

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Joseph Boyden  
Curt Doman  
Christian Gardner (Chair)  
David Parkin

J. Steve Price  
Bassam Salem  
Randy Shumway  
Jamie Sorenson

EXCUSED

Maria Garciaz  
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer
Sierra Canela	Director, Governance & Leadership ASUU
Ryan Christiansen	Administrative Officer, Stena Fintech Center
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Kurt Dirks	Dean, David Eccles School of Business
Mark Harlan	Athletic Director
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Teresa Kehl	Special Assistant to the President
Heather King	Associate Director, PR/Communications
Jeff Labrum	Chief Operations Officer
Dan Lundergan	CEO, University of Utah Hospital and Clinics
Mitzi Montoya	Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Taylor Randall	President
Jason Ramirez	Associate Vice President, Student Affairs
Jenn Reed	Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services
Erin Rothwell	Vice President, Research
Keith Squires	Chief Safety Officer
Ruchi Watson	Administrative Director, Goff Strategic Leadership Center
Marie Wintriss	President, University of Utah Staff Council
Reece Vedder	Associate Director, Naming Recognition & Compliance U Advancement
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Rebecca Walsh	Director, PR/Communications

OTHERS ATTENDING

Michael Harris ACE Fellow

## CALL TO ORDER

### Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:06 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 Katie Eccles and Maria Garciaz and SVPHS Michael Good who were unable to attend.

## GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the November 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 October (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Revise – Policy 6-321(TFRs) (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Name Change – Goff Strategic Leadership Institute (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Annual Report of Discretionary Funds (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Naming – Cody Guymon Recruiting Lounge in the Baseball Facility (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Naming – Cassandra J. Slattery Department Chair’s Office in the Applied Science Project (Appendix X)

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by Randy Shumway second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joseph Boyden, Curt Doman, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, 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 – Naming – L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy in the West Valley Health Complex

Jerome Davies, Chief Philanthropy Officer, presented item 3.01.

L. S. Skaggs Pharmacy: In recognition of a \$1,250,000 gift from The ALSAM Foundation, the University of

Utah would like to name a pharmacy in the West Valley Health Complex in honor of L. S. Skaggs. A fully executed grant letter is in place.

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

**Motion to approve the item 3.01 by David Parkin second by Curt Doman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joseph Boyden, Curt Doman, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

### CHAIR'S REPORT

#### Report: 4.01 – Current Events

Chair Gardner did not have an official report to share and turned the meeting over to President Randall for his report.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Report: 5.01 – 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: 5.02 – Current Events

President Randall noted the following:

- Announced that Dr. Bob Carter will serve as the new senior vice president for health sciences and CEO of University of Utah Health. Dr. Carter will bear primary responsibility for setting the research and education vision for our academic health sciences center, building on the foundations laid by the medical pioneers and founders who came before him.

Dr. Carter is Massachusetts General Hospital's Neurosurgeon-In-Chief, a professor of neurosurgery and the William and Elizabeth Sweet Endowed Professor in Neuroscience at Harvard Medical School. With more than 18 years of experience as a researcher and instructor of neurosurgery at Harvard, and another seven years at the University of California, San Diego, where he served as chair of the faculty of the School of Medicine.

Dr. Carter also has deep experience in health care administration, helping to launch the integration of academic and clinical teams at Massachusetts General with Brigham and Women's Hospital earlier this year.

Dr. Carter will begin his work in mid-February.

- February 27 – Founders Day - Trustee Sorenson noted that the Founders Day celebration will be held at the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House. This year the Office of Alumni Relations received many nominations for the annual awards and ranked them based on the following four categories:
  - Professionalism
  - Volunteerism and their contributions to the community

- Awards previously received
- Involvement on campus

The following individuals will be honored at Founders Day 2025:

Distinguished Alumni

M. John Ashton  
Rev. France Davis  
Lisa Eccles  
Cecelia Foxley

Honorary Alumni

Ambassador John Price and Marcia Price

- President Randall turned time over to Ryan Christiansen, Administrative Director Stena Fintech Center who invited Trustees to attend the January 23 and 24 Fintech Conference

A copy of the items 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.

## SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

### Report: 6.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Sr. Vice President Montoya noted the following:

#### FACULTY FELLOWS APPOINTED TO SUPPORT WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE (W+R) INITIATIVE

- Dr. Vana Raman (Pediatrics), Dr. Angela Smith (Gender Studies & English) and Dr. Michelle Vo (Psychiatry) have received these appointments.
- They will each lead a core project of the initiative beginning in January.
- Associate Provost Keith Diaz Moore is leading the initiative, which is charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive wellbeing and resilience plan that supports faculty, staff, and students across all levels of the university.
- The goal is to promote a thriving campus culture characterized by care, well-being and academic success.

#### GRAY DECISION INTELLIGENCE TOOLS ROLLING OUT NOW

- Gray Decision Intelligence tools will support academic strategy, planning and evaluation efforts at the U.
- They provide access to information on student demand, program competition, and wages, skills and jobs associated with academic programs.
- Along with other critical institutional data at the U, the Gray DI tools can be used to evaluate and manage a successful academic program portfolio, thereby furthering student success.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION BREAKS GLOBAL TOP 30 SHANGHAI RANKINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME

- Worldwide the department is ranked 29<sup>th</sup>. It is also ranked 17<sup>th</sup> among U.S. universities, one spot behind Cornell.
- No other Utah schools are included in the Communication rankings.
- Shanghai Ranking began to publish world university ranking by academic subjects in 2009. By introducing improved methodology, the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) was first published in 2017.
- The 2024 GRAS contains rankings of universities in 55 subjects across Natural Sciences, Engineering, Life Sciences, Medical Sciences and Social Sciences. More than 1,900 out of 5,000 universities across 96 countries and regions are listed in the rankings.

Report: 6.02 – Health Sciences Report

Dr. Michael Good, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, was unable to attend and Chair Gardner referred Trustees to his written report.

**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 XII 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, was unable to attend and Chair Gardner referred Trustees to the Senate's written report.

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.

**STAFF COUNCIL**

Report: 9.01 – Staff Council Report

Marie Wintriss, Staff Council president, referred Trustees to her written report and shared an update on Staff Council.

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.

## ALUMNI REPORT

### Report: 10.01 – Alumni Relations Report

Trustee Jamie Sorenson referred Trustees to the Alumni written report and shared an update of the Office of Alumni Relations.

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.

## INFORMATION AGENDA

### Information: 11.01 – UUHC Financial Pulse

Information:11.02 – Elizabeth & Richard Uihlein Presidential Endowed Chair in honor of Dr. John J. Zone in the Department of Dermatology

Information:11.03 – Presidential Endowed Chair in Environmental Sciences in the College of Science

A copy of the reports is included as Appendix XVI – XVIII respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting 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 8:29 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 14, 2025.

**Motion to approve by Randy Shumway second by Curt Doman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye:**  
Joseph Boyden, Curt Doman, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 14 January 2025