

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
June 11, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Christian Gardner (Chair)	J. Steve Price
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)	Bassam Salem
Joe Boyden	Jamie Sorenson
Maria Garciaz	Jim Sorenson
David Parkin	

EXCUSED

Randy Shumway

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Administrative Services
John Creer	Chief Real Estate Officer
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Shanti Deemyad	Past-president, Academic Senate
Brett Eden	Director, Auxiliary Business Development
Michael Good	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Gavin Gough	Associate Athletic Director for Facilities, Operations and Capital Projects
Chase Hagood	Sr. Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Jason Ramirez	Associate Vice President Student Support and Engagement
Paul Reeve	Department Chair, History
Hollis Robbins	Dean, College of Humanities
Jim Russell	Associate Vice President, Facilities
Laura Snow	Special Advisor to the President
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
David Thomas	President, University of Utah Staff Council
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Danny Wall	Executive Director, Real Estate
Rebecca Walsh	Director, PR/Communications
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Marie Wintriss	President-elect, University of Utah Staff Council
Shawn Wood	Manager, PR/Communications

OTHERS ATTENDING

Julie Hartley	Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education
Kathryn Sugerman	Consultant, Spencer Stuart

## CALL TO ORDER

### Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:09 a.m. in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Vice Chair Katie Eccles welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. She excused Trustee Randy Shumway and President Randall who were unable to attend.

## GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup> Meetings 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 Month of April (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Investment Compliance Report (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Advancement Corporate Resolution (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Naming – Gena and Steve Alder Office in the Impact and Prosperity Epicenter (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Naming – Mesha Lapp Davis Meeting Room in the Impact and Prosperity Epicenter (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – ASUU 2024 – 2025 Budget (Appendix X)

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by Bassam Salem, second by David Parkin. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson, 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 History

Paul Reeve, History Department Chair and Dean Hollis Robbins, presented item 3.01.

The History Department requests approval for a new undergraduate Bachelor of Science in History. The reasons for developing a Bachelor of Science in History are manifold but can be largely grouped into two sets. First, History is an incredibly broad discipline; every topic and discipline have a past. This History Department has existing faculty strengths in the history of science, medicine, technology, and the environment as well as in critically understanding how those fields have evolved over time and situating them within social, cultural, and political contexts. To do so, historians connect the past to the present by drawing on evidence and data. Quantitative literacy is an essential component of understanding science and technology as well as connecting the humanities and the sciences. Using this literacy, History presents humanistic understandings of the sciences, technology, medicine, and the environment to a broader audience. Second, the methods and applications of historical study are evolving. A B.S. in History will equip students with those new approaches and prepare students to work across disciplines and sectors of the economy. Quantitative literacy has long been a part of historical research and has long been called “cliometrics” after Clio the muse of history. Historians have used cliometrics in a variety of ways, such as reading and analyzing historical data (tax rolls, census data, statistical and technical reports, electoral records, etc.), but they are now experiencing a resurgence, especially in managing databases, analyzing and presenting data, such as through the use of GIS in environmental and spatial histories, as well as programming. These changes include but are not limited to digital projects and the use of big data. As a baseline, the American Historical Association considers quantitative literacy, “The ability to appreciate or understand quantitative methods in historical research ... [and] contextualize the numeric information in front of them and interpret it” (<https://www.historians.org/jobs-and-development/career-resources/five-skills/quantitative-literacy>). The new degree will grow from these foundations, enhance these cross-campus relationships, and increase learning opportunities for students. In terms of applications, a B.S. in History allows students entrée into the gaming, virtual reality, and tech sectors. It will provide them with historical content, narratives, and analysis that can be applied to a wide range of historically informed games, educational platforms, and programs. The proposed B.S. importantly recognizes the changing demands of the labor market with an emphasis on qualitative and quantitative analytical skills as well as writing and communication. Many prominent 21st-century industries require a workforce with technological and quantitative literacy. Increasingly, our digital and technologically focused world requires a more scientifically and quantitatively oriented degree in History.

The current History B.A. would remain unchanged. The History Department is committed to helping students analyze breadth of times and places. For these students, the strong foundation in global languages and cultures provided by the B.A.'s foreign language requirement will continue to build their appreciation for and understanding of History. The B.A. requires two courses (a methods course and a senior seminar), three lower division electives and six upper division electives. The B.S. will likewise require the two mandatory seminars and HIST 1700, the United States History survey or the equivalent (see Degree Map in Appendix A for details). At the lower division, B.S. students will also be required to take one of three Humanities courses (HUM 1600 - “Programming for Humanities,” HUM 2010 - “Introduction to Digital Cultural Studies,” or HUM 2250 - “Introduction to Medical Humanities”) and two electives.

