

Minutes
Weber State University
Board of Trustees
February 7, 2012

Ogden Campus

Members Present:

Mr. James C. Beardall, Vice Chair
Dr. W. Bryan Bowles
Mr. Kyle Braithwaite
Mr. Alan E. Hall, Chair
Ms. Mary Hall
Dr. Kathryn Lindquist
Mr. Scott Parson
Mr. Kevin Sullivan

Excused:

Ms. Camille T. Cain
Mr. Steven E. Starks

Weber State University Officials Present:

Dr. F. Ann Millner, President
Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Services
Dr. Mike Vaughan, Provost
Dr. Brad Mortensen, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Jan Winniford, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Bret R. Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology
Dr. Colleen Garside, Faculty Senate Chair
Mr. John Kowalewski, Director of Media Relations
Ms. Kristie Nielsen, PSAC
Ms. Betty Gilchrist, CSAC
Mrs. JoAnne Robinson, Executive Assistant, President's Office

Others Present:

Dr. Richard Fry, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Press Present:

Ms. Nancy Van Valkenburg, Standard Examiner

	I. Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.
Welcome	II. Chair Alan Hall welcomed those present
Minutes (December 13, 2011)	III. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">On a motion by Kathryn Lindquist and seconded by Jim Beardall, the minutes of the December 13, 2011 main Board of Trustees meeting were approved unanimously and the minutes of the December 13, 2011 Business Committee and Personnel and Academic Policy Committee meetings were ratified unanimously.</div>
(January 10, 2012)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">On a motion by Scott Parson and seconded by Bryan Bowles, the minutes of the January 10, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting conducted by conference call were approved unanimously.</div>
President's Report	IV. President's Report - President Millner gave a report covering the following topics:
(Damian Lillard)	1. For the fifth time this season, Weber State guard Damian Lillard has been selected as the Big Sky Conference men's basketball player of the week. Lillard was also named to the 2012 Oscar Robertson Trophy midseason watch list Monday by the United States Basketball Writer's Association.
(WSU Hosts Region 8 American College Theater Festival)	2. Weber State University is hosting the weeklong Region 8 presentation of the 44 th annual Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. The regional festival includes 11 full-scale productions, as well as a number of 10-minute plays, scenes, workshops and other activities. The WSU production of "Xanadu" is competing in the festival.
(WSU Day at the Legislature)	3. A contingent of Weber State University students, faculty mentors and alumni headed to the Capitol on February 2 to raise awareness about the university and its accomplishments. More than 60 students from a variety of

- disciplines shared their undergraduate research projects and community outreach efforts with lawmakers during a poster session in the rotunda.
- (Faculty Member Earns Fellowship) 4. A Weber State University faculty member is in the midst of a fellowship that has her conducting research and teaching in the United Kingdom. Mary V. Wrenn, associate professor of economics at WSU, began her activities in early October at Gorton college at the University of Cambridge after earning the Joan Robinson Research Fellowship in Heterodox Economics.
- (FIRST LEGO® League Competition) 5. About 200 youngsters convened at Weber State University in January for an innovation and robotics competition aimed at sparking interest in science and technology. WSU partnered with the National Defense Education Program through Hill Air Force Base to host a Utah FIRST LEGO® League qualifying competition for youth ages 9 to 14.
- (Storytelling Festival) 6. Weber State University's 16th Annual Storytelling Festival will take place February 27-29. The award-winning festival will include performances from national, local and student storytellers.
- (Supplemental Instruction Program) 7. The Weber State University Supplemental Instruction Program (SI) is the first SI program in the nation to be awarded certification from the national Association for Developmental Education (NADE). Supplemental Instruction provides study groups for historically-difficult classes.
- (ImPACT Grant) 8. Weber State University was awarded an ImPACT (Improving Preparation, Access & Communities Together) grant for 2012. The purpose of these USHE grants is to strengthen collaborations between K-12 schools, communities, and universities to significantly increase the number of low-income and underrepresented students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.
- (2012 Career Fair) 9. On January 12, Weber State's 2012 Career Fair brought 84 regional and national employers on campus to discuss job opportunities with WSU students.

