

Minutes
Weber State University
Board of Trustees
December 2, 2014

Trustee Members:

Ms. Karen Fairbanks
Mr. Joseph Favero
Mr. Alan E. Hall, Chair
Mr. Nolan Karras
Mr. Andre Lortz
Mr. Scott Parson
Dr. Jeff Stephens
Mr. Kevin Sullivan, Vice Chair

Excused:

Ms. Louenda Downs
Mr. Steve Starks

Weber State University Officials:

Dr. Charles A. Wight, President
Dr. Norm Tarbox, VP for Administrative Services
Dr. Mike Vaughan, Provost
Dr. Brad Mortensen, VP for University Advancement
Dr. Jan Winniford, VP for Student Affairs
Dr. Bret Ellis, VP for Information Technology
Dr. David Ferro, Dean, College of Engineering, Applied Science and Technology
Dr. Eric Amsel, Faculty Senate Vice Chair
Mr. John Kowalewski, Executive Director, University Communications
Ms. Debbi Murphy, Chair, Staff Advisory Committee
Ms. JoAnne Robinson, Executive Assistant, President's Office

Others Present:

Dr. Fred Chiou, Assistant Professor, Engineering Technology

Press Present:

Ms. Annie Knox, Salt Lake Tribune.

Welcome

I. Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

II. Chair Alan Hall welcomed those present.

Minutes

III.

On a motion by Nolan Karras and seconded by Jeff Stephens, the minutes of the November 4, 2014, Board of Trustees meeting were approved unanimously

On a motion by Kevin Sullivan and seconded by Scott Parson, the minutes of the November 4, 2014 Business Committee and the Personnel and Academic Policy Committee were ratified unanimously.

President's Report

IV. President's Report - President Wight gave a report covering the following items:

(NCAA Infraction)

1. The NCAA issued an infractions decision against WSU for a self-reported case of academic dishonesty that occurred in 2013. The incident involved a former developmental math instructor who provided inappropriate assistance to five members of the WSU football team, including taking quizzes and tests for the players. In its report, the NCAA credited Weber State for its prompt discovery and quick reporting of the issue, as well as its full cooperation with the NCAA investigation.

(U.S. News Short List)

2. The U.S. News Short List, which focuses upon select higher-ed data points, ranked Weber State University among the 10 cheapest public schools in the nation for

- in-state students. WSU came in seventh on the list with tuition and fees of \$5,126. Most of the institutions on the list were regional universities.
- (9th Annual Native American Symposium)
3. This year marked the 9th Annual Native American Symposium: “Ceremonies, Songs and Prayers: Slowing Down to the Sacred Pace of Life.” A keynote presentation was delivered by Chief Arvol Looking Horse, of the Lakota Sioux Nation to more than 200 students, faculty, staff and community members.
- (New Youth Homeless Center)
4. Youth Futures, founded by WSU student Kristen Mitchell, will open a new youth homeless shelter in Ogden. The shelter is expected to open in January. Mitchell wanted to set up a safe harbor for youth to come to if they become homeless.
- (WildcatONE-TV)
5. Weber State University’s digital media program has launched WildcatONE_TV as a way to showcase students’ creative video projects and to provide 24-7 TV programming to the campus. WildcatONE offers free Internet television in public areas such as the Shepherd Union Building and residence halls and to WSU faculty, staff and students who can log in to the system.
- (2nd Annual Utah College Application Week)
6. The 2nd Annual Utah College Application Week was a great success, with events and activities promoting higher education in 55 schools in 14 districts throughout Utah. WSU Education Access and Outreach team members, along with Admissions and Recruitment staff and President Wight, engaged with hundreds of seniors in the six area high schools in Ogden, Weber and Davis districts, walking students through the WSU admissions and scholarship application process.
- (Expect the Great African American College and Career Fair)
7. The Education Access and Outreach Department served on the planning committee for another successful Expect the Great African American College and Career Fair in November. The conference, “Build-Invest-Connect” set the stage for a wonderful array of workshop sessions for current college students, prospective college students and parents.

(Holiday Kick Off)

8. Weber State University helped Ogden City kick off the holiday season, with participants in the 7th annual Santa Run and a float entered in the Electric Light Parade.

(Performance Funding)

9. The state legislature will appropriate \$5 million in performance funding to universities based on performance metrics. Some metrics will be common to all and some can be chosen. Weber State University will focus on access, quality and affordability.

The detailed report is attached to these minutes.

Faculty Report

V. Dr. Eric Amsel, Vice Chair of Faculty Senate, introduced Dr. David Ferro, Dean, College of Engineering, Applied Science and Technology, and Dr. Fred Chiou, Assistant Professor, Engineering Technology. Dr. Amsel added that he had been highlighting faculty and how they are connecting students to the community.

Dr. Chiou explained student career development and projects in the Electronics Engineering Technology program at Weber State University. He stated that in addition to traditional electronics technology courses they are developing courses in renewable energy and solar PV systems. Renewable energy based senior projects are ongoing including hands on work with solar modules and a field trip to a microhydro site. One current project is a solar charging station for electric bikes and motorcycles on campus.

