UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2015

TRUSTEES PRESENT
Julie Barrett
David Burton
Phillip W. Clinger (Vice Chair)
Christian Gardner
David Huntsman
Michele Mattsson (Chair)
Taft Price
Justin Spangler

TRUSTEE EXCUSED
Lisa Eccles
Cristina Ortega

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT
Stephen Alder President, Academic Senate
Cathy Anderson Associate Vice President Budget and Planning
Frank Brown Dean, College of Mines and Earth Sciences
Arnie B. Combe Vice President, Administrative Services
Jeff Herring Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess Chief Information Officer
Laura Marks Liaison to the Board of Trustees
John K. Morris Vice President and General Counsel
Karren Nichols President Elect, Staff Council
John Nixon Senior Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer
Maria O’Mara Director, Communications
Thomas Parks Vice President, Research
Mike Perez Associate Vice President, Administrative Service- Facilities
Jason Perry Vice President, Government Relations
David W. Pershing President
Patricia A. Ross Chief Strategy Officer, Secretary to the University
Barbara H. Snyder Vice President, Student Affairs
William Warren Chief Marketing and Communications Officer
Ruth V. Watkins Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Jeff West Associate Vice President, Administrative Services- Financial & Business Services
Karen West Executive Assistant to Chief Strategy Officer

OTHERS
Dan Campbell Chair, Board of Regents

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 - Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:07 AM. Chair Michele Mattsson welcomed Trustees and others in attendance and excused Lisa Eccles and Cristina Ortega.
CHAIR’S REPORT

Information: 2.01 - Current Events and Announcements

Chair Mattsson thanked each of her colleagues for their participation in the Regent meeting on January 23, 2015. Mattson reminded the Trustees of a few upcoming events: the Student Life Center Ribbon Cutting on February 26, the Legislative Higher Ed Luncheon on February 20 at noon in the Capitol Rotunda and Founder’s Day on February 28.

Trustee Spangler introduced the 2015-2016 ASUU President and Vice President Candidates. Ambra Jackson, Presidential candidate and Anthony Fratto-Olyer, Vice Presidential candidate from the Snow party gave a brief overview of their platform and goals. Satin Tashnizi, Presidential candidate and Camille Conerly, Vice Presidential Candidate from the Empower party were not able to attend.

Chair Mattson also welcomed Board of Regents Chair, Dan Campbell.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Action: 3.01 – Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community, Distinguished Visitors and Research

President Pershing highlighted that the University of Utah was ranked No. 2 by BestColleges.com in its list of top 50 colleges for older students. The President also recognized Randall Olson, Chair of University of Utah Health Care’s Department of Ophthalmology and CEO of the John A. Moran Eye Center, for being awarded the Philip M. Corboy MD Memorial Award for Distinguished Service in Ophthalmology. The award is given to an ophthalmologist who “typifies a career of excellence in the service of his or her patient and peers.”

A copy of the report is included as Appendix I with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Information: 3.02 – It’s on Us Campaign

President Pershing introduced Justin Spangler who gave a report on the It’s On Us Campaign. The President stated that the topic of sexual assault on campus is on every University president’s mind. We are all committed to stopping sexual assault and violence on campus. President Pershing mentioned he is thrilled with the role our student leaders have taken with this issue. Spangler presented the video produced for this campaign. Justin read the pledge which states “I pledge to recognize that non-consensual sex is sexual assault. To identify situations in which consent has not or cannot be given. To create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported.” Spangler challenged Trustees to also make the pledge by going to asuu.utah.edu/itsonus. Also mentioned were activities that will take place during this week to create awareness throughout campus.

