



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

April 28, 2022 – 3:00 pm

Miller Administration Building | Betty H. Lampros Boardroom 319

Hybrid Meeting

### **Executive Committee Members:**

Ms. Kearston Cutrubus - Chair

Ms. Karla Bergeson -Vice Chair

Mr. Don Salazar (via Zoom)

### **Other WSU Trustees:**

Ms. Karen Fairbanks (via Zoom)

Ms. Amanda Covington (via Zoom)

### **Weber State University Representatives:**

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

Dr. Ravi Krovi, Provost

Ms. Sherri Cox, Secretary to the Board

Mr. Rich Hill, General Counsel

### **Public Attendees:**

No public attendees were present

### **Press:**

No members of the press were present

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Ms. Kearston Cutrubus, Chair. Chair Cutrubus welcomed all in attendance and introduced the Executive Committee members.

**Interim Dean History:**

Chair Cutrubus turned the time to President Brad Mortensen who discussed the reason for the meeting was to discuss the interim dean appointment for the Goddard School of Business & Economics. The policy for interim dean approval at Weber State University is not clear and the process has not been handled consistently. The president showed a WSU history of five interim deans from 2017-2022. Of those five, three were appointed and approved by the Trustees. Trustees did not approve Brian Stecklein's appointment as Interim Dean of Online & Continuing Education when Dr. Bruce Davis passed away. Brian was appointed by the provost to step into that role. Also, the Trustees did not approve the appointment of John Silito, who was appointed interim university librarian from July 1 to August 31, 2017, to cover the gap between when the previous dean retired and the new dean started. Dr. James Hedges will start as Dean of Online & Continuing Education on July 18, 2022. An interim dean may be needed to cover for a short term during this transition period, as Brian Stecklein will be retiring in June. This will be discussed at a later time.

Vice Chair Karla Bergeson made a request that policies be adjusted to reflect that interim dean positions will be approved moving forward. President Mortensen agreed that is the best practice and consistent with the intent of current policy.

**Adjourn to Closed Session:**

Upon a motion to move to a closed meeting by Vice Chair Karla Bergeson, and in accordance with Utah Code Section § 52-4-205 (1) (a), to hold a discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the motion was unanimously approved.

***ACTION:*** After the discussion was completed, a motion was made to move into open session by Vice Chair Bergeson. With a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the Board of Trustees Executive Committee approved the motion.

**Approval of Appointment:**

After returning from the closed meeting and back into open session, Chair Cutrubus named all in attendance at the meeting. President Brad Mortensen proposed that the Executive Committee approve Dr. Doris Geide-Stevenson as Interim Dean of the Goddard School of Business & Economics. Vice Chair Bergeson asked about a time frame for the appointment and recommended at least a one-year appointment.

Provost Ravi Krovi discussed the process for nominating candidates from the college,

which were narrowed down to three final candidates. Input from internal and external university stakeholders, as well as survey results from faculty and staff in the Goddard School were in favor of Dr. Geide-Stevenson.

***ACTION:*** Upon a motion by Ms. Karla Bergeson to approve Dr. Doris Geide-Stevenson as Interim Dean of the Goddard School of Business & Economics for at least a one-year term, with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees Executive Committee.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business or items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.