

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 13, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Joe Boyden
Maria Garciaz
David Parkin
J. Steve Price

Bassam Salem
Jamie Sorenson
Jim Sorenson

EXCUSED

Christian Gardner (Chair)
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)
Randy Shumway

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Administrative Services
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Kurt Dirks	Dean, David Eccles School of Business
Brett Eden	Director, Auxiliary Business Development
Michael Good	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Gavin Gough	Associate Athletic Director for Facilities, Operations and Capital Projects
Charmelle Green	Deputy Athletic Director/COO
Sean Grube	AVP Housing and Residential Education
Chase Hagood	Sr. Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs
Gina Hawley	University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Lori Kaczka	Senior Director, Facilities
Teresa Kehl	Special Assistant to the President
Jeff Labrum	Chief Operations Officer
Dan Lundergan	CEO, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Lori McDonald	Vice President, Student Affairs
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Charlton Park	University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, Chief Financial Officer
Rob Patton	Executive Communications Manager
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Taylor Randall	President
Jim Russell	Associate Vice President, Facilities
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
David Thomas	Past President, University of Utah Staff Council
Reece Vedder	Associate Director, Naming Recognition & Compliance, U Advancement
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, University of Utah Staff Council

OTHERS ATTENDING

Rich Saunders President and CEO, PROXIMA Careers

CALL TO ORDERInformation: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:08 a.m. in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Trustee David Parkin welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused Trustees Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, and Randy Shumway who were unable to attend.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the June 11th 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 Months of May and June (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Naming – Acahand Foundation Conference Room in the Impact and Prosperity Epicenter (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Naming – Mark and Jana Paul Breakout Room in the Robert H. and Katharine B. Garff Executive Education Building (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Naming – Ryan and Charlotte Artigues Replay Booth in the Baseball Stadium (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Naming – Steve and Sydney Johnson Coach's Office in the Baseball Stadium (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Naming – Tim and Joan Fenton Family Head Coach Office in the Baseball Stadium (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Naming – Coach Charlie Welch Pool Deck in the Natatorium (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – ASUU Legislation and Red Book Changes (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Policy Changes Due to 2024 Session H.B. 261: Equal Opportunity (Appendix XIII)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by Bassam Salem, second by Joseph Boyden. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, 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 – Naming – ION Management Science Lab in the David Eccles School of Business

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Advancement and Dean Kurt Dirks, David Eccles School of Business, presented item 3.01.

ION Management Science Lab: In recognition of a \$12,000,000 gift from the ION Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name a lab program in the David Eccles School of Business the "ION Management Science Lab." A fully executed gift agreement is in place, and the gift will be paid in full by December 31, 2035.

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

Motion to approve the item 3.01 by Jamie Sorenson second by Jim Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson, Jim Sorenson

Action: 3.02 – Naming – Baseball Stadium Field

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Advancement presented item 3.02.

Charlie Monfort Field: In recognition of a \$10,000,000 gift from Charlie Monfort, the University of Utah would like to name the field within the baseball stadium in his honor. A fully executed gift agreement is in place.

Motion to approve the item 3.02 by Joseph Boyden second by Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson, Jim Sorenson

Action: 3.03 – Naming – Lofgren Family Club in the Baseball Stadium

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Advancement presented item 3.03.

Lofgren Family Club: In recognition of a \$500,000 gift from Daniel Lofgren and Cowboy Properties, the University of Utah would like to name the baseball stadium club space the "Lofgren Family Club." A fully executed gift agreement is in place and the gift will be paid in full by December 31, 2032.

Motion to approve the item 3.03 by Jamie Sorenson second by Joseph Boyden. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson, Jim Sorenson

Action: 3.04 – Naming – Spencer F. Eccles Locker Room in the Baseball Stadium

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Advancement presented item 3.04.

Spencer F. Eccles Locker Room: In recognition of a \$500,000 gift from the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the home team locker room in the baseball stadium in honor of Spencer F. Eccles. A fully executed pledge is in place and the gift will be paid in full by December 31, 2024.

Motion to approve the item 3.04 by Bassam Salem second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson, Jim Sorenson

Action: 3.05 – University Hospitals and Clinics Capital & Operating Budget FY 2025

Trustee Parkin 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.

Sr. VP for Health Sciences Dr. Mike Good, Dan Lundergan, CEO, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics and Charlton Park, Chief Financial Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, presented the FY25 University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics budget for review. It was noted that the budget was previously reviewed and approved by the Hospital Board. The operating revenue for fiscal year 2025 is \$3.66B and the operating expenses for fiscal year 2025 is \$3.43B and the operating gain is \$228,303M.

