

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 14, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Administrative Services
Jason Atuaia	Interim Associate Vice President for Budget
Shanti Deemyad	President-elect, Academic Senate
Chase Hagood	Dean, Undergraduate Studies
Mark Harlan	Athletics Director
Stephen Hess	Chief Information Officer
Ischa Jensen	Director, Planning and Operations, University Hospitals and Clinics
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mike Martineau	Director of Institutional Analysis
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
Rob Patton	Executive Communications Manager
Brittany Phelps	Associate Director, University Advancement
Jennifer Reed	Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services
Taylor Randall	President
Sonya Salari	President, Academic Senate
Collin Simmons	Executive Director, Auxiliary Services
Keith Squires	Chief Safety Officer
Laura Snow	Senior Advisor
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 Communication
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Shawn Wood	Manager, PR/Communications
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President for Institutional Advancement

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Geoffrey Landward	Deputy Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education
Shawn Newell	Board Member, Utah Board of Higher Education

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES and OTHERS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM

Brooke Adams	Associate Director, PR/Communication
Julie Beck	Board Member, Utah Board of Higher Education
Kerry Case	Chief Sustainability Officer

Amy Choate-Nielsen	Manager PR/Communication, Academic Affairs
Michael Good	Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Allison Nicholson	Special Assistant to the Vice President for Administrative Services
Rebecca Paulsen	Director Real Estate Transactions
Jason Perry	Vice President for Government Relations
Rochelle Randazzo	Director, Accounting and Finance, Planning, Design & Construction

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:07 AM in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance.

Chair Gardner extended a special welcome to Julie Beck (attending via Zoom) and Shawn Newell, board members from the Utah Board of Higher Education, and Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, Geoffrey Landward.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the February 14th 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 January (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Faculty Awards (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Naming – Evelyn and Willard Smith Study Alcove (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Existing Space on Level 1 of the Huntsman Cancer Hospital (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space on Level 1 of the University Hospital (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Proposed Parking Increase (Appendix X)

Prior to the motion, Chair Gardner noted although an increase in parking fees and permits is never popular, the revenue is critical as the University works to achieve a balanced approach to providing safe parking on campus and encouraging mass transit ridership.

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

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 – Naming – The Katharine B. Garff Honors Tower

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, introduced the proposed naming.

In recognition of a \$5 million commitment from The Robert H. & Katharine B. Garff Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the fourth tower of Kahlert Village in honor of Kathi Garff. A fully executed gift agreement is in place, and the gift will be paid by December 2027.

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

Motion to approve the item 3.01 by David Parkin, 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, and Jim Sorenson

Action: 3.02 – Proposed Tuition for Academic Year 2023 - 24

Cathy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer, and Jason Atuaia, Interim Associate Vice President for Budget, introduced the proposed 0% tuition increase in 0% increase in student fees. It was noted that the Truth in Tuition session was held in a virtual format on Tuesday, March 7th. Students and other interested campus and community members were invited to participate and to send comments and questions in advance. In October 2022, Governor Cox proposed an across-the-board tuition freeze for the 2023-24 academic year as a way to lower cost of college education in light of the rising cost of living.

President Randall expressed gratitude for the thought, care, and detailed effort that went into the Truth and Tuition meeting. He noted the dialogues and important questions raised by the Trustees and the thoughtful work on the part of leadership.

Trustee VanderToolen expressed appreciation for being able to be a part of the process.

Senior Vice President Montoya noted students at the University of Utah receive a quality education for a great value, being the lowest in tuition within the Pac-12 and the third lowest in the AAU. She also noted that the University of Utah is the highest producer of STEM graduates within the state of Utah.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposed tuition for the Academic Year 2023-24.

Motion to approve the item 3.02 by Taylor VanderToolen, 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

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.

Action: 3.03 – Lease – Approval of the Real Property Lease Transaction

Cathy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the proposed lease transaction.

The University of Utah's School of Medicine, Department of Family and Preventative Medicine (DFPM) has been leasing 38,856 rentable square feet at 375 Chipeta since November 2000. Additionally, DFPM has subleased 6,588 rentable square feet in the same building since September 2019. This space has been utilized for faculty offices, classrooms, and research space.

The following is a summary of the requested Amendment to the existing Lease Agreement:

375 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah – Lease Amendment

- 45,444 rentable square feet
- Rental Rate: \$27.50/RSF, full service with no escalations
- Term: Eighteen (18) months
- Total lease term commitment: \$1,874,565.000
 - Monthly rent: \$104,142.50

DFPM is planning to relocate to 310 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, Utah, a building owned by the University of Utah Research Foundation. The purpose of this lease extension is to allow time for build-out of the new space.

Approval is requested to authorize the University to enter into the above-described real property lease transactions.

Motion to approve the item 3.03 by Randy Shumway, second by David Parkin. 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

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 4.01 – Current Events

Chair Christian Gardner thanked the Trustees for participating in the Truth in Tuition hearing Tuesday, March 7th. President Randall will present to the proposed 0% tuition increase to the Utah Board of Higher Education at their meeting on March 24th.

Chair Gardner congratulated Keith Squires, chief safety officer, on a very successful safety conference earlier this month. Gardner noted he has received positive feedback about the event and mentioned the attendance and participation of representatives from colleges and universities across Utah.