(*Epiphany*)

- 10. The Nontraditional Student Literary Journal *Epiphany* recently published its fifth edition.

WSUSA
President's Report

- V. President Kyle Braithwaite gave a report covering the following topics:

(WSU Legislative Day)

- 1. A total of 20 students from Weber State joined a group of over 150 students at the Capitol on Friday, February 3 to meet with legislators about the importance of higher education.

(Gospel Music Festival)

- 2. The Center for Diversity and Unity University's Annual Gospel Music Festival met with great success on Friday, January 13th with more than 800 campus and community members attending and participating.

(MLK Munch & March)

- 3. The Diversity team celebrated Martin Luther King Jr./Human Rights Day with the annual partnership breakfast with the Ogden NAACP at the Marshall White Center.

(Student Elections)

- 4. Student campaigning and elections begin the end of this month.

(Third Half Party)

- 5. The WSU Student Association, WSU Athletics, recruitment office, and Student Alumni Association all collaborated on an event February 4th. Free food was provided for students prior to the basketball game and prizes were given away during an enormous bingo game prior to tip-off.

(Precinct Caucus Trainings)

- 6. Delegate trainings will be held on campus on March 5th. The meetings are intended to help attendees understand the importance of caucus meetings, how to become a delegate, what a delegate does, how to lobby for higher education, etc.

The detailed report is attached to these minutes.

Alumni President's Report

- VI. Alumni President's Report - Mary Hall gave a report covering the following topics:

(WSU Day at the Capitol)

- 1. The Emeriti Alumni Council began a tradition in 2005, taking purple-clad alumni and community members to the Utah Legislature to show support for Weber State

- University. February 2 was the 8th annual WSU Day at the Capitol and the trip has now expanded to include students who display their research and service learning projects in the Capitol rotunda.
- (3rd Half Party) 2. The Student Alumni Association collaborated with Student Recruitment, WSUSA, Campus Stores and Athletics to host the “3rd Half Party” which was one of the biggest events of the school year. Hopefully, this event will become a tradition for basketball season.
- (Young Alumni Workshops) 3. The Young Alumni Council is proud to partner on free workshops for alumni and community members who are interested in lifelong learning opportunities. “Balancing a Busy Life: Marriage, Work and School”, featuring Dr. Mark Adams, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, will be held on February 16, 2012 at the WSU West Center.
- (Resume Building Seminar) 4. Young Alumni are sponsoring a Resume Building & Networking Seminar on February 22, 2012, at the Lindquist alumni center. Professionals from the Healthcare, Business, Sales, Government, and Education industries will be presenting tips on what to/not to include in a resume.
- (2012 H. Aldous Dixon Awards) 5. The WSU Alumni Association has selected the H. Aldous Dixon awards recipients. Dawn M. Gatherum, Professor of Botany, will receive the faculty award and the staff award will be presented to Lynell L. Gardner, Director of Alumni Relations
- (Dr. Nathan S. Rives) 6. The Alumni Association and the Weber Historical Society will present Dr. Nathan S. Rives discussing “To Make Caesar Serve God: Religious Liberty, Truth, and Error in Early National Massachusetts” on February 27.
- Faculty Report VII. Faculty Senate Chair’s Report - Dr. Colleen Garside gave a report covering the following topics:
- (Faculty Senate Activities) 1. Dr. Garside reported that Faculty Senate is looking at post tenure reviews and raising English proficiency standards for international students. She then introduced Dr. Richard Fry, Assistant Professor, Computer Science.
- (Dr. Richard Fry) 2. Dr. Fry told the Trustees that he embarked on a mission two years ago to expand WSU’s global presence. He said WSU

Committee Reports
(Business
Committee)

is the only university doing a study abroad program in information technology. The students are working with a hospital in Ghana Africa to build an electronic medical records system. They are building great relationships and hope to get work published and some international recognition for WSU students. Dr. Fry thanked the Hemingway Foundation for supplying the initial seed money. They have also received funding support from the Ogden Rotary Club. Chair Alan Hall inquired if this would be pro bono software for the hospital. Dr. Fry answered that it would be open source software and they have helped the hospital hire 15 people to provide IT support. The students are supporting the software and training this IT department.