These foundational courses separate the B.A. from the B.S. At the upper division, B.S. students will be required to take two science, technology, environment, medicine, digital, or quantitative courses (listed below) and four electives.

These requirements, combined with the two quantitative intensive courses required for the B.S. (taken outside of the department), will enable the students to engage in a transdisciplinary program of study that tailors the degree to their interests. Students will be strongly encouraged to take their quantitative intensive courses in related fields, including Geography, Gender Studies, Political Science, and Sociology. The proposed structure for the B.S. will thus offer a distinct degree with an emphasis on quantitative literacy as applied to historical research and an ability to critically analyze and situate in time and space modern understandings of science, technology, medicine, and/or the environment. The department's current assessment process evaluates the students' ability to meet our learning outcomes as measured from when they take History 3100, Historian's Craft (required methods course) and History 4990, the Senior Seminar. Assessment for the B.S. will measure student progress through the major in the same way, but B.S. and B.A. students will be evaluated separately based on distinct learning outcomes (more on that below).

The proposed B.S. in History provides University of Utah students with the vital combination of skills for the 21st-century job market. It also integrates the History major at the U of U with programs and initiatives across campus, such as Digital Matters, the Division of Games (formerly Entertainment Arts & Engineering program), Environmental Humanities, and Medical Humanities, and - essential to our students' progress to degree - with other History departments in the Utah System of Higher Education. Utah State University, Utah Technical University, and Southern Utah University already offer a B.S. in History. A B.S. in History at the University of Utah, then, would allow for a smoother transfer process for students who want to major in History but do not have the time or financial resources necessary to convert their previous B.S. work into a B.A. degree. Salt Lake Community College and Utah Valley University do not offer an A.S. or B.S. degree, respectively, in History. In this way, the University of Utah would be pathbreaking in the state. This degree option will allow the History Department to reach a broader population of prospective majors and to curate specific tracks within the program that prepare them for the most cutting-edge career trends.

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

**Motion to approve the item 3.01 by Bassam Salem second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, , Jamie Sorenson, Jim Sorenson

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: 3.02 – Purchase – Approval of the Real Property Purchase Transaction

John Creer, Chief Real Estate Officer, presented item 3.02.

City Centre is a prominent building located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City. Recently tenants within the building have vacated their spaces leaving approximately half of the building vacant and the owner under pressure to sell the building by their lender. This provides the University with a unique opportunity to purchase

this building at a discount and consolidate our downtown holdings into one central location. In the coming years the University will be able to move University tenants out of expensive 3<sup>rd</sup> party buildings and more expensive University owned spaces into City Centre which is in a premium downtown location with direct transit access to campus. Another unique opportunity is the 1.85 acre parking lot adjacent to the building which is included in the sale. This parcel can be redeveloped into a new building that could provide additional expansion opportunities for University users and additional income to the University. By purchasing this building, the University will be able to consolidate its holdings downtown while monetizing other downtown assets.

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

City Centre to be purchased for a total price of \$38,000,000 plus closing costs.

#### City Centre

- Purchase: July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (approximately)
- 238,805 rentable square feet
- Constructed 1986, tenant common areas renovated in 2021

Approval is requested to authorize the University to enter into the above-described purchase transaction. Acquisition of the building is contingent upon the completion and endorsement of the following due diligence items:

- Appraisal (completed 3.7.2024)
- ALTA Survey (completed 3.7.2024)
- Title Commitment (completed 2.16.2024)
- Phase I (completed 3.5.2024)
- Phase II (in progress)
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing assessments (completed 2.29.2024)
- Lease Abstracts (completed 3.7.2024)
- Roof Report (completed 2.28.2024)
- ADA Compliance Report (completed 2.19.2024)

Purchase of the building will be completed using internal University resources.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposed real estate transaction.

**Motion to approve the item 3.02 by Jim Sorenson second by David Parkin. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, , Jamie Sorenson, Jim Sorenson

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

### Report: 5.01 – Current Events

Vice Chair Eccles reflected on graduation season and thanked trustees for their participation in Commencement and the college convocations in May and the following recent, monumental events:

- May 16 – John and Marcia Price Computing and Engineering Building Groundbreaking
- May 24 – James LeVoy Sorenson Medical Innovation Center Groundbreaking
- June 4 – Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine Final Beam in Place “Topping Off Ceremony”

### Report: 5.02 – Senior Vice President for Health Sciences Search Update

Vice Chair Eccles invited Kathryn Sugerman, consultant with the executive search firm, Spencer Stuart, to provide an update on the efforts to find Dr. Good’s successor.

