



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

WSU Ogden Campus Miller Administration Building
Betty Hess Lampros Boardroom - 319 | 3850 Dixon Parkway, Ogden, UT 84404
Friday, November 17, 2023 | 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Trustee Members:

Karla Bergeson, Chair

Keith Titus, Vice Chair

Brent Bishop

Tammy Gallegos

Casey Hill (closed meeting only – via Zoom)

Rob Higginson

Monet Maggelet (via Zoom)

Lori Belnap Pehrson

Ashley Potokar

Excused:

Don Salazar

Weber State University Representatives:

Brad Mortensen, President

Mark Halverson, Interim Vice President for Information Technology

Norm Tarbox, Senior Vice President for Administrative Services

Ravi Krovi, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access & Success

Laís Martinez, Interim Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (via Zoom)

Stephanie Hollist, General Counsel & Board Secretary

Amanda Geilman, Staff Advisory Council Chair, Senior Assistant Registrar

Jason Francis, Faculty Senate Chair, Associate Professor/Health Sciences Librarian

Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant

John Kowalewski, Executive Director, Marketing & Communications

Wendy Holliday, Dean, Stewart Library

Tim Crompton, Associate Vice President for Athletics/Intercollegiate Athletic Director

Sarah Langsdon, Associate Professor/Head of Special Collections

Marshall Casey, Student, Presidential Leadership Fellow

Joy Imolega, Student, Presidential Leadership Fellow

Excused:

Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Public Attendees:

Julie Hartley, Associate Commissioner of Academic Education, Utah System of Higher Education

Kenna (via Zoom)

Press:

No members of the press were present.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Karla Bergeson, Chair, at 9:32 a.m. Chair Bergeson welcomed all in attendance and recognized Laís Martinez, Interim Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. She asked Brad Mortensen, President, to introduce Ms. Martinez in her new role. Chair Bergeson then asked for the identification of any potential or perceived conflicts of interest after reviewing the agenda. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded. Chair Bergeson acknowledged that according to the agenda, the board would be moving to a closed session later in the meeting. She reminded everyone that if their answer changed regarding potential or perceived conflicts of interest during the closed session to just speak up.

Board of Trustee Action Items

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2023:

Meeting minutes from the October 24, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed without discussion.

Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – October 31, 2023:

Meeting minutes from the October 31, 2023, Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting were reviewed without discussion.

Action: Upon a motion to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes from October 24, 2023, and the Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting from October 31, 2023, by Lori Belnap Pehrson, Trustee, with a second by Brent Bishop, Trustee, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Trustee Member of the Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Screening Committee, per PPM 1-5b, Selection of Vice Presidents:

Chair Bergeson discussed the appointment of a trustee to serve on the selection committee for the Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Chair Bergeson expressed appreciation to all who expressed interest in serving on the committee. Monet Maggelet, Trustee, has been appointed to

serve in this role.

Action: Upon a motion to approve the appointment of Trustee Maggelet to serve on the screening committee for Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion by Rob Higginson, Trustee, with a second by Keith Titus, Vice Chair, the motion passed unanimously.

Board of Trustee Information Items

Review of Utah System of Higher Education Annual Performance Goals for Weber State University: President Mortensen, discussed Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) annual performance goals for Weber State University. Performance funding goals are aligned with USHE objectives of access, timely completion, and high yield awards, which align with WSU's five-year goals.

Presentations

College Liaison Report – Stewart Library:

Trustee Pehrson, and Wendy Holliday, Dean of the Stewart Library, shared an overview of the library, highlighting the two main focuses of affordability and belonging. Dean Holliday shared other activities of the library. Dean Holliday answered questions about laptop programs for students' needs and entertained discussion about possible funding options. President Mortensen acknowledged the attendance of Julie Hartley, Associate Commissioner of Academic Education, who contributed to the discussion.

Special Topic: National Collegiate Athletics Association Transfer Portal and Name, Image, and Likeness Update:

Norm Tarbox, Senior Vice President for Administrative Services, and Tim Crompton, Associate Vice President for Athletics/Intercollegiate Athletic Director, discussed National Collegiate Athletics Association's (NCAA) transfer portal and name, image and likeness (NIL) updates. Athletic Director Crompton shared the Knight Commission's primary recommendations and gave information about the transfer portal and one-time exceptions.

