Minutes
Weber State University
Board of Trustees
May 1, 2012

Trustee Members: Excused:
Mr. James Beardall, Vice Chair Ms. Mary Hall
Mr. W. Bryce Bowles Mr. Steven E. Starks
Mr. Kyle Braithwaite
Ms. Camille T. Cain
Mr. Alan E. Hall, Chair
Dr. Kathryn Lindquist
Mr. Scott Parson
Mr. Kevin Sullivan

Weber State University Officials:
Dr. F. Ann Millner, 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 R. Ellis, VP for Information Technology
Dr. Colleen Garside, Faculty Senate Chair
Mr. John Kowlewski, Director of Media Relations
Ms. Kristie Nielsen, PSAC Chair
Kristen Radulovich, Incoming PSAC Chair
Ms. Betty Gilchrist, CSAC Chair
Ms. Laurell Martinez, temporary substitute for JoAnne Robinson, Executive Assistant, President’s Office

Others Present:
Dr. Patricia Cost, Faculty, Department of Health Professions and Human Performance

Press Present:
Ms. Nancy Van Valkenburg, Standard Examiner
Welcome

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

II. Chair Alan Hall welcomed those present and commented on the enjoyable commencement.

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III. On a motion by Bryan Bowles and seconded by Kyle Braithwaite, the minutes of the March 20, 2012 main Board of Trustees meeting were approved unanimously.

   On a motion by Bryan Bowles and seconded by Kathryn Lindquist, the minutes of the March 20, 2012 Business Committee and Personnel and Academic Policy Committee meetings were ratified unanimously.

IV. President Millner reported the following:

1. Weber State was recognized by the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) for its campus-wide resolution to make energy efficiency a campus priority. WSU established a green revolving fund to support energy conservation projects. Since 2006, the university has realized an energy savings of more than 2.5 million kilowatt-hours. Norm Tarbox presented WSU’s energy plan at a regional meeting and has been invited to present the program at Harvard University.

2. Weber State was named a 2011 Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

3. The WSU Community Involvement Center received the prestigious Transforming Communities Recognition at the Lieutenant Governor’s Volunteer Recognition and Awards Banquet. Last year, more than 7,000 WSU students completed 131,000 volunteer hours with more than 80 nonprofit agencies. The university has made the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for five consecutive years. President Millner expressed appreciation for Brenda Kowalewski’s leadership and support from Michael Vaughan, Academic Affairs, and from Jeanne Hall who works tirelessly in the community. Alan Hall pointed out that President Millner was especially honored for her efforts.

4. Six Weber State students majoring in Manufacturing and Engineering Design Technology completed a senior project designing and building a universal jack-dolly device that accommodates an 8,400 pound Cessna
Cessna aircraft. The dolly cradles the defective tire, and the craft can then be rolled off the runway. The team will deliver a jack-dolly to the air fields in Price and Moab.

5. Paula Fiet, a 2010 Weber State University graduate and current Harvard graduate student, was selected to address lawmakers in Washington, D.C. at the annual National Posters event. She presented her research on student’s memory enhancement, particularly in elementary-aged students; she began her research while an undergraduate student at WSU. Interestingly, Fiet had a family and returned as a non-traditional student to complete her degree. She will graduate from Harvard in May 2012 and will begin a doctoral program in the education psychology department at the University of Utah. This is the seventh time in eight years a WSU student has presented at this event.

This is an excellent example of how undergraduate research opens opportunities for our students. Todd Rose, a former WSU student, graduated from Harvard University and is now a faculty member there. While an undergraduate student at WSU ten years ago, Bill McVaugh, a late faculty member in the Psychology Department, taught a special research class and donated his fee to secure an undergraduate fellowship for Todd’s undergraduate research.

6. Nancy Weir, assistant athletic trainer at WSU, was inducted into the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainer Association Hall of Fame. Weir began her career at WSU in 1983 and has worked in all of WSU’s intercollegiate sports. She is currently the athletic trainer for the volleyball, softball, golf teams and conducts drug education programs for all athletes.

7. Julie Rich, Assistant Professor in the Geography Department, has been selected as the 2012 John A. Lindquist award recipient. The Lindquist Award is given annually to a faculty or staff member who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to mentoring WSU students in learning through community involvement. She has partnered her students with local organizations and has also worked with students and community leaders on international humanitarian projects.

