



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

WSU Ogden Campus Stewart Library

Hetzel Hoellein Room - 321 | 3921 Central Campus Drive, Ogden, UT 84404

Thursday, January 25, 2024 | 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Trustee Members:

Karla Bergeson, Chair

Keith Titus, Vice Chair

Brent Bishop

Casey Hill (via Zoom)

Rob Higginson

Monet Maggelet (via Zoom)

Lori Belnap Pehrson

Ashley Potokar (via Zoom)

Don Salazar

Excused:

Tammy Gallegos

Attendees:

Brad Mortensen, President

Mark Halverson, Interim Vice President for Information Technology

Ravi Krovi, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access & Success

Laís Martinez, Interim Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Stephanie Hollist, General Counsel & Board Secretary

Amanda Young, Staff Advisory Council Chair, Senior Assistant Registrar (via Zoom)

Jason Francis, Faculty Senate Chair, Associate Professor/Health Sciences Librarian (via Zoom)

Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant

Steve Nabor, Senior Associate Vice President/CFO/Economic Development

John Kowalewski, Executive Director, Marketing & Communications

Brenda Kowalewski, Vice Provost, High Impact Programs/Faculty Excellence/International Programs/Graduate Studies

Andrea Easter-Pilcher, Dean, College of Science

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

Eric Amsel, Vice Provost, Undergraduate Studies/Academic Support/Institutional Effectiveness

Kristin Rabosky, Associate Professor/Physics

Alema Leota, Associate General Counsel

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

Craig Trewet, Chair, WSU National Advisory Council

Brandon Garside, Ogden City Communications and Public Engagement Coordinator

Mark Ashby, IT Support Professional

River Tolson, IT Support

Koby Pack, Student, Presidential Leadership Fellow

Lawrence Anang, Student, Presidential Leadership Fellow

Excused:

Norm Tarbox, Senior Vice President for Administrative Services

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Keith Titus, Vice Chair, at 9:41 a.m. Vice Chair Titus welcomed all in attendance and asked for the identification of any potential or perceived conflicts of interest after reviewing the agenda. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

Board of Trustee Action Items

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2023:

Meeting minutes from the November 17, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed without discussion.

Action: Upon a motion to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes from November 17, 2023 by Lori Belnap Pehrson, Trustee, with a second by Rob Higginson, Trustee, the motion passed unanimously.

Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2023:

Meeting minutes from the December 15, 2023, Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting were reviewed without discussion.

Action: Upon a motion to approve the Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting from December 15, 2023, by Brent Bishop, Trustee, with a second by Don Salazar, Trustee, the motion passed unanimously.

Board of Trustee Information Items

College Town Coalition 10-Year Anniversary Recognition:

Brad Mortensen, President, recognized the College Town Coalition, and their 10-year anniversary. He discussed the history and the ongoing partnership that contributes to the success of Ogden City and Weber State University.

Presentations

College Liaison Report – College of Science:

Karla Bergeson, Chair, introduced Andrea Easter-Pilcher, Dean of the College of Science(COS), who shared an overview of the college, which is leading in the field of undergraduate research. Dean Easter-Pilcher shared enrollment and retention measures and highlighted the strategic plan showing the platform to accomplish the college’s new initiatives. It was shared that Trustees can support the college by sharing their knowledge of WSU and the College of Science broadly with friends and colleagues and be familiar with the comprehensive campaign goals.

National Advisory Council Liaison Report:

Trustee Higginson discussed the National Advisory Council (NAC) and introduced Craig Trewet, Chair of the National Advisory Council, who gave a presentation including the Board of Trustee and NAC integration statement, NAC intent, objectives, insight from the October 2023 meeting, the April 2024 meeting intent, and how to best work together. Discussion included the need students have for mentors from alumni, and financial issues among institutions nationwide. Vice Chair Titus and President Mortensen shared appreciation for Mr. Trewet’s leadership and commitment.

Special Presentation: Learning Loss:

Ravi Krovi, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Eric Amsel, Vice Provost, gave a presentation on Learning Loss: Long-term Post-Pandemic Planning. Different types of learning loss include academic, life management, and professional. The top concerns for students are mental health and generative AI (CHAT GPT).

Faculty Presentation: Undergraduate Research – Leading the Field:

Kristin Rabosky, Associate Professor/Physics, gave a presentation called “Undergraduate Research – Leading the Field.” She showed examples of student projects and discussed the value of graduate research, which gives authentic work experience with life skills, communication, mentoring, and working with others.

Weber State University Reports

President’s Report:

President Mortensen shared new ROI pins and the new CATapult Scholarship brochures with the trustees. Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access and Success, shared the experience of a student who was able to use this scholarship to help him finish school. The president introduced two Presidential Leadership Fellows, Koby Pack and Lawrence Anang, who each shared their Weber State story.

Alumni Association Report:

Trustee Higginson presented the Alumni Association Report highlighting the upcoming alumni golf fundraiser, their biggest event. He discussed that NAC involvement is exciting, and alumni are excited to be on campus and helping with mentoring students.

Staff Advisory Council Report:

Amanda Young, Staff Advisory Council Chair/ Senior Assistant Registrar, discussed that they have been working to establish a staff EDI committee. A staff satisfaction survey has been sent out and results are being reviewed. A request was made that SAC share with the trustees any patterns or trends.

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

Ashley Potokar, Trustee, discussed the WSUSA President's Report. Elections will be taking place soon and a new president will be elected the first week of March. The constitution and bylaws are being reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming events were reviewed without comment.

