to offer two new courses for students. These courses will tie laboratory experiences to specific process lecture courses. Work will include renovation of the existing rooms to create one large lab. Walls will be removed to create a larger, more open space with a main entrance from the corridor. Power, lighting, mechanical, and plumbing will be upgraded throughout the space. New cabinetry, paint, and butcher-block type tables will be added. The grate floor on Levels 2 and 3 will have a concrete slab cast in these areas to increase the usable space.

The proposed total project budget is \$1,251,118 and will be funded by donor 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.

Motion to approve the item 3.02 by J. Steve Price, second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Kim Brunisholz, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J Steve Price, Randy Shumway, 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: 3.03 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Expand the Operating Room on Level 3, Area E of the Acute Care Complex (ACC) for U of U Health

Robin Burr, Chief Design and Construction Officer, introduced the expansion of the operating room on Level 3, Area E of the Acute Care Complex (ACC) for U of U Health.

The proposed project will remodel and expand the operating room area on Level 3, Area E of the Acute Care Complex (ACC). This will expand into the available shelled space and add two additional operating rooms to the existing six currently in use. Surrounding support spaces will also be renovated to

accommodate the increased volumes of surgical cases. This project also includes furnishings and equipment in the total project cost.

The proposed total project budget is \$7,959,744 and will be funded by Hospital FY23 Strategic funds. This project has been approved by the Hospital Board.

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

Fiscal Note: Any additional operating cost will be funded from clinical revenues.

Motion to approve 3.03 by David Parkin 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 Jessica Wojciechowski

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

Information: 4.01 – University Focus – Rhodes Scholar

Chair Gardner introduced undergraduate student Sabah Sial, one of 32 students from across the country that was chosen as a Rhodes Scholar this year. This is a prestigious recognition for Sabah and for the University of Utah.

Currently, Sabah is a senior studying finance though when she began her college career, she was a biology major with sights set on medical school. Her course began to shift after she started her cohort experience with the Eccles Scholars, through the Honors College. Sabah had a great mentor/advisor, Professor Jack Newell. For Sabah, being able to participate in the Eccles Scholars was a formative and transformative experience. Formative because for most, the first year of college can be tumultuous. Students who enter college sometimes don't know who they are or their place in the world and have a difficult time finding community. The ability to meet other students who were all in that same boat but were driven and wanted to find answers was formative. Professor Newell led a two-hour weekly seminar where the cohort could discuss topics such as the philosophies of Plato and Aristotle. Sabah also had the opportunity to learn more about the students within her cohort and the intricacies of higher education and what her role could be in a higher education institution.

During their last seminar, towards the end of the academic year, Professor Newell said, "You all have embarked on a journey;" this moment really stood out in Sabah's mind. Professor Newell continued to say, "You are at the start of a journey, not only in your college career, but in your lives and to answer the question, how should I live?" This was a resounding question that Sabah indicates she carries with her to this day. Without that question she doubts she would have changed from being a biology major to the field of finance and certainly would not be pursuing a master's degree at Oxford University next year. She also wouldn't have landed a career in financial crime prevention, which is what she hopes to pursue in financial regulation. Sabah is very grateful for that transformative moment that would not have been possible without the Eccles Scholarship cohort, without the Honors College, and without Professor Newell. Her

main take away is that the cohort experience succeeds on the traditional matrix of higher graduation rates, higher grades, gives students a sense of belonging on campus, and gives the experience of mentorship, which is difficult to find when entering college. It also allows students to find a sense of community and leverage the resources of a large institution, like the University of Utah.