Action: 4.02 – 2023 Honorary Degree Recipients

Chair Gardner announced that the Honors Committee has selected the 2023 Honorary Degree Recipients and thanked Trustee Seninger, Chair, and the Committee members for all their work. Trustee Glenn Seninger introduced the proposed slate of recipients, which includes Frances P. Battle, William Higuchi, Richard E. Marriott and Camilla Smith. Trustee Seninger shared biographical information about each recipient and a written announcement / release was distributed to the Trustees.

Motion to approve 4.02 by Glenn Seninger, second by David Parkin. 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 press release 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: 4.03 – Performance Goals

Chair Christian Gardner turned time over to Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Montoya, who noted the Utah Board of Higher Education manages the annual performance goals and funding for Utah's public colleges, universities, and technical colleges. Last year we worked as a board on 5-year goals. This year, we've updated our one-year goals which have been reviewed by the Trustees' executive committee. These goals for the coming year include 1) access, 2) timely completion, and 3) high-yield awards.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the performance goals.

Motion to approve 4.03 by Maria Garcia, second by Jim Sorenson. 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 XV with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report: 5.01 – 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: 5.02 – Current Events and Updates

President Randall noted the following:

- The annual Founders Day event was a great celebration of some notable alumni. It was a memorable evening.
- 2023 Utah Legislative Session
 - President Randall commented on the 2023 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 session. Perry then elaborated on some of the projects funded by the legislature.
- Athletics
 - Our ski team won their 4th consecutive national championship last week at Lake Placid, New York. It is the Utah Ski Team's 16th national championship.
 - 5th ranked gymnastics team will compete in the Pac-12 championship on Saturday.
 - Our No. 2 seed Women's basketball team will host the first round of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament this Friday in the Huntsman Center.
 - Utah Athletics is mourning the passing of Don Reddish, who coached the Utes' swimming and diving program from 1949-1990 and was inducted into the Utah Athletics Hall of Fame in 1996.

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.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Report: 6.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Sr. Vice President Montoya noted the following:

- Called attention to item 2.07, Trustees had the opportunity to approve three different faculty awards. These faculty members will be recognized at an awards dinner, included in commencement and in the commencement program.
- Graduate Student Pay
 - The Graduate Student Stipend Task Force, co-chaired by Dave Kieda, dean of the Graduate School and Darryl Butt, dean of the College of Mines and Earth Sciences and incoming dean of the Graduate school, have been studying the issue regarding graduate

student pay in light of increased costs of living and will make recommendations by the end of the semester.

- Looking for ways to improve how graduate student researchers and instructors are paid.
- The Taskforce will develop a statement of principle for graduate student support that will provide short-term and long-term recommendations regarding stipend levels, benefits, fees, housing costs and other critical items.

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

New dean of Graduate School is named

Dean Darryl Butt has accepted an offer to serve as Dean of the Graduate School. Butt, who currently serves as the Dean of the College of Mines and Earth Sciences and the director of the Center for Multi-Scale Fluid-Solid Interactions in Architected and Natural Materials Energy Frontier Research Center, will begin his new role on June 1, 2023.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/dean-of-graduate-school-is-named/>

U offers flexibility and more affordable housing options

University of Utah leaders are creating unique accommodations for some current graduate student residents in student housing, including rent discounts and guaranteed notice of building demolitions and move-out deadlines. Starting this summer, eligible single graduate students will be offered lower-priced units in the newly constructed Spruce building—an option not offered before. If they request a studio apartment, they will be able to take advantage of a 20% discount on rent their first year in new housing, and 10% the second year—totaling 24 months of discounted rent.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/university-offers-flexibility-more-affordable-options-for-graduate-student-and-family-housing/>

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Report: 6.02 – Health Sciences Report

In a written report to the Board, Sr. Vice President Good noted the following:

Leadership Announcements

- Kelly A. Tappenden, PhD, RD, will serve as the Dean of the College of Health at University of Utah beginning July 1, 2023. Dr. Tappenden is professor and head of the Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition at University of Illinois Chicago. Before joining the UIC, she served as a provost fellow and endowed professor in the Division of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. As an award-winning researcher, Tappenden focuses on intestinal failure, mechanisms of intestinal adaptation, and patient malnutrition. She has published more than 100 peer-reviewed papers and delivered numerous invited lectures.

- Mark H. Paul will serve as Executive Director of the Center for Medical Innovation (CMI) at U of U Health, effective April 1, 2023. Paul is a fourth-generation graduate of the University of Utah. He is an industry pioneer in the development of microtools used in brain surgery, most recently as President at Stryker Neurovascular. In his 36-year career, he led organizations focused on technologies and market development for less invasive treatments of neurovascular conditions, including hemorrhagic and ischemic strokes, peripheral embolisms, and abdominal aortic aneurysms.

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: 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 XVII 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

Dr. Sonia Salari referred Trustees to her written report and shared an update on the Academic Senate. She introduced incoming Senate president, Shanti Deemyad, associate professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, who will transition to leadership at the end of the semester.

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.

ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Christian Gardner recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 10:30 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 11, 2023.

Motion to approve by Randy Shumway second by Christian Gardner. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Marica 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: 11 April 2023