Minutes
Weber State University
Board of Trustees
March 19, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
Davis Campus – Building D-3 Room 201
2750 University Park Blvd., Layton, UT 84041

Trustee Members: Excused:
Mr. Nolan Karras (Chair) Mr. Scott Parson
Ms. Kearston Cutrubus (Vice Chair) Mr. Jeff Stephens
Ms. Karla Bergeson Ms. Danielle Croyle
Mr. Marty Carpenter
Mr. Don Salazar
Mr. Jordan Slater
Mr. Clint Costley (Alumni Representative)

Via Telephone: Ms. Karen Fairbanks

Weber State University Representatives:
Dr. Brad Mortensen, President
Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Affairs
Dr. Madonne Miner, Provost
Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology
Dr. Jack Rasmussen, Dean, College of Education
Dr. Jennifer Turley, Professor of Nutrition/Chair Athletic Training and Nutrition
Dr. Saori Hanaki, Assistant Professor, Exercise and Sports Science
Dr. Richard Fry, Professor / /Computer Science, EAST
Ms. Jesselie Anderson, Utah Board of Regents
Ms. Stephanie Hollist, Deputy General Counsel
Ms. Jackie Shafer, Chair, Staff Advisory Committee
Ms. Allison Hess, Director, Public Relations
Ms. Sherri Cox, Administrative Associate

Press:
No members of the press were present
Welcome

I. The Board of Trustees meeting convened at 9:35 a.m.

Approval, Ratification of Meeting Minutes (Feb. 14, 2019)

II. Chair Mr. Nolan Karras welcomed those in attendance.

Dean’s Presentation (Dean Jack Rasmussen/Dr. Jennifer Turley/Dr. Saori Hanaki)

III. Upon a motion from Mr. Marty Carpenter with a second by Mr. Jordan Slater, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the meeting minutes from Feb. 14, 2019.

Faculty Report (Dr. Richard Fry)

IV. Dr. Jack Rasmussen, Dean of the College of Education, gave a brief overview of the college.

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VI. Dr. Richard Fry, Professor/Computer Science, EAST, presented a faculty report on two projects in the School of Computing: Collaboration with other colleges and community service both locally and internationally. He shared a presentation from the Boane Mozambique, Africa Women’s Center Project, which was started by WSU students five years ago. The project involves teaching skills and has an IT curriculum and job training on Microsoft Office suite, desktop publishing and website construction. Another project involves partnering with North-Chiang Mai University where 46 WSU students teach children from Thailand to read in English using software programs.

WSUSA President’s Report

VI. Student Body President Jordan Slater shared election results. Brett Alexander is his successor and won by 11 votes. He gave a report on WSUSA “Weber’s Got Talent” night, which had record attendance and talked about upcoming events included in his handout.

Written Reports

VII. President Brad Mortensen gave an update on the legislative session. His report included that the legislative session was very positive for Weber State University. $50 million was awarded for funding the construction of the Noorda Engineering & Applied Science building, 2.5% salary increase, health benefit increase and designated money for
strategic workforce investments and programs to support growth and capacity among our students. $27 million was awarded statewide for performance funding. WSU should receive around $2.8 million of that fund.

Clint Costley, alumni representative, shared information about the H. Aldous Dixon Award Luncheon which will be held tomorrow, March 20, at 12:00 noon. Steve Nabor and Julie Rich are recipients of this award.

There was no staff advisory committee report given.

VIII. Nolan Karras, serving as chair of the Business Committee, brought the following report before the Board of Trustees:

1. FY20 General Fees Increase and Budget - Vice President Brett Perozzi explained that this is primarily a student process with 10 students and 2 faculty that sit on the board. They allocate the difference in funding for student fees from one year to the next. They voted to approve a 3% student fee increase.

On a motion to approve the FY20 general student fees budget with an increase of 3%, made by Mr. Jordan Slater seconded by Mr. Marty Carpenter, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

2. FY20 Tuition Rate Increase – President Mortensen spoke to students at the Truth in Tuition Hearing on March 11, 2019. An increase of tuition by 2-3% was proposed to the student senate to cover several different areas. The student senate was supportive of this increase. After legislative sessions were completed, it was determined that a 2% tuition increase would be sufficient to meet the needs of WSU.