Several additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposed budget.

Motion to approve the item 3.05 by Bassam Salem second by Jim Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Maria Garcia, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson, Jim Sorenson

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: 3.06 – Capital Facilities Projects – Community and Family Health Building

Cathy Anderson, CFO and Senior Vice President Mitzi Montoya presented item 3.06.

The proposed project is a high priority for the University as it will house several departments in the College of Social and Behavioral Science and the College of Health that have an uncertain future as their current spaces are in poor condition and the buildings themselves are candidates for demolition.

The proposed project will provide the currently lacking clinical space for both colleges, as well as provide the ability for these colleges to grow in alignment with their long-term growth targets associated with the state's

workforce needs in the Life Sciences and health care industry. The proposed departments from the College of Social and Behavioral Science are Psychology & Sociology, both of which run clinical studies and have plans to expand the clinical nature of their programs. The proposed departments from the College of Health are Communication Science & Disorders, Life Skills Clinic, Physical Therapy/Athletic Training, Health & Kinesiology, Peak Health & Fitness, Nutrition & Integrative Physiology, and Parks Recreation & Tourism. Given that all of these departments (with the potential exception of Parks Recreation and Tourism) have clinical studies included in their programs, there is the opportunity to create synergies between these departments and develop a more centralized and efficient building compared to the current decentralized approach.

Scope:

The proposed 340,000 sf building will allow both the College of Social and Behavioral Science and the College of Health to increase their clinical capacities, particularly in areas such as behavioral and cognitive-emotional health research. This will benefit many constituents such as the campus population, Salt Lake City population, Utah State's population, and general population as more research data contributes to a better understanding of comprehensive health methods.

The new facility will allow for student growth of approximately 28 percent for the College of Social and Behavioral Science, and 35 percent for the College of Health within ten years. The College of Social & Behavioral Science currently (Spring 2024 Semester) has a student FTE of 3,894.73 and the College of Health currently (Spring 2024 Semester) has a student FTE of 1,985.72. If this project is funded, the colleges will be able to grow as outlined above and the projected student FTEs in ten years will be 4,985.25 for the College of Social and Behavioral Science and 2,680.72 for the College of Health for a total of 7,665.97 student FTE.

Motion to approve the item 3.06 by Joseph Boyden second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Maria Garciaz, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson, Jim Sorenson

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.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 5.01 – Current Events

Report: 5.02 – Resolution of Appreciation – Jim Sorenson

Trustee Parkin recognized Trustee Jim Sorenson for his service to the University. Trustee Bassam Salem read the resolution noting the accomplishments during Jim's tenure. Several commented on what a privilege it has been to work with Jim the past few years and commended him on his leadership.

A copy of the resolution 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

President Randall referred Trustees to the written report included in the agenda materials.

Report: 6.02 – Current Events

President Randall noted the following:

- The University is in “back to school” mode. Students begin moving into the residence halls next week. Fall semester classes begin on the August 19th.
- Utah Direct – pilot program with Canyons, Granite, Davis and Provo City school districts – students in these districts with a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher and who have finished certain courses, will receive a letter letting them know they have “guaranteed admissions” at the U
- University Housing Move-in Days – supporting U Staff and volunteers, 60 IKEA staff will be on campus helping to unload vehicles, setting up a parents’ lounge in Kahlert Village and running a U on-campus pickup location for online orders
- August 19 – A Celebration of the Legacy and Future of Ft. Douglas
- August 28 – Ballpark Groundbreaking
- September 8 – Meldrum Theatre Ribbon Cutting

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

Sr. Vice President Montoya noted the following:

NEW BIDEN CANCER MOONSHOT PROJECT

Valerio Pascucci, Professor in Price Engineering’s Kahlert School Of Computing, is now collaborating with researchers at Tulane University and the University of Georgia on a new Biden Cancer Moonshot project that aims to revolutionize this aspect of cancer treatment. To create an imaging system that will give doctors the ability to scan a tumor during surgery and determine within minutes whether any cancer tissue has been left behind. While patients are still under anesthesia in the operating room doctors will be able to assure patients, with certainty, that all the cancer has been removed from the area, making repeated invasive surgeries unnecessary.

WELCOME TWO NEW DEANS

- Two new deans started at the U on July 1, 2024.
- Welcome Kurt Dirks, dean of the David Eccles School of Business and Charles Musgrave, dean of the Price College of Engineering.