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

1. The 30th Annual Crystal Crest Awards took place in April. Weber State students, faculty, staff and student organizations were nominated in fifteen categories.
2. New incoming officers and senators of WSUSA were inaugurated on April 2. The incoming president, Andrew Gardiner will be invited to the next Board of Trustees meeting.

3. The WSUSA Volunteer Involvement Program and the Community Involvement Center helped organize and execute the Special Olympics Utah Winter Games on March 24 at Powder Mountain and North Fork Park. Approximately 50-60 Special Olympian athletes participated; the parents of the athletes were very appreciative of WSU’s involvement. This event presents a great opportunity for WSU students to get involved in a worthwhile event.

4. Students from across the state attended county and state conventions to support higher education and encourage delegates to consider the importance of higher education when electing representatives.

5. Lauren Anderson, a Utah Valley University student, was selected by the Utah Student Association as the next coordinator for a 13-month term. The association’s emphasis is “Education First.” Three Utah Student Association members were selected for a student regent interview by the Governor.

6. Each student leader received a certificate of recognition for his/her participation and dedication to WSUSA throughout the year. In addition, nine students were selected by the executive officers to receive the WSUSA Purple Belt of Leadership Award. They were recognized for going above and beyond normal responsibilities. Kyle Braithwaite and Anna Adamson were honored with the Lisa Ellis Award for Excellence, the ultimate award for WSUSA and Student Involvement and Leadership.

Alan Hall presented the Alumni Association report:

1. Lynell Gardner, Elective Director of Alumni Relations, retired after eleven years of service. She was honored at a reception March 30 and wished well by staff, alumni, family, friends and the campus community.

2. The annual Emeriti Alumni Council Spring Reunion Social will be held May 18 at the Lindquist Alumni Center.
3. Appreciation was extended to over 45 alumni volunteers and staff who distributed caps and gowns to 1,452 Spring 2012 graduates.

4. The Student Alumni Association participated in the Weber State Club Carnival Showcase, a spring event held for all students to provide them a final opportunity to interact with WSU clubs and organizations. The association was honored as a Crystal Crest Award finalist in the registered organization of the year category.

5. The Weber State Alumni Singers will present their annual spring concert on May 7 at the Allred Theatre, Val A. Browning Center.

6. The Alumni Association has realized an increase in online memberships which also automatically renew. These memberships comprise over 30% of all memberships.

7. Brad Mortensen announced nominations are being accepted for the following:
   a) WSU Salutes Award to be awarded during Homecoming Week
   b) Shurtliff Award for contributions to education
   c) Alumni Association Board of Directors

Colleen Garside, chair of Faculty Senate, presented the following:

1. Kathryn MacKay, Professor in the History Department, was selected to fill the new Ombuds position. The Ombuds is responsible to provide informal assistance to WSU faculty in addressing University-related complaints, conflicts or problems so that they can be resolved at the lowest levels and avoid formal grievance procedures.

2. Patricia Cost, Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Promotion and Human Performance, is the 2011 John A. Lindquist Award recipient. The award is awarded annually to faculty or staff who are committed to mentoring WSU students in learning through community involvement. Patricia teaches HPHP 4150, a course which requires students to find a community partner (preferably non-profit), survey their needs, collaborate with the organization to develop goals and implement interventions. Her students have undertaken international projects in Mali, Africa and Afghanistan. Locally, her students are working with the “lost boys”, boys who have been expelled from a polygamous community, to offer them basic health education, help them complete a GED, get employment, and pursue higher education. Mound Fort Jr. High School requested assistance from Patricia’s students to plan a health fair which is being financed by the Mexican Consulate. Patricia welcomes project ideas from the Board of Trustees.
Kristie Nielsen, chair of the Professional Staff Advisory Committee (PSAC), presented highlights of the year:

1. The incoming and outgoing committee members held a goal-setting staff retreat.

2. A PSAC committee member regularly attends a Classified Staff Advisory Committee (CSAC) meeting and Faculty Senate meeting. CSAC and PSAC meet jointly two times per year.

3. A PSAC member visits newly hired professional staff members and presents them with a welcome packet. RC Callahan and Alan Ferrin produced a “Did You Know” video highlighting employee benefits. The video was distributed along with the monthly update. The website was revised to make it more informative and engaging.

