

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MAY 20, 2025

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Christian Gardner (Chair)  
J. Steve Price  
Alex Rose

Bassam Salem  
Randy Shumway  
Jamie Sorenson

EXCUSED

Curt Doman  
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)  
Maria Garciaz  
David Parkin

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Rachel Aho	Chief of Staff, Student Affairs
Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer
Daniel Carlson	Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Studies
Bob Carter	Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Arnab Chakraborty	Dean, Architecture and Planning
Troy D'Ambrosio	Chief of Staff and Vice President, Innovation, President's Office
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Bryant Gordan	President-elect, Staff Council
Brett Graham	Chief Strategy Officer
Sean Grube	Associate Vice President, Housing and Residential Education
Mark Harlan	Athletic Director
Lisa Henry	Associate Dean of Academic Studies, College of Architecture and Planning
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Jacob Hocholter	Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering
Harriet Hopf	President, Academic Senate
Lori Kaczka	Senior Director, Facilities
Teresa Kehl	Deputy Chief of Staff, President's Office
Jeff Labrum	Chief Operations Officer
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Richard Preiss	President-elect, Academic Senate
Jenn Reed	Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services
Su Shin	Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Studies
Laura Snow	Special Assistant to the President
Keith Squires	Chief Safety Officer
Peter Trapa	Vice Provost and Senior Dean LAS
Reese Vedder	Associate Director, Naming Recognition and Compliance
Tony Wagner	Chief Financial Officer
Marie Wintriss	President, University of Utah Staff Council
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President, Institutional Advancement

OTHERS

David Anderson

Chairman and CEO, University of Utah Growth Capital Partners Foundation

David Gray

Community Member

**CALL TO ORDER**Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused Trustees Curt Doman, Maria Garcia, Katie Eccles, David Parkin and President Randall and Provost Montoya who were unable to attend.

**GENERAL CONSENT**

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the April 8<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 March (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Appointment to WestEd Board of Director (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Discontinue Degree – BA Recreational Therapy (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – New Minor – Electrical Engineering (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – New Minor – Hospitality Management (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Emphasis Name Change – Community Recreation and Sport Management (CRSM) (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Program Restructure – Nursing Practice (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Policy Revisions – 1-011 Campus Security (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Policy Revisions – 3-030 Travel (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Resolution – Updated Certification of University of Utah Financial Officers (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 2.15 – Resolution – University of Utah Application for SCIF (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 2.16 – Naming – Ming & Amy Zhao Conference Room in the Steward Building (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 2.17 – Naming – Treadmill Room in the Spnce Eccles Ski Team Building in Honor of R. Scott Webber (Appendix XVI)

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Randy Shumway, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, 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 – New Degree – MA Financial Planning Counseling

Daniel Carlson, Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Studies presented item 3.01.

The Department of Family and Consumer Studies (FCS) is exploring a non-thesis-based online Master's (MA) program in Financial Planning and Counseling (FPC), with the first class starting no earlier than Fall 2025. The program will have one track: Financial Planning and Counseling. The program is designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to assist clients in achieving their financial goals, managing their finances, and making informed financial decisions in the complex financial marketplace.

This program serves two primary student groups: (1) traditional students with a bachelor's degree in any field and (2) non-traditional students currently working in the financial services industry and seeking a career change through a return to academia. We recommend that traditional students who completed our BA in Financial Planning and Counseling wait five years post-graduation before pursuing this MA degree, allowing them to engage with substantially different content aligned with Certified Financial Planner™ requirements. For those interested in pursuing a master's degree immediately after graduation, we offer guidance toward our general MA program in Human Development and Social Policy, which provides a broader curriculum in human development, communication, relationships, and social policies.

Upon completing the MA in Financial Planning and Counseling, traditional students will be well-prepared for roles as financial planners, investment advisors, wealth managers, financial counselors, financial therapists, and other positions in the financial services industry. For non-traditional students, this program provides an excellent opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge, facilitating career advancement within the industry. Graduates are also equipped to pursue Certified Financial Planner™ and Accredited Financial Counselor® certifications and a Certified Financial Therapist designation (CFT-ITM).

The program has established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with University Connected Learning (UCL). Under this agreement, UCL will provide support for both course development and the promotion of the program over the course of the next five academic years.

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

A copy of the presentation 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.

**Motion to approve item 3.01 by Jamie Sorenson, second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution:**

**Motion Approved.** Aye: Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.02 – New Degree- Aerospace Engineering

Jacob Hochholter, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering presented item 3.02.

This proposal is to create a Aerospace Engineering MS (AEMS) at the University of Utah. The AEMS will be offered as a coursework only degree or with a MS thesis option. The AEMS degree requires 30 hours. The coursework only version has 15 hours of core graduate courses, 6 hours of aerospace elective courses, and 9 hours taken from the Price College of Engineering or the College of Science. The thesis option has 15 hours of core graduate courses, 6 hours of aerospace elective courses, and at least 6 hours of master's thesis. The remaining 3 hours must be taken from the Price College of Engineering or the College of Science and may include 3 additional thesis hours.