Weber State University will host a IEEE 2015 Technology for Sustainability Conference July 30 through August 1, 2015. Seven topics will be covered:

- 1) Agricultural Sustainability
- 2) Alternative Energy
- 3) Transportation Electrification
- 4) Energy Efficiency
- 5) Smart Grid
- 6) Sustainable Electronics
- 7) Quality of Life

Trustee Nolan Karras asked if they would include corporate sponsors in this conference. Dr. Chiou said they were working with corporate sponsors.

Dr. Amsel added that efforts are going forward to make sure that the university meets the needs of the community, but that the community knows what our students can do.

Trustee Karras said he applauds this effort and referred to a study showing that it's not as important where you went to school and what your degree is, but that you have good critical thinking skills.

Trustee Kevin Sullivan asked Dr. Ferro to provide an update on the Electronic Engineering program. Dr. Ferro stated that we have 240 students in the program and have better graduation rates with mostly non-traditional students.

The detailed report is attached to these minutes.

WSUSA President's Report

(Wildcat Choice Award)

(Senator Urquhart's Visit to WSU)

(Educational Networking Session)

(Final Week of Classes)

VI. President Joseph Favero gave a report covering the following topics:

1. The Wildcat Choice Award was given to Lucky Slice Pizza during November on behalf of Weber State University and Ogden City. Mayor Caldwell was able to attend, along with a good group of Weber State student leaders, Waldo, Spirit Squad members, and Ogden City Council officials.
2. Senator Urquhart visited Weber's campus on November 6. During his time here he was able to visit with two different groups of students, President Wight, Faculty Senate, and others. He agreed to write a resolution for the upcoming legislative session on behalf of the Utah Student Association and our fight against rising tuition costs.
3. Thirty Weber State student leaders braved a snowstorm on November 14 by traveling to take part in an educational networking session with Utah State student leaders and then attend the basketball game that followed.
4. Even as we are into the final week of classes, students are still making time to get out, serve, and get involved! Wish us luck during finals!

The detailed report is attached to these minutes.

Alumni President's
Report

(Emeriti)

(Regional Alumni
Chapters)

(WSU Salutes)

(Eric Dowdle WSU
Landscape)

VII. President Andre Lortz gave a report covering the following topics:

1. Many events and reunions were held during Homecoming week, helping us to reconnect with our Alumni. President Wight hosted retired faculty and staff at a reunion luncheon with over 100 former employees and their guests. A past Board of Trustees luncheon was also held by the President at the Lindquist Alumni Center during this week.
2. The Weber State University Alumni Association kicked off the 2014-2015 academic year by starting 10 regional alumni chapters across the nation. The chapters are located in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Salt Lake City/Provo, Southern Utah/Nevada, Southern California, Northern California, Pacific Northwest, Texas and East Coast.
3. The 46th Annual WSU Salutes ceremony honored outstanding students, alumni and community members for service to the campus and community. This year's award recipients were: Distinguished Alumna, David Utrilla and Troy R. Child; Outstanding Young Alumna, Lonah G. Masinde; Lewis W. Shurtliff Award for Contributions to Education, Robert H. (Bob) and Katherine B. Garff; Distinguished Service, George E. Hall; Emeriti Lifetime Achievement, Roger J. Trincherro; Emeriti Homecoming Royalty, H. DeWayne and Eugele "Jill" Ashmead; Student Royalty, India Nielsen and Trevor Annis; and the WSU President's Award, James S. "Jim" Hinckley.
4. Famed folk artist Eric Dowdle will unveil and discuss his whimsical WSU campus landscape that captures the heart and soul of Weber's past, present and future, on December 10. Mr. Dowdle will do a presentation of his experience working on the "Weber State Wildcat Traditions" painting.

(Weber Historical Society)

- 5. The Weber Historical Society hosted local author and Howard Hughes expert Jim Whetton in October. Whetton was the general manager of the Desert Inn in Las Vegas for most of the time Hughes was the owner. He was also one of Hughes' administrative assistants.

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Committee Reports
Business Committee)

- VIII. Business Committee - Scott Parson outlined the following matters discussed and acted upon during today's Business Committee meeting: (For a detailed report of actions taken, see the attached Business Committee minutes for December 2, 2014.)

- 1. Quarterly Investment Report

On a motion by Andre Lortz and seconded by Kevin Sullivan, the Quarterly Investment Report was approved unanimously.

- 2. WSU Housing Services Proposed Rates for June 2015 - May 2016

On a motion by Nolan Karras and seconded by Andre Lortz, the WSU Housing Services Proposed Rates for June 2015- May 2016 were approved unanimously.

Trustee Scott Parson recommended a documentary called "The Ivory Tower" which provides a look at challenges of higher education, tuition price escalation and free money traps. He stated that he was proud of the WSU modest tuition increases.

(Personnel and Academic Policy Committee)

Personnel & Academic Policy Committee - Kevin Sullivan outlined the following matters discussed and acted upon during today's Personnel and Academic Policy Committee meeting: (For a detailed report of actions taken, see the attached Personnel and Academic Policy Committee minutes for December 2, 2014)

Kevin Sullivan reported that the Personnel & Academic Policy Committee had no items requiring action by the full Board.

Questions

IX. There were no questions.

Next Meeting Date

X. There is no meeting in January. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on February 3, at the Ogden campus.

Adjourn

XI. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Minutes submitted by:



JoAnne Robinson, Secretary
WSU Board of Trustees



Charles A. Wight, President
Weber State University