Faculty Presentation: Ogden's Connection to O'Shaughnessy Dam:

Sarah Langsdon, Associate Professor/Head of Special Collections, gave a presentation called "Ogden's Connection to O'Shaughnessy Dam." She discussed the construction of the dam by a Utah construction company. Special Collections has held the company records since 1999 and has spotlighted how a company from Ogden was involved in the most controversial dam construction to date. Students have been involved in High Impact Educational Experiences with this history study where they have conducted research, photo comparisons, travel to the site, and geography studies.

Weber State University Reports

President's Report:

President Mortensen introduced two Presidential Leadership Fellows, Joy Imolega and Marshall Casey, who each shared their Weber State story.

Alumni Association Report:

Trustee Higginson presented the Alumni Association Report highlighting visits from alumni to campus to promote growth and support. A mentoring dinner event was held with around 12 alumni and 35 students that was successful.

Staff Advisory Council Report:

Amanda Geilmen, Staff Advisory Council Chair, Senior Assistant Registrar, referred to the report in the packet with no other information to share.

Weber State University Student Association (WSUSA) President's Report:

The WSUSA President's Report was reviewed in the packet. Ashley Potokar, Trustee, discussed the Hispanic Professional Engineers conference that she attended along with other WSU students. Students were prepared with resumes and had the opportunity to interview with companies. Appreciation was expressed for university support and being proactive with many things happening on campus.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming events were reviewed without comment.

Academic Policy Committee**Action Items: Trustee Pehrson, Committee Chair**

Trustee Pehrson reported on the Academic Policy Committee meeting and turned the time to Provost Krovi. After a brief review, the following action items were proposed for approval:

a. Program Discontinuances:

1. **Archaeological Technician Certificate of Proficiency**
2. **Archaeological Technician Associate of Applied Sciences**

b. Program Reviews:

1. **Sociology**
2. **Zoology**

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Higginson to approve both the program discontinuances and program reviews, with a second by Tammy Gallegos, Trustee, the motion passed unanimously.

Information Item:

- a. **Academic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2023**

Business Committee**Action Items: Trustee Gallegos**

Trustee Gallegos served as the Business Committee Chair during the absence of Don Salazar, Trustee. She turned the time to Norm Tarbox, Senior Vice President for Administrative Services, who proposed the following five action items for approval:

- a. **Financial Report (September 2023)**
- b. **Monthly Investment Report (September 2023)**
- c. **Auxiliary Enterprises Annual Report**
- d. **Housing Services Proposed Rates**

Housing Services proposed rates with a 5% increase for housing and a 5.1% increase for food due to inflation, which is at a rate of 16%.

- e. **Quarterly Information Technology Report**

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Pehrson, to approve the five action items, with a second by Trustee Potokar, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Calendar Items:

Consent Calendar items were reviewed including a discussion about early retirement.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Titus, to approve the Consent Calendar items with a second by Trustee Bishop, the motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:**a. Business Committee Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2023****Closed Meeting Session:**

Chair Bergeson discussed moving to a closed session as per the agenda, with a reminder that following the closed session the group would return to open session for approval of the action item on the agenda. Then Chair Bergeson moved to have a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property, including water rights or shares, as per Utah “Code Ann. § 52-4-205(1)(d), which was seconded by Trustee Bishop. A roll call vote to move into closed session took place with Trustee Maggelet, Chair Bergeson, Vice Chair Titus, Trustee Potokar, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Pehrson, Trustee Bishop, and Trustee Higginson all voting “yay”. Casey Hill, Trustee, joined the closed session on Zoom.

Upon the completion of discussion during the closed meeting, the meeting attendees returned to the open session, with the exception of Trustee Hill.

Action: Approval of Master Plan Update:

Action: Upon a motion to approve the three maps attached to the proposed campus master plan by Trustee Gallegos, with a second by Trustee Higginson, the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements/Observations/Questions:

Trustee Bishop inquired about a holiday party for the board. Nothing has been scheduled for the trustees. No other announcements were observed.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.