Information: 3.03 – Current Events

President Pershing mentioned the legislative session is in full swing and introduced Jason Perry, VP Government Relations, who gave a brief highlight of the happenings the past 2.5 weeks. President Pershing also noted that many more students have signed up for the campus alert system. On February 9, the President and Ruth Watkins attended the Grand Opening of the Sustainability Office.
COLLEGE FOCUS

Information: 4.01 – College Focus

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins introduced Dean Frank Brown, who gave a report on the College of Mines & Earth Sciences. Dean Brown introduced the college as having four departments and also runs the seismograph stations. The mission of the college is to provide high-quality education in earth and atmospheric sciences, in earth resource extraction, processing and utilization; through research, to add to the body of human knowledge in the above fields; to better the human conditions through application of research. In order to enhance student success all students are instructed by regular faculty, no one is excluded including chairs and the dean. The college provides as much financial assistance as possible through scholarships. The college takes advantage of special opportunities such as fieldtrips, undergrad research and professional meetings. The college works through problems with students individually and advises and counsels students to keep them on track to graduation. This year the college had a small dip in enrollment. But, the college is as big now, as it has ever been since Dean Brown came to campus over 42 years ago. Over the past 10 years, the college incoming freshmen ACT scores have been at or above the University’s average. Enrollment in the college is increasing due to a significant increase in industry demand combined with retirement of professionals in the field. By 2021, there could be 145,000 - 202,000 of unfilled geoscience positions. The faculty within the college make the cover of magazines which brings recognition and visibility to the college and the university. The Dean reported that the college is ranked #2 on campus for bringing in research dollars per faculty. Dean Brown mentioned that in 1992 the college had about $6,000,000 in endowments and in June of 2014 the college had $40,000,000 in endowments and the funds are mostly used for scholarships. Dean Brown mentioned the challenges currently faced by the college. New incoming faculty are making as much as seasoned faculty, and the department of Mining Engineering has too few faculty. The non-personnel budget has not had an increase since 1991 and costs continue to increase. The college is also running out of space and needs an addition to the Browning building. In conclusion, the College of Mines and Earth Sciences educates and trains young Utahans for employment in positions essential to the state economy, provides industry with well-trained personnel and assists industry through research. This college brings significant visibility to the institution as a whole, helps the state economy through spin-off companies, provides advice on natural hazards and provides employment through sponsored research.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included as Appendix II with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS’ REPORTS

Report 5.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins mentioned that beginning this week the first of three candidates for the Dean of College of Humanities will be on campus for presentations. The other two candidates will follow in the next two weeks. Watkins noted the Martin Luther King Jr. Week activities and that keynote speaker Imani Perry, a Princeton Professor, was a fabulous event and well attended by faculty and students.

ACADEMIC REPORT

Report 6.01 – Academic Senate Report

Academic Senate President Steve Alder mentioned that Randy Dyer is working with Academic Senate to give guidance to faculty members on how to speak to the public, especially as we move more activity to social media as well as traditional forums. Academic Senate is also looking at how to promote a smoke free campus. The senate is working closely with Robin Marcus, Chief Wellness Officer, and looking at our peer institutions and what they have done in this area.
GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 7.01 – Minutes of the January 13, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 7.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 7.03 – Distinguished Scholarly & Creative Research Award for 2015 (Appendix IV)


Action (Consent): 7.05 – Monthly Comparison (Gifts) Report (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 7.06 – Proposal for Minor in Music Technology (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 7.07 – Proposal for Undergraduate Certificate in Music Technology (Appendix VIII)


Action (Consent): 7.11 – Administrative Reports from the University of Utah to the State Building Board (Appendix XII)

Chair Mattsson introduced the General Consent Calendar and asked for questions or comments. There were no questions or concerns raised by the Trustees.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Christian Gardner, second by David Burton. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Julie Barrett, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Christian Gardner, David Huntsman, Michele Mattsson, Taft Price, and Justin Spangler

Background materials are included in the Appendix (as noted above) and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Michele Mattsson recommended approval to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 9:55 a.m. the February 10, 2015 open meeting of the Board of Trustees voted to adjourn.

The next scheduled meeting will be held March 10, 2015.
Motion to approve by Taft Price, second by Christian Gardner. Final Resolution: Motion Approved
Aye: Julie Barrett, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Christian Gardner, David Huntsman, Michele Mattsson, Taft Price, and Justin Spangler

Signed by: Laura Marks

Date approved: 10 March 2015