- VIII. Business Committee - Jim Beardall, 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 February 7, 2012.)

Mr. Beardall reported that the Business Committee has three items for board approval:

1. Annual Audited Financial Report - this was a clean report with no findings.
2. Audit Committee Report

On a motion by Jim Beardall and seconded by Kevin Sullivan, the following items were approved unanimously:

- Annual Audited Financial Report
- Audit Committee Report

3. Proposed County Ice Sheet Addition

VP Mortensen explained that Weber County is proposing to expand the Ice Sheet on university property. Weber State University would partner with the county on this two-story building. The second floor would be an additional ice sheet. The first floor would be available to the university for indoor practice sessions for athletic teams. It would also be available for use by club sports and community events. Weber County is putting money toward this and

will seek RAMP funding. Trustee Kyle Braithwaite asked if this would shift priorities on other current building proposals for the university. VP Mortensen replied that this would be a county constructed facility toward which WSU would provide some funding. The total construction cost is estimated at \$7.5 million. The county is asking WSU to contribute \$2 million, plus an additional \$1 million for turf, etc. The project would be included in the capital campaign.

On a motion by Jim Beardall and seconded by Bryan Bowles, Weber State University’s participation in construction of an Ice Sheet addition was approved unanimously

(Personnel and Academic Policy Committee)

Personnel and Academic Policy Committee - Kathryn Lindquist 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 February 7, 2012.)

Dr. Lindquist reported that the Personnel and Academic Policy Committee had nothing to bring to the full board. She distributed copies of the Institutional Profile Fast Facts booklet for 2011-2012.

Commencement Speaker, Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Professor Awards

IX. Chair Alan Hall announced that in a previous meeting candidates for honorary degrees and commencement speaker were discussed. The following individuals will be awarded honorary degrees at the April commencement:

- Mark DeYoung - Commencement Speaker
- Gordon Allred
- Paul Favero
- Harris Simmons.

On a motion by Kathryn Lindquist, seconded by Kyle Braithwaite and approved unanimously, the following individuals will to awarded honorary degrees at the April 2012 commencement:
Mark DeYoung - commencement speaker
Gordon Allred
Paul Favero
Harris Simmons

Provost Mike Vaughan announced that the following two professors will be awarded Distinguished Presidential Professor Awards:

- Dr. John Mbaku, Professor, Economics and Brookings Fellow. Dr. Mbaku has an outstanding research record, including internationally.
- Dr. Diane Kawamura, Professor, Radiological Sciences, with over 30 years at WSU. Dr. Kawamura is an anchor in the Radiological Sciences Department which is one of the top five degree-granting programs at WSU.

Both of these professors were nominated by their department chairs. Nominations were solicited and, consistent with the wishes of the donor of this award, a committee of former recipients and some administration met to make this recommendation.

On a motion by Alan Hall, seconded by Kevin Sullivan and approved unanimously, the following individuals will receive the Distinguished Presidential Professor Award:

- Dr. John Mbaku
- Dr. Diane Kawamura

Other Business

X. There was no further business.

Questions

XI. There were no questions.

Next Meeting Date

XII. The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, March 30, 2012, at the Davis campus.

Adjourn to Executive Session

XIII.

On a motion by Jim Beardall, seconded by Bryan Bowles and approved unanimously by roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:20 a.m. for the purpose of a discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Reconvene to Public Meeting and Adjourn

XIV. The Board reconvened in open session at 11:25 am. Chair Alan Hall reported that no action was necessary as a result of the executive session. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am

Minutes submitted by:

JoAnne Robinson, Secretary
WSU Board of Trustees

Administrative Approval:

F. Ann Millner, President
Weber State University