CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 - Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:02 AM. Chair Michele Mattsson welcomed Trustees and others in attendance and excused Lisa Eccles.
CHAIR’S REPORT

Information: 2.01 - Current Events and Announcements

Chair Mattsson mentioned a few items of note in the Trustee packets including a calendar of events for 2015; Trustee Retreat will be held August 27 – 30 at Centennial, Montana; and a sign-up sheet is being circulated for college convocation in May.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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

President Pershing introduced Trustee and ASUU President, Justin Spangler to discuss the opening of the new George S. Eccles Student Life Center. Justin noted a high student turn out and enthusiasm. Justin thanked the Trustees and Administrators for their continued support of the Student Life Center. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for February 26th.

President Pershing highlighted the Healthcare Internet Hall of Fame. This award recognized UUHC which became the first healthcare system in the country to post online physician reviews and comments. The President also recognized the University of Utah in partnership with BYU, is being awarded a prestigious four-year $6M grant from the U.S. Department of Education, to support international education and language study in Utah. The President also congratulated Ken Golden, Indiana Jones of mathematics, for his nomination as a fellow of the Explorers Club for his research to the Arctic and Antarctica.

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 – Current Events

President Pershing noted the post card in the Trustee packet outlining the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. Imani Perry, professor at Princeton University, will be the keynote speaker at an event held on Thursday, January 22 in the Union Ballroom.

President Pershing announced the selection of Robert McDonald, U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, as this year’s keynote speaker for the University’s General Commencement being held on May 7. Secretary McDonald was previously the head of P&G, a West Point graduate, and received his MBA from the University of Utah.

Trustee Barrett announced that the University will be honoring Gregory J. Goff, Gretchen W. McClain, Brent C. James and Clayton J. Parr, as Distinguished Alumni recipients at the Founder’s Day Dinner in February. John and Melody Taft are also being recognized at the event as the Honorary Alumnus Award Recipients.

COLLEGE FOCUS

Information: 4.01 – College Focus

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins introduced Dean Cynthia Berg who gave a report on the College of Social & Behavioral Science. Dean Berg introduced the college as being a college that deals with a lot of the most critical social challenges that society faces. Research within the college covers topics such as what happens to an aging society, what happens when vets return home with PTSD, international security issues and a host of others. This past fall the college participated in strategic planning and developed their mission statement “to create and instill a social science way of thinking about critical challenges to the social and natural world”. Dean Berg reported that the
College of Social & Behavioral Science consists of seven departments, six centers and eight interdisciplinary programs with 129 full-time tenured faculty. The College of Social and Behavioral Science is a college of students. The college graduates 25 percent of the undergraduates of the university and graduates about 57 percent of its freshman in a six year period of time. The college has several accomplished faculty including 4 National Academy of Science members, 11 Distinguished Teaching Award winners, 4 Distinguished Professors and 7 Distinguished Service Professors. Dean Berg highlighted the success faculty within the college have had, being awarded NIH, NSF, and foundation grant awards, which brought in over $8M in funding for 2014. The college received funding for two transformative excellence proposals, a program brought forward by Dr. Watkins last year (Consortium for Families and Health Research and Society, Water, and Climate). The colleges has over 45,000 living alum and are working to engage them by paring students with alum, beginning a distinguished speaker series, and connecting through social media. The college’s greatest challenges are the facilities and proposals are currently underway to renovate Orson Spencer Hall. Other challenges of the college are attracting and retaining top faculty and adequate advising. The average advisor is responsible for 559 students and the National Advising Center recommends 400 students per advisor. The college is engaging in ways to problem solve this issue by moving to bridge advising and also use of technology to reach the students. Dean Berg also discussed the need to fund more graduate students and offer more competitive stipends to attract top talent.

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 – Health Sciences Report

Senior Vice President Vivian Lee noted Health Sciences is in full support of the Governor’s Healthy Utah Plan and will be meeting with legislators during the upcoming session. The ribbon cutting of the Ray and Tye Noorda Oral Health Center is scheduled for April 18th. Dr. Lee also noted, this is the first year the School of Medicine will be admitting the fully expanded medical class of 122 students. In October 2015 Health Sciences will celebrate the 50th anniversary of building 521. Lee also announced that Hope Eccles will be joining the hospital board.

Report 5.02 – Academic Affairs Report

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins mentioned an event that was held on December 19, the first annual inaugural student success consortium, where 40 critical leaders on campus met to discuss what the University is doing to promote student success. Several items came from the event that are important and relevant. First, there is a very strong need to improve our ability to use qualitative information to make decisions and second, a real need to improve communications. Watkins noted two items on the consent agenda, the Distinguished Teaching Award Recipients and sabbatical requests for the upcoming year.