NEW ARCHES SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED

- In addition to the Utah Direct program, the U is working to increase access for students across the state by rolling out a new scholarship program.
- The Arches Scholarship will provide students who have a 4.0 GPA in counties that are classified as at least 25% rural by the [Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute](#) with \$15,000 in scholarship money per year, fall and spring semesters, and an additional \$13,700 their first year if they live in university housing.
- The scholarship provides the same award as [the Point of the Mountain Scholarship](#) that was [announced last year](#) and has the same academic requirements.

NEW STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES

- The National Institute for Student Success gave the U a playbook for how to tackle lagging graduation rates.
- Work on this playbook has begun in five areas: High-DEWI courses, course fill rates and monitoring thresholds, functional 4-year degree plans, advising for students in transition, and late or delayed re-enrollment.

Report: 6.02 – Health Sciences Report

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

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS:

- Michelle Hofmann, MD, MPH, was appointed as interim senior associate dean for the St. George Regional Medical Campus. Hofmann will develop relationships with regional health systems and community clinics, ensure LCME standards, and identify educational space for medical students.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION:

- For the 11th consecutive year, University of Utah Hospital ranks [#1 best hospital in Utah](#) by U.S. News & World Report. Additionally, the [John A. Moran Eye Center](#) ranks #10 in the nation for ophthalmology care and the [Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital](#) ranks #27 (up from #47 in 2023).

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION:

- The Salt Lake Education Foundation and Salt Lake City School District awarded U of U Health the Spirit of Olene Walker Award for Outstanding Community Partner. The award recognizes U of U Health for its contributions to the community, including a school-based health clinic at West High School staffed by our pediatricians and the Liberty Community Dental Clinic staffed by our students and attending dentists.

HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMICS:

- University of Utah health science schools and colleges achieved the following rankings/ratings in U.S. News & World Report's 2024 edition of [Best Graduate Schools](#):
 - Medical-Research: Tier 2
 - Medical-Primary Care: Tier 3
 - Most Medical School Grads Practicing in Rural Areas: #25
 - Most Medical School Grads Practicing in Health Professional Shortage Areas: #83
 - Physician Assistant: #8 (#4 among public institutions)
 - Public Health: #68 (#41 among public)
 - Physical Therapy: #11 (#5 among public)
 - Occupational Therapy: #27 (#15 among public)
 - Audiology: #22 (#18 among public)
 - Speech Pathology: #32 (#25 among public)
 - Nursing Midwifery: #11 (#9 among public)
 - Nursing-DNP: #25 (#16 among public)
 - Nursing-Undergraduate: #31 (#23 among public)
 - Nursing-Online Master's: #49
 - Pharmacy: #26 (#25 among public)

RESEARCH MILESTONES:

- A [nationwide study](#) co-led by Torri Metz, MD, vice chair of research for obstetrics and gynecology, found nearly one in 10 people (9.3%) who get COVID while pregnant go on to develop long COVID symptoms. Common symptoms are fatigue, gastrointestinal issues, and exhaustion from routine activities.

ASUU UPDATE

Report: 7.01 – 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 XVIII 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. Harriet Hopf, president of the Academic Senate, referred Trustees to the Senate's written report.

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.

STAFF COUNCIL

Report: 9.01 – Staff Council Report

Marie Wintriss, Staff Council president, shared an introductory overview of the Council. .

- Represents nearly 38,000 staff members
- Provides support for professional growth and development – 2023-24 provided \$8,500 in scholarships
- Serves through specialized committee work
 - Access, Belonging & Community Outreach
 - Communication
 - Events
 - Legislative
 - Development

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 AGENDA

Information: 9.01 – PROXIMA Workforce Initiative

Rich Saunders, president and CEO, Proxima Careers

Currently there is a nationwide health care workforce shortage which is increasing wait times for care, creating barriers to access, reducing the quality of care and potential for medical errors. The University of Utah is bringing its resources together to be a convenor in a collective - PROXIMA. This collective will work towards eliminating health care workforce shortages by learning and working with communities throughout Utah where obstacles to training, certification and degrees are greatest. This initiative will meet learners where they are and support them through every step of the journey.

Pathway:

- Identify learners
- Set education goals
- Navigate barriers
- Employment barriers
- Training/workshops
- Job placement
- Career advancement support

PROXIMA is paid by health care organizations as it places certified employees into their system and provides services for employee success.

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

ADJOURN

Resolution: Trustee David Parkin recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 10:45 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 10, 2024.

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

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 10 September 2024