Trustees asked the following questions:

- What advice would you give to incoming students?
 - To keep an open mind – be ready to pivot on their passion – discover things about themselves they didn't know before they came to the University of Utah
- What caused you to pivot from your biology course to finance?
 - She participated in a business ethics competition, the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative, through the business school –Sabah's resident advisor was already a member of the team and they needed an additional individual so she was a last minute add-on– she found she had a natural inclination for learning and reading on the field of finance, more than she had on biology
- How important was the sense of belonging and cohort to your success?
 - Her experience would not have been the same – Sabah is from Sandy and more than likely would have been a commuter student – the ability to meet students in the same situation and living on campus together is a large part of building community – you attend class with the same individuals you live with, it creates an atmosphere that we are all here to learn and grow

Professor Newell commented that he has taught Eccles Scholars courses for the past 9-10 years. Sabah was an outstanding example of a student who goes through the Eccles Scholars program. Newell has watched students transform, find what their place is in the world, and figure out what they might do to contribute / help solve the many crises we are facing today. Students in this program help each other navigate a path where they can “lay their axe at one of the roots of the great problems in our world.” Watching Sabah and her colleagues try and find a way to make a difference in the world has been inspiring for Professor Newell.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Action: 5.01 – Current Events

Chair Christian Gardner noted:

- General Commencement will be held in person on Thursday, May 5th and most of the college convocations will be held on Friday, May 6th.
- Convocation sign-up sheet was circulated – ideally like to have at least one trustee at each Convocation – Karen will follow up with more details as we get closer to commencement and convocations
- With the recent revisions to the Utah Board of Higher Education policy it gives trustees the responsibility to review and recommend the institutional requests to adjust tuition and general fees. Part of the review process is the trustee's participation / representation at the annual Truth in Tuition meeting on Tuesday, March 1st.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

SVPHS Mike Good, gave President Randall's report on his behalf and 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 XVI 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

SVPHS Good noted the following:

- Legislature
 - This is the fourth week of the Legislative Session, and between President Randall, VP Jason Perry, Dr. Good and others, they have made several trips to the Capitol for presentations to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee and the Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee, as well as meetings with key legislators.
- Commencement
 - As Chair Gardner mentioned General Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 5th, at which time we will award three honorary degree recipients. These remarkable individuals will be announced at the March 8th meeting.
 - Doug Bowser, U alumnus and President of Nintendo of America, will be this year's keynote speaker at the University's General Commencement.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Report: 7.01 – Health Sciences Report

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

Leadership Announcements

- University of Utah Health and Huntsman Cancer Institute welcome Amit Maity, MD, PhD, as chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine—effective June 1, 2022. Maity is a physician-scientist who currently serves as professor and executive vice chair of radiation oncology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, where he holds the Morton L. Kligerman, MD, Professorship.
- Julie E. Lucero, PhD., joins University of Utah Health as Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for the College of Health and associate professor in the Department of Health and Kinesiology.

- Emergency Medicine has achieved all the required milestones and approvals to become a Department in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine. Previously a division within the Department of Surgery, the Department of Emergency Medicine becomes the 23rd department in the school. Christy Hopkins, MD, MBA, MPH will serve as interim chair as we begin a search.

Academic Announcements

- U.S. News & World Report ranks the online Master's of Nursing program at the University of Utah College of Nursing No. 38 out of 179 schools nationwide, making it the highest-ranked nursing program in Utah. Additionally, the online Master's of Nursing Education program ranked No. 9 nationwide, the only school in Utah to be ranked for nursing education.

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.

Report: 7.02 – Academic Affairs Report

Shared in a written report to the Board, Dr. Teasley noted the following:

New College of Humanities Dean Named

University of Utah Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dan Reed announced Dec. 22, 2021 that Hollis Robbins accepted an offer to serve as the next dean of the College of Humanities. She will begin July 1, 2022. At that time, Stuart Culver, current dean of the college, will return to teaching and research responsibilities.

Robbins currently serves as dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at Sonoma State University. Prior to Sonoma State, she was chair of the Department of Humanities at the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University and also served as the director of Hopkins' Center for Africana Studies.

“Professor Robbins is a distinguished scholar and experienced academic leader,” said Reed. “She can build on the College of Humanities’ proud history of disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship and education.”

