

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 10, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Joe Boyden	Bassam Salem (via zoom)
Maria Garciaz	Randy Shumway
Christian Gardner (Chair)	Jamie Sorenson
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)	
J. Steve Price	

EXCUSED

David Parkin

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Administrative Services
Sierra Canela	Director, Governance and Leadership
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Brett Eden	Director, Auxiliary Business Development
Michael Good	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Chase Hagood	Sr. Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Teresa Kehl	Special Assistant to the President
Andrew King	Administrative Director, Real Estate
Heather King	Associate Director, PR/Communications
Jeff Labrum	Chief Operations Officer
Jasen Lee	Manager, Public Relations and Marketing
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
Mitzi Montoya	Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Robert C. Muir	Administrative Services, Treasury Services
Melody Murdock	Director, PR/Communications
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Rob Patton	Executive Communications Manager
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Taylor Randall	President
Jenn Reed	Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services
Mary Rosenbury	Sr. Director Major Gifts and Philanthropy, Development
Jim Russell	Associate Vice President, Facilities
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
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
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President, Institutional Advancement

OTHERS ATTENDING

Michael Harris	ACE Fellow
Julie Hartley	Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:07 a.m. in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused Trustees David Parkin who was unable to attend.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the August 13th 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 July (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – New Center – Utah Center of Excellence for Stillbirth Prevention and Support (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Name Change – Diplomacy (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Name Change – Department of Sociology and Criminology (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – New Certificate – Behavioral Health Technician (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – New Minor – Legal Studies (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Revision – Policy 1-012 University Non-discrimination Policy (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Revision – Policy 5-003 University of Utah Staff Council (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Revision – Ratification of Interim Policy and Rule Changes Required by H.B. 414: Due Process Amendments (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Revision – Policy 6-411 Student Records (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 2.15 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 2.16 – Fleet Services Annual Report (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 2.17 – Investment Compliance Report (Appendix XVI)

Action (Consent): 2.18 – Naming – Rich & Ronda Stayner Batting Cage in the Baseball Stadium (Appendix XVII)

Action (Consent): 2.19 – Naming – Robert Kessler Station for Student Success in Building 72 (Appendix XVIII)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by Joseph Boyden, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Jamie 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 – Public Private Partnership – Approval of the Student Housing Partnership

John Creer, Chief Real Estate Officer, presented item 3.01.

The University of Utah has historically been considered a “commuter” school by the community at large as well as its students. The University wishes to change this view and transition to a “residential” campus. To accomplish this goal the University needs to create a vibrant on-campus environment which starts with creating transformational new residential facilities. These new facilities will address the lack of on-campus housing supply, waitlists and undersupply of private market student housing as well as help the University reach its goals of 40,000 student enrollment and all first-year undergraduates living on campus. By partnering with American Campus Communities (ACC), the University can transfer the risk of a large development to their partner while preserving the University’s balance sheet for other initiatives and bringing thousands of beds to campus. The University has further upside via a 55-year ground lease upon which the new facility will be built. Should ACC outperform their current estimated revenue the University will be able to share in this revenue. By pursuing this partnership, the University will be able to avoid the costs associated with ownership and the risk of building thousands of beds at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars while providing a world class experience for its students.

The following is a summary of the partnership and resulting development:

Phase I – Annex Site to be built by American Campus Communities.

Phase I – Annex Site

- Total Beds: 1,446 beds

- University of Utah Amenity Space: 17,000 SF which will include dining, a gaming hub and a fitness area, which will be operated and paid for by the University.
- Completion Date: Fall of 2026
- Ground Lease: University will enter into a 55-year ground lease with ACC that has the potential to provide the University an additional revenue stream.

Approval is requested to authorize the University to enter the above-described partnership.

All University costs related to the building of said housing will be completed using internal University resources.

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

Motion to approve the item 3.01 by Randy Shumway second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Motion The real estate office over the next 60 days engage in workshops, board discussions and internal status sessions. Such that three board meetings for now we're able to discuss and debate a comprehensive strategy surrounding campus wide dining, fitness, parking, and the student experience (A K, A. the union building).

Motion to approve by Randy Shumway second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

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.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information: 4.01 – Corporate/Commercial Naming Rights Guidelines

Brett Eden, Director, Auxiliary Business Development and Mary Rosenbury, Sr. Director Major Gifts and Philanthropy, Development shared key aspects and objectives of the proposed guidelines. Trustees are encouraged to review the proposed guideline and provide feedback. The guideline will proceed through the approval process.

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

Information: 4.02 – University of Utah Policy and Procedure for Public Art

Andrew King, Director, Administrative Director, Real Estate shared key aspects and objectives of the proposed policy. Trustees are encouraged to review the proposed policy and provide feedback. The policy will proceed through the approval process.

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.

Information: 4.03 – Vincent P. and Janet Mancini Endowed Chair in Honor of Barry M. Stults, MD

Information: 4.04 – Wagner/Holbrook Presidential Chair in Negotiation

Chair Gardner referenced Information 4.03 and 4.04 and invited questions. None were raised.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 5.01 – Current Events

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

A copy of the items is included as Appendix XXII 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 referred Trustees to the written report included in the agenda materials.

ENROLLMENT

Unofficial numbers show that fall enrollment reached approximately 36,000. The Utah System of Higher Education will complete its official census of student enrollment in October.

RANKINGS

- University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Average Student Debt
 - #4 in Nation
 - #2 Public Universities

Report: 7.02 – Health Sciences Report

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

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

- [Aaron Quinlan, PhD](#), was appointed chair of the Department of Human Genetics. Quinlan is a professor of human genetics and biomedical informatics and serves as co-director of the [DELPHI Data Science Initiative](#). Quinlan succeeds [Lynn Jorde, PhD](#), who chaired the department for 15 years and has been a faculty member since 1979.

TOP HEALTH SYSTEM EMPLOYER IN UTAH

University of Utah Health was recognized as the top health system in Utah on [Forbes' 2024 ranking of America's best employers by state](#). Rankings are based on surveying more than 160,000 employees working at companies that employ 500 people or more in the U.S.

AWARDS, GRANTS & RECOGNITION

Janie Ford celebrates 40 years as an AirMed flight nurse for U of U Health. Janie served in multiple leadership positions including Nurse Educator and Chief Flight Nurse. She is also a contributing Column Editor in the Aeromedical Journal, the leading clinical journal for the aeromedical industry.

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 XXIII 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 written report and shared an update.

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

ADJOURN

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

At 10:53 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 8, 2024.

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

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 8 October 2024