

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2025

TRUSTEES VIA ZOOM

Joseph Boyden  
Curt Doman  
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)  
Christian Gardner (Chair)

Maria Garciaz  
Bassam Salem  
Jamie Sorenson

EXCUSED

David Parkin  
J. Steve Price  
Randy Shumway

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Jenn Reed	Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services
James Tabery	Professor of Philosophy, College of Humanities
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
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Heidi Woodbury	Vice President, University Advancement

#### OTHERS VIA ZOOM

Geoffrey Landward	Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education
Tony Wagner	Incoming CFO

### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:03 a.m. in the John R. Park Building, Price Family Boardroom and via Zoom. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused Trustees David Parkin, J. Steve Price and Randy Shumway who were unable to attend.

### **GENERAL CONSENT**

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the February Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters and Sabbatical Request (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 January (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Faculty Awards (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – New Center – Center for Metabolic Health (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – New Program – Medical Laboratory Science Minor (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – New Programs – Minor, Undergraduate Certificate, and Graduate Certificate in NeuroTechnology (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Program Restructure – Biomedical Informatics (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Revise Policy – 1-015 Safety of Minors (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Revise Policy – 6-101 Undergraduate Study and Degrees (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Policy 6-117 Undergraduate Emphases and Policy 6-225 Graduate Emphases (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Naming – Facilities in the Applied Science Project (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 2.15 – Naming – Facilities in the Kem and Carolyn Gardner Mental Health Crisis Care Center (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 2.16 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix XV)

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by Jamie Sorenson second by Maria. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, 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.

### **INFORMATION AGENDA**

Information: 3.01 – Capital Facilities Projects – Health Sciences

Dan Lundergan, CEO, University Hospitals and Clinics and Gina Hawley, Chief Operating Officer, University Hospitals and Clinics gave a brief overview of the main Emergency Department Hospital renovation and the Redwood Clinic expansion project. They will provide a formal presentation at the April 8th meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Information: 3.02 – Graduate Council Review - Economics

Information: 3.03 – UUHC Financial Pulse

Information: 3.04 – Dr. John P. Punke Endowed Chair in Neurology

Information: 3.05 – 2025 Special Course and Program Fee Report

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

### **ACTION AGENDA**

Action: 4.01 – New Degree – BS/BA Medical Humanities

James Tabery, Professor Philosophy and Gretchen Case, Faculty Director of Medical Ethics and Associate Professor of Theatre, presented item 4.01.

The medical (or health) humanities draws on ideas, concepts, practices, and methodologies from diverse humanistic and artistic disciplines, such as theater, history, disability studies, communication, philosophy, poetry, literature, dance, and ethnic studies (to name just a few of the fields), to inquire into the human condition and its relationship with health, illness, and healing. It is an inherently interdisciplinary enterprise, which trains students interested in health and healthcare to be creative

thinkers, team workers, skilled communicators, eager consumers of research, patient-centered, ethically intelligent, and receptive to the great variety of perspectives and expertise that can bear on health and disease.

Baccalaureate degree programs in medical/health humanities are growing rapidly across North America (see Program Rationale below). However, the Mountain West Region offers very few opportunities for students to pursue such training (see Similar Programs below). Given the growing demand for well-rounded professionals in the healthcare industry and the high salaries that go with those employment opportunities (see Labor Market Demand below), this is a geographic hole that needs to be filled.

The University of Utah is uniquely positioned to fill this need (see Program Rationale below). It is the State of Utah's flagship, research university, connected with an internationally recognized academic medical center. The "One U" focus on drawing students, staff, faculty, and administrators from across campus together is tailor-made for the interdisciplinarity at the heart of medical/health humanities (see Consistency with Institutional Mission below). The University hosts units (like the Center for Health Ethics, Arts & Humanities), programs (like Arts in Health), and curricular options (like a Minor in Medical Humanities) which reflect the widespread interest among the University community for intellectual and applied spaces that draw together experts from the health sciences, the humanities, and the arts (see Institutional Readiness below). BS/BA degrees in Medical Humanities add a valuable path for undergraduate students to tap into this unique academic environment.

The Medical Humanities Major will draw on classes and faculty from across campus: the College of Humanities, the College of Fine Arts, the School for Cultural and Social Transformation, the School of Medicine, and it will be administratively housed in the Department of Philosophy. The Philosophy Department is well positioned to lead this program (see Program Rationale below). Its faculty are renowned scholars in medical ethics and philosophy of medicine--core areas of medical/health humanities, and they are also regular collaborators with health science experts across campus; the Department routinely offers courses central to medical/health humanities, such as Introduction to Medical Humanities and Bioethics; it has experience overseeing a BS/BA major additional to Philosophy (Philosophy of Science, approved in 2019); and it was handpicked by the College of Humanities leadership to assume responsibility for administering the major.

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

A copy of the degree 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.

**Motion to approve the item 4.01 by Bassam Salem second by Curt Doman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 4.02 – New Degree – MS and PhD Neural Engineering

Hanseup Kim, Department Chair and Professor Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Jake George, Assistant Professor Electrical and Computer Engineering, presented item 4.02.

Neurotechnology is a rapidly emerging field of deep technology at the intersection of neuroscience, engineering, artificial intelligence, and medical devices. Example neurotechnologies include brain-machine interfaces for virtual/augmented reality, implanted biomedical devices for treating neurological disorders, brain-inspired artificial intelligence, thought-controlled robotic arms, and biophotonic nanointerfaces for treating psychiatric disorders. Utah has long been a hub for Neural Engineering research, and workforce demand is now growing rapidly.

The Neural Engineering Master of Science and PhD degrees builds on undergraduate STEM bachelor's degrees. A Neural Engineering MS provides students with specialized skills and knowledge within the field of neural engineering, suitable for more advanced roles with higher salaries. Graduates of the Neural Engineering MS are also highly qualified for PhD programs in neural engineering, neuroscience, or related fields.