There is substantial synergy between Mechanical Engineering (ME) and Aerospace Engineering. ME departments frequently teach Aerospace courses and offer Aerospace degrees. This program builds upon that synergy at the University of Utah where many faculty already conduct research and teach classes directly related to Aerospace Engineering. The University of Utah Mechanical Engineering Department already offers their Mechanical Engineering Bachelor's students an Emphasis in Aerospace Engineering and offers several graduate courses focused on Aerospace Engineering. The ME Department intends to leverage these strengths by creating the Aerospace Engineering Master of Science program. There is also a separate proposal to create an interdisciplinary ME BS combined with the AEMS, which would further streamline the pathway to the AEMS.

The goal of the department, college, and university is to launch the AEMS program and ME/AE BSMS pathway in the 2025 catalog year.

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

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**Motion to approve item 3.02 by Randy Shumway, second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution:**

**Motion Approved.** Aye: Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.03 – New Degree – BA Architectural Studies

Arnab Chakraborty, Dean, Architecture and Planning and Lisa Henry, Associate Dean of Academic Studies, College of Architecture and Planning presented item 3.03.

The Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies (BAAS) is an undergraduate, liberal arts degree that provides a well-rounded academic foundation for immediate careers in architectural design and allied disciplines. It prepares the student for advanced academic standing in 3+ Master of Architecture professional programs.

The BAAS curriculum challenges students to explore design, socio- cultural influences, spatial reasoning, sustainability, resilience, material properties, political and economic structures, landscape ecologies, construction practices, building technologies, among other related themes. It situates architecture as a complex, multi-faceted discipline within the broader university, professional, and civic contexts.

The program encourages students to use their elective credit hours to concentrate in a particular aspect of architectural studies and/or minor in an area outside of the college to further support this interdisciplinary approach to education.

## Program Objectives:

- Core Principles of Architectural Design: Students are expected to have a well-developed liberal arts education as well as a fundamental understanding of the core principles of architectural design, history, theory, and technology (both building technology and communications technology). This degree will emphasize the history and theory of architecture including research, writing, discourse, and criticism as part of the architectural design process, as well as a focus on the values of architectural design as a method for engaging the material and cultural aspects of place
- Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, and Communication Skills: Students will develop critical thinking and analytical skills, creative thinking and spatial reasoning in an interdisciplinary research paradigm. Students will also develop effective visual and verbal communication skills with an emphasis on architectural representation in both two and three dimensions.
- Interdisciplinary Connections: Students will focus on connections between architectural knowledge and broader academic and cultural currents. Students will develop a clear focus on social, economic, and environmental aspects of resilient architectural practice. The degree will create clear connections to aspects of the architectural as well as allied disciplines in systems thinking and ecologies as well as a self- directed emphasis in interdisciplinary connections such as social equity, global citizenship, ecological resilience, and agency.
- Social and Cultural Awareness: Students will study the relationship between architecture culture and society, including an ability to analyze the impact of architecture on communities. They will learn to advocate for responsible and inclusive design policy. The degree will focus on social justice and civic engagement in Architecture and allied field.

- (Architectural) Design Thinking and Career explorations: Students will explore different modes of architectural/design practice such as community engagement, collaborative practice, and the use of design thinking in a larger broader career environment. Students will have a basic understanding of spatial practices, grant writing, entrepreneurship, and macro and microeconomics. This degree will also provide a foundation in architectural studies that prepares graduates for further studies in a professional Master of Architecture degree as well as several other career trajectories.

#### Years One-Two

Year one of the program is focused on general education requirements and the College's design foundations program which introduces students to the fields of Architecture, Urban Ecology and Multi-Disciplinary Design. Once students complete the Design Foundations sequence, they will be admitted into the BAAS in their second year.

The second year includes required course work in the School of Architecture, which provide a broad introduction to the field of architecture and a solid foundation for the development of individualized programs at the graduate level.

#### Years Three-Four

Years three and four of the program will focus on more advanced course work both inside and outside of the School of Architecture. Students will be encouraged to develop knowledge in an interdisciplinary field which may involve completing a minor or designing a program to support their own self-directed interdisciplinary emphasis. In year four students will return to a focus within the college to complete a capstone project composed of two classes taught in an integrated model by the same faculty member or a collaborative team. This will capitalize on the research expertise among the faculty enhancing both research production and student experience.

Students in this program will be well prepared for graduate study in the field of architectural design as well as advanced study in allied disciplines such as architectural history, historic preservation, landscape architecture, urban planning or construction management.

This liberal arts degree builds skills in critical thinking, research, and writing. Moreover, it also prepares students for careers in other areas of design, journalism and criticism, planning policy and law, community organizing and leadership, real estate development or work in related non-profit organizations.

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

A copy of the presentation 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.

**Motion to approve item 3.03 by Randy Shumway, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.04 – Naming – Grant C. & Norma M. Parsons Floor and Auditorium the L.S. Skaggs Applied Science Building

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, presented item 3.04.