4. PSAC continued the Super Staff Award which includes a t-shirt and a gift certificate to the WSU Bookstore.

Betty Gilchrist, chair of the Classified Staff Advisory Committee (CSAC), presented highlights of the year. She has appreciated being included in the Board of Trustees’ meetings:

1. CSAC reached out to Weber State University hourly employees to give them a legislative voice.

2. CSAC focused its attention on Community Involvement Opportunities. Employees’ skills and interests were partnered with a community need, which resulted in memorable, meaningful experiences.

James Beardall presented the following for the Board’s approval: (For a detailed report of actions taken, see the attached Business Committee minutes for May 1, 2012.)

1. New Capital improvement funds of $2,775,500 approved by the state
2. Audit Committee report deferred to the next meeting
3. Base Budget 2012-2013

On a motion by Jim Beardall and seconded by Bryan Bowles, the items noted above were approved unanimously.

Kathryn Lindquist outlined the following for the Board’s approval: (For a detailed report of actions taken, see the attached Personnel and Academic Committee minutes for May 1, 2012.)
1. Policy and Procedures Revisions:
   - PPM 4-2, Catalog Requirements
   - PPM 4-21a, Awarding of Transfer Credit and Credit by Examination or Petition
   - PPM 6-2, Admissions
   - PPM 6-3, Registration Dates and Deadlines: Appointments, Add, Cancel, and Withdrawal
   - PPM 8-6, Faculty Appointments

   On a motion by Kathryn Lindquist and seconded by Kyle Braithwaite, the Policy and Procedure revisions noted above were approved unanimously.

2. Personnel
   - Promotion and Tenure Recommendations
   - Emeriti Faculty Recommendations 2012

   On a motion by Kathryn Lindquist and seconded by Kyle Braithwaite, the Personnel Actions noted above were approved unanimously.

Kathryn Lindquist announced a generous donation from Sid W. Foulger, a proud Weber College alumnus, businessman and philanthropist. Mr. Foulger, a native of Weber County, is very proud of his Weber roots. His late wife, Mary Flint Foulger, was raised in Davis County.

Brad Mortensen explained that President Millner and a delegation of WSU music educators hosted a special concert for Mr. Foulger in Washington, D.C, where he resides. The concert featured Fan-Ya Lin, award winning WSU piano student.

Mr. Foulger pledged an endowment of $5 million over five years. He is an accomplished musician himself, and the interest from the endowment will support scholarships, competition, faculty development, recruitment, instruments, etc. In addition to the generous endowment, Mr. Foulger agreed to purchase another Steinway piano for the Department of Performing Arts. President Millner is proud of the accomplishments of the music faculty and students who are already recognized nationally. Fan-Ya Lin won the National Steinway Young Pianist Award, and other students are competing on the national and international stages.
1. Kyle Braithwaite was presented a presidential citation plaque and was recognized for his dedication and service to WSU and the Board of Trustees. Kyle is headed for an internship and then graduate school; he is wished all the best.

2. Kyle Braithwaite inquired about the football coaching change: what transpired and what happens now? Norm Tarbox reported that Jody Sears has been appointed the interim coach, and a good coaching staff is giving him tremendous support. Coach Sears brings solid experience as a defensive coordinator, and he cares about football and academics. The future coaching position will be addressed when the season is over.

3. Promontory Towers will be dismantled slowly, in planned stages; don’t expect an implosion.

4. The presidential search process has begun, and the timeline for a replacement is to have a pool of candidates in mid-August and finalists in September. A replacement should be in place in November. The search committee is comprised of campus employees, community leaders, Board of Regents and members of WSU Board of Trustees. James Beardall, Alan Hall, Mary Hall (President of the WSU Alumni Association) and Andrew Gardiner (President of WSU Student Association) will represent the Board of Trustees.

   The search committee is hosting several public meetings in May to solicit input about ideal qualifications. Until the next president is appointed, the Board is committed to supporting President Millner’s initiatives already in place.

The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at the Davis Campus.

On a motion by Alan Hall and seconded by Kevin Sullivan, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:32 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Laurell Martinez, Interim Secretary

Administrative Approval: F. Ann Millner, President

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