ACADEMIC REPORT

Report 6.01 – Academic Senate Report

Academic Senate President Steve Alder mentioned an ad-hoc faculty committee is looking at best ways to utilize information technologies in academic activities and how the University can be a leader in the nation and the world in utilizing these resources. Another ad-hoc committee is looking at how we assess the impact of our educational efforts. Faculty are excited about continued engagement with PAC 12 colleagues and upcoming conference this spring and looking for ways to collaborate. He also mentioned we are working with Utah System of Higher Education to re-activate a consortium and currently looking for ways to collaborate with other institutions within the state.
GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 7.01 – Minutes of the November 11, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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

Action (Consent): 7.03 – Sabbatical Requests for 2015-2016 (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 7.04 – Faculty Club Constitution Revisions (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 7.05 – Recommendation for the 2015 University Distinguished Teaching Awards (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 7.06 – Revision to Policy 6-100 (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 7.07 – Proposal for Juris Doctor and Master of City & Metropolitan Planning Dual Degree Program (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 7.08 – Proposal for Name Change from MS in Mathematics (Teaching) to MS in Mathematics Teaching (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 7.09 – Proposal for BS/MS in Geographic Information Science (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 7.10 – Proposal for Geography BA/BS Emphases (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 7.11 – Graduate Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 7.12 – Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 7.13 – Graduate Certificate in Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 7.14 – Graduate Certificate in Nurse Midwifery (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 7.15 – Graduate Certificate in Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner (Appendix XVI)

Action (Consent): 7.16 – Proposal for Chemical Engineering Emphasis for Chemistry BA/BS (Appendix XVII)


Action (Consent): 7.18 – Sponsored Projects Report - October and November 2014 (Appendix XIX)


Action (Consent): 7.20 – Administrative Reports from the University of Utah to the State Building Board (Appendix XXI)
Action (Consent): 7.21 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Design and Construct a Sidewalk to Allow East/West Pedestrian Traffic on 1st South from the Kennecott Building to Wolcott Street (Appendix XXII)

Action (Consent): 7.22 – Disposition of Donated or Gifted Property – Approval to Sell Property Located at 1085 North Nayon Drive, Unit #6 in Layton, Utah (Appendix XXIII)

Action (Consent): 7.23 – Monthly Comparison (Gifts) Report (Appendix XXIV)

Action (Consent): 7.24 – Naming of Facilities in the College of Law (Appendix XXV)

Action (Consent): 7.25 – Naming of Facilities in the University Dermatology Center (Appendix XXVI)

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 David Burton, second by Julie Barrett. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Julie Barrett, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Christian Gardner, David Huntsman, Michele Mattsson, Cristina Ortega, 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.

ACTION AGENDA

Note – Items 8.01 – 8.02 were voted on as group with results noted under item 8.02

Action 8.01 – Naming of Facilities in the Huntsman Cancer Hospital

Vice President Fred Esplin introduced the naming of the Bonneville Cycling Club Cancer Learning Center Multipurpose Room. The Bonneville Cycling Club, through its Little Red Riding Hood cycling events, has raised funds exceeding $487,000, and the University recommends naming the 6th floor Cancer Learning Center in its honor.

A copy of the proposal is included as Appendix XXVII, respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Action 8.02 – Naming of Facilities in the University Dermatology Center

Vice President Fred Esplin introduced the naming of the L.S. Skaggs Ultraviolet Light Center. The L.S. Skaggs Foundation for Research has made a gift of $150,000 to the Dermatology Center, and the University would like to name the Ultraviolet Light Center in honor of L.S. Skaggs

Vice President Fred Esplin introduced the naming of the John W. Gerwels, M.D. Mohs Surgery Center. The John W. Gerwels Trust has made a gift of $100,000 to the Dermatology Center, and the University would like to name the Mohs Surgery Center waiting room in Dr. Gerwels’ honor.

Motion to approve items 8.01 – 8.02 by David Huntsman, second by Christian Gardner. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Julie Barrett, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Christian Gardner, David Huntsman, Michele Mattsson, Cristina Ortega, Taft Price, and Justin Spangler
A copy of the proposal is included as Appendix XXVIII respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Information 8.01 – Graduate Council Review- Ethnic Studies Third Year Review

Chair Mattson introduced the Graduate Council Review. There were no questions or concerns raised by the Trustees.

Copy of the Graduate Council Review is included as Appendix XXIX, respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting and is 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 10:02 a.m. the January 13, 2015 open meeting of the Board of Trustees voted to adjourn.

The next scheduled meeting will be held February 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, Cristina Ortega, Taft Price, and Justin Spangler

Signed by:

Date approved: 13 January 2015