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

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

**Motion to approve the item 4.02 by Jamie Sorenson second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 4.03 – Naming – Facilities in the Applied Science Project

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Advancement, presented item 4.03.

The Crocker Science Complex and Crocker Science Plaza: In recognition of a \$7,500,000 gift from The Crocker Catalyst Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name "The Crocker Science Complex" —the area encompassing the Stewart Building, L.S. Skaggs Applied Science Building and Crocker Science Center — in their honor. In recognition of an additional \$1,000,000 gift, the University would like to name the "Crocker Science Plaza" — an outdoor space adjacent to the buildings. A fully executed gift agreement is in place.

Willard L. Eccles Astronomy Observatory & Observation Deck: In recognition of a \$500,000 gift from the Willard L. Eccles Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the Observatory and Observation Deck in the L. S. Skaggs Applied Science Building the "Willard L. Eccles Astronomy Observatory & Observation Deck" in their honor. A fully executed gift agreement is in place.

Edward J. and Marelynn W. Zipser Atrium: In recognition of a \$500,000 gift from Edward J. Zipser, PhD, the University of Utah would like to name the atrium in the L. S. Skaggs Applied Science Building the "Edward J. and Marelynn W. Zipser Atrium" in their honor. A fully executed gift agreement is in place.

**Motion to approve the item 4.03 by Curt Doman second by Jamie Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 4.04 – Naming – Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Integrated Healing and Innovation Floor in the Kem and Carolyn Gardner Mental Health Crisis Care Center

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Advancement, presented item 4.04.

Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Integrated Healing and Innovation Floor: In recognition of a \$3,500,000 gift from the Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the second floor in the Kem and Carolyn Gardner Mental Health Crisis Care Center in their honor.

**Motion to approve the item 4.04 by Maria Garciaz on second by Curt Doman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 4.05 – Campus Physical Development Framework

President Taylor Randall presented item 4.05.

President Randall reviewed and discussed key elements included in a proposed Campus Physical Development Framework. The framework will serve as the guide for campus leaders as new capital projects are considered to reach the university's goals in coordination with the Trustee Campus Master Plan Committee. President Randall will outline broad goals, assumptions, and plan initiatives.

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

A copy of the framework 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.

FRAMEWORK –

- I move that we approve the Campus Physical Development Framework with its guiding principles, proposed districts and capital planning approval process.

**Motion to approve the Framework by Christian Gardner second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

ARENA RELOCATION –

- I move that we authorize campus leaders to explore alternative sites for the Jon M. Huntsman Center and present recommendations for potential locations of a new, multi-purpose arena, along with an estimated financial investment for board approval by September. This motion supports moving the arena location to align with the vision outlined in the Campus Physical Development Framework and the College Town Magic district.

**Motion to approve the Arena Relocation by Christian Gardner second by Curt Doman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

#### PARKING/ACCESS –

- I move we direct campus leaders to conduct a comprehensive study of campus access, traffic patterns and parking usage, availability and demand, and identify solutions to ease traffic congestion and enhance parking accessibility.
- I further move that campus leaders develop and present to the Board for approval a comprehensive parking strategy that addresses the current and future needs of campus drivers, in alignment with projected university growth over the next 10 years.
- This work is requested by the June Board meeting and should include a recommended location for a new parking structure or additional lots for Board approval in compliance with the capital planning process.

**Motion to approve the Parking and Access by Christian Gardner second by Maria Garcia. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

#### BOARD CAMPUS MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE –

- I move that the Board direct its Campus Master Plan Committee to commission a study to identify gaps, strategies and opportunities for shared infrastructure and services across campus districts, focusing first on dining and parking. I ask that this work be completed and presented to the full Board by September.
- I move that the Board's Campus Master Plan Committee identify metrics and goals associated with the guiding principles identified in the Campus Physical Development Framework to be incorporated into a Master Campus Physical Development Plan for full Board review and approval by September.

**Motion to approve directive to the Board of Trustees Campus Master Plan Committee by Christian Gardner second by Curt Doman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

### CHAIR'S REPORT

#### Report: 5.01 – Current Events

Chair Gardner noted no current events to report.

#### Report: 5.02 – 2025 Honorary Degree Recipients

Chair Gardner announced that the Honors Committee has selected the 2025 Honorary Degree Recipients and thanked Trustee Sorenson, Chair, and the committee members for all their work. Trustee Jamie Sorenson introduced the proposed slate of recipients, which includes I. King Jordan, Cecil O. Samuelson, Jr., Linda C. Smith, and Julie A. Lassonde. Trustee Sorenson shared biographical information about each recipient and a written announcement / release was distributed to the Trustees.

**Motion to approve 5.02 by Jamie Sorenson, second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

A copy of the press release 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.

### **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:

- March 24 – Board of Trustees meeting to vote on tuition and fees
- March 28 – President Randall and Chair Gardner present to the Utah Board of Higher Education

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

### **SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS**

In the interest of time, Chair Gardner asked Drs. Montoya and Carter, as well as ASUU, Academic Senate, Staff Council and Alumni Relations to defer to their written statements this month. We look forward to hearing from these groups in person at the March meeting.

Report: 7.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Report: 7.02 – Health Sciences Report

### **ASUU UPDATE**

Report: 8.01 – ASUU Report

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXV 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

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.

## STAFF COUNCIL

### Report: 10.01 – Staff Council Report

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

## ALUMNI REPORT

### Report: 11.01 – Alumni Relations Report

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXVIII 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 10:05 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 8, 2025.

**Motion to approve by Christian Gardner second by Curt Doman Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye:** Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 8 April 2025