Business Committee

Action Items: Don Salazar, Committee Chair

Trustee Salazar thanked Vice Chair Titus for attending the Business Committee. He turned the time to Steve Nabor, Senior Associate Vice President/CFO/Economic Development, who discussed the following action items which were submitted for approval:

- a. Financial Reports (October and November 2023)**
- b. Quarterly Investment Report**
- c. Monthly Investment Reports (October and November 2023)**
- d. Investment Committee Report**
- e. Quarterly Construction Report**

The OGX bus system is running well and is an amazing success. Updates were given on the quarterly construction report, noting some delays in construction on the McKay renovation building project.
- f. Quarterly Athletic Report**

The men's basketball team started the season slowly but seems to be improving. Legendary softball coach, Mary Kay Amicone, is retiring after the 2024 season.
- g. Coaches Salaries**

Coaches' salaries were reviewed. A request was made to see further information regarding compensation packages in the future.
- h. Course Fees**

Course fees were discussed with a focus on the process.
- i. PPM 3-66, Service Leave**

PPM 3-66 Service Leave, was discussed. The policy was updated and revised with minimal language changes.

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Bishop, to approve the Financial Reports, with a second by Trustee Higginson, the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Pehrson, to approve the Quarterly Investment Report, Monthly Investment Report, and Investment Committee Report, with a second by Trustee Bishop, the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Higginson to approve the Quarterly Construction Report, the Quarterly Athletic Report, and Coaches' Salaries, with a second by Trustee Pehrson, the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Pehrson to approve the Course Fees, with a second by Trustee Salazar, the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Bergeson to approve PPM 3-66 Service Leave, with a second by Trustee Pehrson, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Calendar Items:

Consent Calendar items were reviewed in the packet without discussion.

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Salazar to approve the Consent Calendar items with a second by Trustee Higginson, the motion passed unanimously.

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Academic Policy Committee

Action Items: Trustee Pehrson, Committee Chair

Trustee Pehrson reported on the Academic Policy Committee meeting indicating it was a busy agenda with great discussion. She turned the time to Provost Krovi. After a brief review, the following action items were proposed for approval:

a. New Program: Data Science & Applied Statistics Certificate of Proficiency

This program is attractive to math and business majors.

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Higginson to approve the Data Science & Applied Statistics Certificate of Proficiency, with a second by Trustee Bishop, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Program Reviews:

1. Construction Management

Construction Management is housed in the College of Engineering, Applied Sciences & Technology. The program review came with a request to infuse more technology and contemporary software and add accreditation through one of two bodies. A five-year recommendation for review was given.

2. Developmental Mathematics

Developmental Mathematics is not a department. In the review, there are concerns that the programming and academic offerings were not necessarily connected with supplementary instruction and courses were being offered in three different modalities. Overall student success was discussed. A special review committee will offer recommendations to the provost for overall structure and strategic measures, which the president and Board of Trustees will review at a future date.

3. Marketing

Marketing is a program housed in the Goddard School of Business & Economics. It is a great student-centered program with good enrollment and received a seven-year review recommendation.

4. Professional Sales

Professional Sales is a solid, robust program with small concerns about lower enrollment. A great program for students. A five-year review recommendation was given.

5. Supply Chain Management

The Supply Chain Management program is doing some incredible work with students and the community. Ways to make the program more attractive are being developed. A five-year review recommendation was given.

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Salazar to approve program reviews for Construction Management, Developmental Math, Marketing, Professional Sales, and Supply Chain Management, with a second by Trustee Bishop, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Department Chair Recommendation

A department chair recommendation was discussed for Becky Jo Gestalund starting July, 1, 2024 with an appointment for three years.

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Higginson to approve the Department Chair Recommendation, with a second by Trustee Pehrson, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Sabbatical Requests

Sabbatical Requests were reviewed. Their value and impact on student success was discussed. Chair Bergeson requested that the value and impact on student success be listed on each request moving forward.

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Salazar, to approve the Sabbatical Requests, with a second by Trustee Pehrson, the motion passed with an abstention from Trustee Bishop.

Information Item:

a. Academic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2023

Announcements/Observations/Questions:

Trustee Bishop and Chair Bergeson thanked everyone for attending the Board of Trustees Post-Holiday Social last night. Trustee Pehrson asked to receive more information at a future meeting on data governance from Ivana Fredotovic, who shared information during the Academic Policy Committee meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m. and the Board of Trustees then moved to a closed meeting.

Closed Meeting Session:

Vice Chair Titus made a motion to go to a closed session at 11:33 a.m. to discuss pending litigation as per Utah "Code Ann. § 52-4-205(1)(d) with a second by Chair Bergeson. A roll call vote to move into closed session took place with Chair Bergeson, Vice Chair Titus, Trustee Pehrson, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Higginson, Trustee Salazar, and Trustee Maggalet (via Zoom) all voting "yay". Trustee Hill and Trustee Potokar no longer attended Zoom for the closed session. Vice Chair Titus named the attendees invited to attend the closed session: Tim Crompton, Alema Leota, Lori Belnap Pehrson,

Brad Mortensen, Don Salazar, Keith Titus, Karla Bergeson, Stephanie Hollist, Rob Higginson, Brent Bishop, Sherri Cox, and Monet Maggelet (via Zoom).

Following the discussion, the closed session adjourned at 12:10 p.m.