UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015

TRUSTEES PRESENT
Julie Barrett
David Burton
Phillip W. Clinger (Vice Chair)
Lisa Eccles
Christian Gardner
Ambra Jackson
Michele Mattsson (Chair)
Cristina Ortega
Steven Price
Taft Price

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT
Julie Beynon Business Operations Director, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Arnie B. Combe Vice President, Administrative Services
Debra Daniels Assistant Vice President and Director, Women’s Resource Center
Carla Flynn Associate Vice President, Development
Jeff Herring Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess Chief Information Officer
Chris Hill Special Assistant to the President and Athletic Director
Bill Johnson President, Academic Senate
Vivian Lee Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Dan Lundergan Executive Director, University Hospital Administration
Laura Marks Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Karren Nichols President, University of Utah Staff Council
John Nixon Senior Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer
Maria O’Mara Director, Communications
Mary Parker Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management
Thomas N. Parks Vice President, Research
Robert Payne Associate General Counsel
Mike Perez Associate Vice President, Administrative Services - Facilities
David W. Pershing President
Jason Perry Vice President Government Relations
Annalisa Purser Communications Specialist
Patricia A. Ross Chief Strategy Officer, Secretary to the University
Jeff West Associate Vice President, Administrative Services
Karen West Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees
Alice Whitacre Associate General Counsel
Liz Winter General Counsel

OTHERS
Dan Campbell Chair, Board of Regents
Annie Knox Salt Lake Tribune

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:07 AM in the Alumni House, Burbidge Board Room. Chair Michele Mattsson welcomed Trustees, Regent Dan Campbell and others in attendance. Mattsson excused Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Fred Esplin.
CHAIR’S REPORT

Information: 2.01 – Current Events and Announcements

Chair Michele Mattsson thanked the Trustees for attending the following events:

1) Sill Center Grand Re-Opening
2) Kennecott Dedication
3) Jon M and Karen Huntsman Basketball Facility Opening

Mattson noted the festivities of Homecoming week and invited Trustee Julie Barrett to comment. Julie mentioned the Homecoming week activities went smoothly, were well attended and were capped off by having ESPN Game Day on President’s Circle on Friday and Saturday. Chris Hill, Athletic Director, mentioned we had 500 past athletes return to campus during the week and had most of the 1998 Basketball Hall of Fame team on campus well.

Chair Mattson reminded the Trustees of upcoming travel to the University of Washington on November 6-8. Trustees will have the opportunity to tour of University Washington and attend the Alumni Association tailgate and football game.

Mattson noted Trustee Steve Price was recently named the Utah Developer of the year by the Utah Chapter of NAIOP, which is the Commercial Real Estate Developer Association.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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

President Pershing noted the written report in the agenda materials. The President recognized the recent accomplishment of the University moving up the ladder of university rankings, now at 115 in the nation, according to the latest U.S. News & World Report for America’s Best Colleges. The President also recognized the College of Engineering being named one of the “Top 100 World’s Most Innovative Universities.” The U was ranked #41, according to a new survey by news agency, Thomason Reuters. The new rankings were released in September, based on 10 different metrics, including the publication of scholarly journals and successful patent applications.

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 brought to the attention of the Trustees several events that will occur in the upcoming months.

1. October 28 - 30 – NWCCU Accreditation Campus Visit
2. November 19 - 20 – Fall National Advisory Council meeting

President Pershing also recognized the Bennion Center Legacy of Lowell (Day of Service). More than 600 volunteers had more than two dozen different projects to choose from. Volunteers worked in community gardens, made quilts for refugees and helped organize and stock shelves at Habitat for Humanity’s Re-store. They also weeded flower beds at the Glendale Middle School and conducted soccer clinics for children. During this day of service more than 1,800 hours of service were donated.

President noted the new five-year, $200 million initiative to promote student success presented at the grand reopening of the U’s Sterling Sill Center. The Student Success Initiative announced at the grand reopening is a further extension of the center’s vision and purpose. The $200 million campaign will support projects in three areas of focus:
1. Scholarships and fellowships
2. Living and learning communities
3. Transformative learning experiences

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Report: 4.01 – Fall 2015 Enrollment Report
Mary Parker, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, introduced the fall 2015 enrollment report. Parker began with giving the overall picture of enrollment. She explained that the university’s enrollment is up by .5 percent. It was also noted that both the undergraduate and graduate-level numbers continue to increase. The overall incoming freshmen headcount increased by 8 percent. The under-represented freshmen headcount also continues to increase. This year’s incoming class raised the ACT median to 24.8, the highest on record and the average GPA also raised to 3.59.