- Search process – 4 – 6 months
- Ongoing stakeholder meetings (townhalls, listening sessions, and 1:1 meetings)
- Survey – broad distribution, seeking input from stakeholders / constituents
- Search Website - <https://administration.utah.edu/postings/svp-for-health-sciences/>
- Position Description - <https://administration.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2024/06/U-of-Utah-SVPHS-52916-002-PCS-FINAL.pdf>
- Search Committee Co-chairs – Mitzi Montoya and Randall Peterson
- Nominations welcome

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Vice Chair Eccles referred Trustees to President Randall’s written report posted on BoardDocs.

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: 7.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Sr. Vice President Montoya noted the following:

#### **Utah Asia Campus celebrates 6th commencement**

Students at the Utah Asia Campus celebrated commencement on May 23. The 160 graduates comprised the largest graduating class thus far in UAC’s history. The largest number of graduates

studied communications, while the second-largest group of students studied psychology. This fall, UAC will celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/university-asia-campus-holds-6th-commencement-ceremony/>

### **1850 Society hosts inaugural graduation celebration**

More than 160 first-generation graduates and their supporters gathered for the inaugural 1850 Society Graduation Celebration in late April. The society, which was created by the Office of Undergraduate Studies in 2023, provides first-generation graduates from across the U with advice, support and opportunities for connections with first-generation faculty.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/uncategorized/1850-society-hosts-inaugural-graduation-celebration/>

### **Law students win CLEA award**

Three recent graduates from the S. J. Quinney College of Law were recognized by the Clinical Legal Education Association as outstanding clinical and externship students. Ashley DelBalzo, Caitlin Imhoff and Olivia McQuarrie collaborated with community partners in the Navajo Nation while participating in the Wallace Stegner Center's Environmental Justice Clinic.

<https://www.law.utah.edu/news-articles/environmental-justice-clinic-students-recognized-with-clea-awards-for-outstanding-clinical-and-externship-students/>

### **Dr. Good will be inducted into The National Academy Of Inventors**

Michael L. Good M.D., CEO of University of Utah Health and Senior Vice President for Health Sciences [will be inducted as a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors \(NAI\) on June 18, 2024](#). Dr. Good is joined by David W. Grainger, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering and of Molecular Pharmaceutics and Chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Their induction brings the number of NAI Fellows from the U to 21.

### **Research students come to the U for the summer**

An intensive 10-week summer research program hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Research is underway from now until August 1. Students from 15 different universities are participating in the Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR). They will gain research experience one of 37 disciplines and work with a U faculty member.

<https://our.utah.edu/research-scholarship-opportunities/spur/>

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 – Health Sciences Report

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

**U of U Health Launches Pregnancy After Loss Program**

- U of U Health is among the first health systems in the nation to launch a multi-disciplinary program to provide comprehensive support and care for individuals and families that have experienced pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or a severely complicated pregnancy.

**U of U Health Selected for Nationwide Age-Friendly System-Wide Spread Collaborative**

- U of U Health is one of 30 U.S. health systems selected by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement to participate in a first-of-its-kind collaborative to accelerate and spread the adoption of age-friendly care for older adults.

**U of U Health Ranks Among Most Humanizing and Trusted Health System Brands**

- Branding agency Monigle ranks U of U Health No. 9 among the top 50 most humanizing health system brands and No. 17 among the 30 most trusted health system brands. Rankings are based on results of online quantitative surveys of 26,450 household health care decision-makers.

**Community Collaboration**

- On May 15, U of U Health participated in the University of Utah's Imagine U Day event. The U partnered with five West Valley City schools to introduce 233 fifth and sixth graders to career possibilities ranging from health and education to athletics and law. Students from the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine and College of Nursing led interactive learning sessions about CPR, intubation, surgical fracture repair, and using ultrasound probes to observe heart, vein, and organ functions.

**Research Milestones**

- A gene therapy for age-related macular degeneration, led by ophthalmology and visual sciences professor Gregory Hageman, PhD, is currently in first-in-human clinical trials at Moran Eye Center. The therapy introduces a gene designed to protect the eye, aiming to slow or halt the progression of one of the most common causes of vision loss.

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: 8.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Joe Boyden 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: 9.01 – Academic Senate Report

Dr. Shanti Deemyad referred Trustees to the Academic Senate's written report.

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.

## INFORMATION AGENDA

### Information: 9.01 – University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics (UUHC) Financial Pulse

Vice Chair Eccles referenced the Information Agenda and invited questions. None were raised.

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

## ADJOURN

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

At 9:48 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on August 13, 2024.

**Motion to approve by Bassam Salem second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye:** Joe Boyden, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, , Jamie Sorenson, Jim Sorenson

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 15 August 2024