On a motion to approve the packet of changes pertaining to the FY20 tuition rate increase of 2%, made by Mr. Don Salazar seconded by Ms. Kearston Cutrubus, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

3. PPM 6-8, Student Fee Philosophy policy changes were discussed during the Business Committee meeting. The Board of Regents has a policy in place.
Changes to this policy puts WSU in better alignment with their policy. Students recommended a change to the wording and viewpoint neutrality was added.

**ACTION**

On a motion to approve the changes to PPM 6-8 Student Fee Philosophy, made by Mr. Jordan Slater, with a second by Mr. Marty Carpenter, the motion was approved.

**Campus Security**

IX. Vice President Norm Tarbox gave a policy update on campus security policies. Changes include the areas of: Public Safety, Locks and Keys and Inventory Control. All areas have minor changes to meet updated standards.

**ACTION**

On a motion to approve the changes to campus security policies made by Mr. Jordan Slater, with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the motion was approved by the Board of Trustees.

**Personnel & Academic Policy Committee**

X. Ms. Karla Bergeson, acting chair of the Personnel and Academic Committee, gave the following report concerning the following programs needing the Board of Trustees approval:

1. Sabbatical Leave Request by Dean Jeff Steagall for a one semester sabbatical and return to teaching.

**ACTION**

On a motion to approve the sabbatical leave request by Dean Jeff Steagall made by Mr. Don Salazar, with a second by Mr. Jordan Slater, the motion carried.

2. Minor in Music Studies – Meets the needs of students not seeking a major in music

3. Finance Minor – Meets the needs of students not seeking a major in finance.

**ACTION**

On a motion to approve both the Minor in Music Studies and the Finance Minor made by Ms. Kearston Cutrubus, with a second by Mr. Marty Carpenter, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Certificate of Proficiencies: All are stackable, which enables students to be more employable more quickly.
   a. Certificate of Proficiency in Building Design & Construction Essentials
b. Certificate of Proficiency in Geospatial Technology  
c. Certificate of Proficiency in Japanese  
d. Certificate of Proficiency in Chinese  
e. Certificate of Proficiency in French  
f. Certificate of Proficiency in German  
g. Certificate of Proficiency in ASL

**ACTION**

On a motion to approve all seven of the Certificates of Proficiency made by Mr. Don Salazar, with a second by Mr. Jordan Slater, the motion passed unanimously.

Renaming and Moving of AAS in Interior Design

5. Renaming AAS in Interior Design Technology to AAS in Interior Design and moving from Professional Sales to Construction and Building Sciences.

Moving Interior Design Minor

6. Moving the Minor in Interior Design from Professional Sales to Construction and Building Sciences.

Name Change

7. Name change from AS in Biotechnician to AS in Biology.

**ACTION**

Upon a motion by Ms. Kearston Cutrubus to approve the name and location change of Interior Design, the moving of the Interior Design minor, and name change from AS in Biotechnician to AS in Biology, with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the motion passed unanimously.

PPM 4-19b Grade Changes

8. PPM 4-19b Grade Changes – Minor changes stipulating that grade changes be made by faculty members only.

PPM 4-21 Transfer Credit and Credit by Exam

9. PPM 4-21 Transfer Credit and Credit by Exam – The policy allows credit to transfer at the same level from other institutions. At the graduate level, experiential coursework cannot be offered for credit.

**ACTION**

Upon a motion by Mr. Jordan Slater to approve both PPM changes, with a second by Ms. Kearston Cutrubus, the Board of Trustees approved the motion unanimously.

Consent Calendar

XI. Upon a motion by Mr. Marty Carpenter to approve the Consent Calendar items, with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the motion passed unanimously.
XII. A motion to hold a closed meeting was made by Mr. Jordan Slater. Trustees Marty Carpenter, Karen Bergeson, Nolan Karras, Don Salazar, Karen Fairbanks, and Kearston Cutrubus voted unanimously to continue with a closed meeting to discuss character and professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

A motion to adjourn the closed session was made by Mr. Marty Carpenter with a second by Mr. Don Salazar. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to end the closed session.

XIII. Regents Recommendations per Utah Code Ann. §53B-1-104.(1)(b) were discussed by Chair Nolan Karras. The names presented as potential representatives of Weber State University Board of Trustees to the Board of Regents will be: Scott Parson, Allan Hall, and Louenda Downs.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jordan Slater to approve the three names to submit to the Board of Regents, with a second by Mr. Marty Carpenter, the Board of Trustees approved the motion unanimously.

VI. With no further items, the meeting came to a close.