Deb Daniels, Assistant Vice President for Women’s Enrollment and Director of Women’s Center, introduced the Women’s Enrollment Initiative. This initiative began in August 2015 looking at recruitment, retention and graduation of women. This initiative is a way to connect women to the university in ways it previously was not able to. A website has been created at www.women.utah.edu to act as a resource for women on campus. Other focuses of this initiative are to help women who are considering leaving campus, helping women find a sense of community on campus and identify available campus resources.

A copy of the report 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 mentioned that Homecoming week coincided with the School of Medicine’s 50th anniversary celebration and reunion. Dr. Lee also noted President Russell M. Nelson was honored at a celebration at the beginning of October for the 60th anniversary of the first open heart surgery in Utah. Dr. Nelson was instrumental in developing the bypass machine used in open heart surgeries.

The School of Medicine student demand continues to grow and applications are up significantly. Last year the School of Medicine received 2,700 applications and this year they have already received 3,700. Dr. Lee attributes the increase in applications to legislative support. Currently 82 percent of the students are Utah residents, either attending a Utah high school or a Utah college. Dr. Lee also noted that clinical volumes are up 16 percent for the first two fiscal months of the year. As final note Dr. Lee recognized Dr. Joshua Schiffman’s, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, research made the cover of Newsweek and was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 6.01 – Academic Senate Report
Bill Johnson, President of the Academic Senate, reported that sixteen committees are now in place and moving forward on initiatives. The committees mentioned were:

1) Learning Outcomes Assessment
2) Faculty Review of Administration
3) Safety of Minors
4) Responsibly Investment and Reinvestment
5) Campus Sexual Assault
GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 7.01 – Minutes of the September 8 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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

Action (Consent): 7.03 – Presidential Professor Recommendation (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 7.04 – Sponsored Projects report (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 7.05 – Report of Investments Portfolio – for the Month of August 2015 (Appendix VI)


Action (Consent): 7.08 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Expand Capacity at the Southeast HPER Chiller Plant Consistent with the Chilled Water Master Plan (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 7.09 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Existing Space in the A. Ray Olpin Union (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 7.10 – Heritage Preserve – Settlement with Adjacent Property Owners & Receipt of Funding for the Heritage Preserve (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 7.11 – Monthly Comparison (Gifts) Report (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 7.12 – Naming of Facilities in the University Dermatology Center (Appendix XIII)

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, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ambra Jackson, Michele Mattsson, Cristina Ortega, Steven Price and Taft Price

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

ACTION

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

Action: 8.01 – Naming of Facilities in the John A. Moran Eye Center
Carla Flynn, Associate Vice President, Development, introduced the naming of the Sharon Eccles Steele Center for Translational Medicine. Sharon Eccles Steele has committed nine million dollars—including seven million in a non-revocable trust—to the John A. Moran Eye Center to support the Center for Translational Medicine. The Center is a coalition of laboratories, pharmaceutical partners, scientific entities, and medical databases, and a portion of the clinical research currently takes place on the second floor of the John A. Moran Eye Center. The University would like to name this coalition in honor of Ms. Eccles Steele.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XIV 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 College of Law**

Carla Flynn, Associate Vice President, Development, introduced the naming of the Robert B. Keiter Conference Room. A group of College of Law donors have made commitments totaling $235,500 in honor of Robert B. Keiter, Director of the Wallace Stegner Center, and the University would like to name a conference room for Director Keiter.

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

**Motion to approve items 8.01 – 8.02 by Christian Gardner, second by Lisa Eccles. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Julie Barrett, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ambra Jackson, Michele Mattsson, Cristina Ortega, Steven Price and Taft Price

**Action 8.03 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Existing Space in the Eccles Critical Care Pavilion**

Dan Lundergan, Executive Director, University Hospital Administration, introduced the proposed Eccles Critical Area Pavilion for the Department of Hospital Administration. The Project will build out the space adjacent to the current MICU (Medical Intensive Care Unit) on Level 4 of the Eccles Critical Care Pavilion. Work includes converting existing office space and gym into eight (8) additional MICU patient rooms, 2 bathrooms, a nurse station, med room, and storage room to support patient care. All new plumbing, electrical, HVAC and architectural modifications will be made to this area. All furnishing and equipment costs are included in the project budget.

The Proposed total project budget is $3,003,945 and will be funded by Hospital funds.

Approval is requested to authorize the University to design, bid, and award a construction contract to complete this project.

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

**Motion to approve items 8.03 by Christian Gardner, second by Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Julie Barrett, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ambra Jackson, Michele Mattsson, Cristina Ortega, Steven Price and Taft Price

**ADJOURN**

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

At 10:14 a.m. the October 13, 2015 open meeting of the Board of Trustees voted to adjourn.
The next scheduled meeting will be held November 10, 2015.

**Motion to approve by Taft Price, second by Lisa Eccles. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Julie Barrett, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ambra Jackson, Michele Mattsson, Cristina Ortega, Steven Price and Taft Price

Signed by: Laura Marks

Date approved: 10 November 2015