**Grant C. & Norma M. Parsons Floor and Auditorium:** In recognition of gifts totaling \$3,430,876.53 from Grant and Norma Parsons, the University of Utah would like to name the Grant C. & Norma M. Parsons Floor and the Grant C. & Norma M. Parsons Auditorium in the L. S. Skaggs Applied Science Building in their honor. The gift has been received in full.

**Motion to approve item 3.04 by Bassam Salem, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.05 – Board Elections

Chair Gardner turned the time over to Chris Nelson, who introduced the Board of Trustees elections. According to the Board bylaws: "The Board of Trustees shall elect one of its members to serve as chair and another of its members as vice-chair." A ballot was circulated to Board members, asking them to accept a proposed slate or to submit nominations for either or both of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Board members accepted the proposed slate of Katie Eccles - Chair and David Parkin - Vice-Chair, reflecting the responses received by the Office of the Board of Trustees.

**Motion to approve item 3.05 by Bassam Salem, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Report: 4.01 – Current Events

Chair Gardner noted the following current event:

- Commencement and at the college convocations. Thanks to the trustees for supporting commencement and convocations and helping to recognize our graduates.
- Holly Rowe's keynote address was great – it is available to watch on the U's You Tube channel

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Report: 5.01 – Honors and Awards, Distinguished Visitors, Current Research, and Items of Interest

Chair Gardner referred Trustees to President Randall written report which was included in the meeting materials.

### Report: 5.02 – Current Events

Chair Gardner noted the following:

- June 13 – Groundbreaking of the University of Utah Hospital and Health Campus in West Valley

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.

## **SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS**

### Report: 6.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Chair Gardner referred Trustees to Provost Montoya's written report which was included in the meeting materials.

### Report: 6.02 – Health Sciences Report

### LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

#### RANDALL J. OLSON, MD, RETIRES AFTER 46 YEARS

- [Randall J. Olson](#), MD, John A. Moran Eye Center CEO and Distinguished Professor and chair of Ophthalmology at the University of Utah, is retiring after nearly five decades of leadership. A world-renowned expert in cataract and intraocular lens surgery, Olson's legacy includes better cataract care, hope for blinding diseases with new treatments, and a world-class eye center built from the ground up. A national search is being conducted for Olson's successor.

#### UTAH IS BEST IN THE NATION FOR STROKE RESPONSE TIMES

- The [American Heart Association](#) released new data showing that Utah leads the nation in stroke response times. Utah is the only state where more than 85% of patients with acute ischemic stroke receive intravenous thrombolytics within 45 minutes of arriving at the hospital.

#### U OF U HEALTH HOSPITALISTS EXTEND SERVICES TO HOLY CROSS, SALT LAKE

- As of April 2025, a team of U of U Health hospitalist provide care at [Holy Cross, Salt Lake \(HCSL\)](#). This extension of services, made in partnership with [CommonSpirit](#), ensures consistent patient care with mutually shared patients.

### **ADVANCING STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT TOWARD A UNIFIED HEALTH SYSTEM**

- As we confront the challenges of rapid statewide growth and shifting federal policy, our continued success will depend on closer alignment across our facilities, professional services, and core missions of clinical care, education, research, and community impact. We are beginning the next



phase in our evolution—from an academic medical center to a fully integrated academic health system.

Dr. Carter announced the following leadership appointments. These individuals will take on expanded roles and form a unified leadership team to guide us forward:

Sam Finlay, MD, MPH will serve as System Chief Clinical Officer  
 Dan Lundergan, MHA will serve as System Chief Operating Officer  
 Charlton Park, MBA will serve as System Chief Financial and Analytics Officer  
 Erica Bisson, MD, MPH will service as System Chief Medical Officer

### **ASUU UPDATE**

#### **Report: 7.01 – ASUU Report**

Trustee Alex Rose referred Trustees shared an update on ASUU's current plans and activities.

A copy of the report 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.

### **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 XXII 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, President, Staff Council, referred Trustees to the Staff Council's written report.

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.

### **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 XXIV 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 – 2024 – 2025 Tenure Consultation

Information: 11.03 – Dr. Joseph Stanford Presidential Endowed Chair in Restorative Reproductive Medicine in the Department of Family and Preventative Medicine

Information: 11.04 – Steven G. Parker Presidential Endowed Chair

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

### CLOSED MEETING

Chair Gardner asked for a motion to close the Board of Trustees meeting for the purpose of discussing matters appropriate for Executive Session under Utah's Open and Public Meeting Act 52-4-205 (1).

The following has been approved by the Office of General Counsel:

1. To discuss character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual
2. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

**Motion to move into closed session by Randy Shumway, second by J. Steve Price. Final**

**Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

### ADJOURN

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

At 12:02 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 10, 2025.

**Motion to approve by Christian Gardner, second by Randy Shumway. Final Resolution: Motion**

**Approved.** Aye: Christian Gardner, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 20 May 2025