<https://humanities.utah.edu/news/2021-new-dean.php>

Presidential Commission on Equity and Belonging

University leaders have launched a Presidential Commission on Equity and Belonging led by Vice President Mary Ann Villarreal and Vice President Lori McDonald, to guide our short-term approaches to address the harm happening in our community.

Over the next 30 days, this team will focus on an institution-wide Day of Collective Action. The University will collectively pause for a day to reflect on how hate impacts our community; how we want our community to grow; and how we will take active steps to support and build inclusivity at the U. During this pause, we

will host a series of workshops where we bring together students, faculty, staff, and community to reflect and recommend specific actions to support and facilitate our collective healing.

Beyond focusing on immediate actions in the wake of these recent incidents, this group will also focus on aggressively moving forward critical initiatives, including strengthening the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities (Student Code). Those changes will move through the University's approval process by the end of the Spring 2022 Semester.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/action-against-racism-on-campus/>

Academic Freedom Committee

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Martell Teasley has convened a committee on Academic Freedom in partnership with Law School Professor Paul Cassell.

The committee, which is comprised of 10 individuals — including representation from a broad cross-section of academic units and colleges across campus — is reviewing guidelines and protections for faculty research and free speech on campus. It will take on several contemporary topics related to academic freedom in academia. The group is also seeking student interest and input. In March of this year, the ad hoc committee will submit a proposal with a timeline of events to President Taylor Randall for review.

Instructional Guidelines/Masking & Boosters/Faculty Flexibility

One month into the Spring 2022 Semester, we are keeping our guidance for students, staff, and faculty updated within the parameters set by state leaders and U of U Health public health experts:

- The most up-to-date health and safety protocols are in @theU here: <https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/new-covid-19-protocols-on-campus/>
- Instructional guidelines for classroom operations—including giving faculty the flexibility to work with students who are quarantining and isolating after exposure—are available here: <https://coronavirus.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/11/Spring-2022-Instructional-Guidelines-01-22.pdf>
- For information about our new, self-serve testing sites, check here: <https://alert.utah.edu/covid/testing/selftest/>
- We are a “mask-friendly” campus; faculty are asked to encourage mask-wearing in their classrooms, colleges, and all indoor campus spaces.
- During the spring semester, students will be required to register a COVID-19 booster shot or complete an exemption: <https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/update-to-vaccine-requirement-for-u-students/>

Awards and Recognitions

University Teaching Awards (2021-2022)

Calvin S. and JeNeal N. Hatch Prize in Teaching: Elizabeth Clement, associate professor of history.

Distinguished Teaching Awards: Tabitha Benney from political science, Tabitha Buehler from physics & astronomy, Tim Formosa from biochemistry, Kim Hackford-Peer from gender studies, and Matthew Sigman from chemistry.

Community Engaged Teaching and Scholarship Award: Anu Asnaani, assistant professor in physics.

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ASUU UPDATE

Report: 8.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Jessica Wojciechowski introduced the 2022-2023 ASUU President and Vice President Candidates. Taylor VanderToolen, Presidential candidate; Benvin Lozada, Vice President for University. The VanderToolen Ticket party gave a brief overview of their platform and goals. The elections will be held February 22 – February 25.

Trustee Jessica Wojciechowski gave an overview of her written report noting accomplishments and issues of focus over the past month.

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.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 9.01 – Academic Senate Report

Academic Senate President Christina Porucznik referred Trustees to her 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.

INFORMATION

Information: 10.01 – Graduate Council Review – Pharmacotherapy

Information: 10:02 – Graduate Council Review - Neurobiology

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

A copy of the Graduate Council Review is included as Appendix XXI - XXII respectively, 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 10:38 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 8, 2022.

Motion to approve by David Parkin, 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 Jessica Wojciechowski.

Signed by: Laura Snow

Date approved: 8 March 2022