

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 11, 2023

4:00pm Gateway Building

Board of Trustee Members Present

Rick Nielsen, Chair
Scott Smith, First Vice Chair
Jeanette Bennett, Second Vice Chair
Paul Thompson
Andrea Clarke
Noel Vallejo
Blake Modersitzki
Kara North
Jeremy Hafen
Zac Whitlock

UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President
Wayne Vaught, Provost & Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Kat Brown, Deputy Provost
Kyle Reyes, Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Christina Baum, Vice President, Digital Transformation
Jim Mortensen, Vice President, Finance
Marilyn Meyer, Vice President, People & Culture
Val Peterson, Vice President, Administration and Strategic Relations
Michelle Kearns Vice President, Student Affairs
Kara Schneck, Chief of Staff
Clark Collings, General Counsel
Rasha Qudisat, Chief Inclusion & Diversity Officer
Nikki Scott, PACE President Elect
Wioleta Fedeczko, Faculty Senate President
Laurie Sharp, Associate Provost
Kedric Black, Associate Vice President, Finance
Vessela Ilieva, Dean, School of Education
Jenny Christensen, Legal Secretary
Kanui Peck, Presidential Intern

Others Present

Nathan Savage, UVU Foundation Chair
Julie Hartley, Associate Committee USHE

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rick Nielsen welcomed those in attendance at the December 11, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting.

II. INFORMATION

1. Administration of Oath of Office for Jeremy Hafen

Chair Rick Nielsen administered the Oath of Office to Jeremy Hafen.

2. Training on Program Review

Julie Hartley presented a training on the approval process for new degrees in accordance with Policy R401. She addressed the purpose of program approval, the role of the Board of Higher Education and the Board of Trustees when programs need approval by the Board of Higher Education, the roles of the institutions, the process for program approval, the criteria for trustees' consideration, and the cyclical program reviews. Questions were asked and discussed.

3. New Trustee Orientation, Legal Training, EverGREEN Update

Vice President Kyle Reyes provided an update on EverGREEN. He discussed the advancement board revamp designed to clean up such boards. He expressed gratitude to those in the room who have advocated for and given their resources to the University. For fundraising he invited the trustees to help tell the story, to host conversations where they match UVU up with their friends, and to invite people to make a gift to the University. He discussed how trustees can help influence alumni. He stated that in 2024 in every event there will be an increased level in alumni connections, including the Scholarship Ball.

Secretary Clark Collings began his trustee orientation by highlighting the Veterans Success Center, they have had nearly 32,000 student visits, the service provided to UVU is unparalleled. He addressed external

governance, where the Board fits in higher education and the process of how trustees are appointed, the duties and responsibilities of trustees, internal governance, how the Board accomplishes its work, and the legal obligations of trustees. Questions were asked and discussed.

III. ACTION AGENDA

1. Personnel Approval

Trustee Jeanette Bennett motioned to approve the personnel decision that was presented. Trustee Blake Modersitzki seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

2. Program Approvals

Provost Wayne Vaught presented the French Education, BA program planned for deletion and the Master of Education in Applied Behavior Analysis, M.Ed. planned for modification. Trustee Noel Vallejo motioned to approve the programs as presented. Trustee Jeanette Bennett seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

3. Administrative Units

Provost Wayne Vaught presented the plan to create two new departments out of one existing department, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechanic and Civil Engineering. Trustee Kara North motioned to approve the administrative units as presented. Trustee Scott Smith seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

4. Policy Approvals

Vice President Kara Schneck addressed Policy 113, University Awards of Excellence and Other University Awards, requesting a 6-month extension in accordance with Policy 101. Marilyn Meyer addressed Policy 157, Alcoholic Beverages, Unlawful Drugs, and Other Illegal Substances, asking for deletion as it's now covered in Policy 155. Kedric Black discussed Policy 211, Employee Appreciation and Recognition, requested to be deleted. Trustee Scott Smith motioned to approve the policies as presented. Trustee Zac Whitlock seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Zac Whitlock motioned to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the September 28, 2023 Board Meeting; the July, August, and September 2023 Investment Reports; Institutional Discretionary Funds Reports which included the 2022-2023 Actual Expenditures and the 2023-2024 Budget Revision 1; and the Upcoming Calendar of Events. Trustee Kara North seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

V. INFORMATION AGENDA (continued)

1. President's Report

The President began her report by highlighting that the University has exceeded their completion goals ahead of time, at 46%. The retention rate from 1st to 2nd year is the highest it's ever been. The President's Scholarship Ball was the most successful to date, raising \$871,000. President is pleased to report the University has achieved its \$15M campaign goal for first generation students. The endowment has reached the \$100M mark for the first time. Center for Constitutional Studies received a major grant from the National Archives. She highlighted the Presidential Lecture Series with Darryl Jones. The Growth and Prosperity Summit is increasing in attendance and it continues to be a flagship event for anyone who

wants to learn about Utah County and be part of the conversations. Women's soccer claimed the WAC championship. The Care Hub received a national award from the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals. UVU students excelled in the Construction Management competition, the Heavy Civil team took first place, and the Commercial, Mixed-Use and Project Management teams took second place. They will be going to the national competition in February. UVU won the regional Ethics Bowl and are headed to nationals. Dr. Sally Rocks received an Outstanding Educator Award from the American Chemical Society. Professor Cheung Chau received bronze in The American Prize for conducting and composing. The Green House, a digital marketing effort started a year ago in the business school, has been extremely successful, impacting over 50 businesses in the community. Mental health care for students has been expanded with TimelyCare, a virtual health and well-being platform. CHATGPT-4 and DALL-E 3 is now accessible for all faculty and staff. A taskforce on AI has been organized. President received national coverage, including inside higher education, for cybersecurity awareness.

Chair Rick Nielsen adjourned the meeting.