UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016

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

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT
Cathy Anderson
Associate Vice President, Budget and Planning
Jake Butterfield
Public Safety
Alberta Comer
Dean, Marriott Library
Fred C. Esplin
Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Jeff Herring
Chief Human Resources Officer
Chris Hill
Special Assistant to the President and Athletic Director
Bill Johnson
President, Academic Senate
Vivian S. Lee
Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Laura Marks
Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Karren Nichols
President, University of Utah Staff Council
John Nixon
Chief Business Officer
Maria O'Mara
Director, Communications
Patricia Morton
Dean, College of Nursing
Michael G. Perez
Associate Vice President, Administrative Service - Facilities
Jason Perry
Vice President Government Relations
David W. Pershing
President
Annalisa Purser
Communication Specialist
Patricia A. Ross
Chief Strategy Officer, Secretary to the University
Barbara H. Snyder
Vice President, Student Affairs
William J. Warren
Chief Marketing and Communications Officer
Ruth V. Watkins
Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Karen West
Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees
Henry White
Dean, College of Science
Liz Winter
Interim Chief General Counsel

OTHERS
Dan Campbell
Chair, Board of Regents
Anthony Fratto
Vice President, Associated Students of the University of Utah
Mike Homer
Honorary Italian Consulate

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:12 AM in the Alumni House, Burbidge Board Room. Chair Michele Mattsson welcomed Trustees, Regent Dan Campbell and others in attendance.

Mattsson thanked those Trustees who were able to attend the memorial service for John Morris, Vice President for General Counsel.
CHAIR’S REPORT

Information: 2.01 – Honorary Degree Recipients

Chair Mattsson announced that the Honors Committee has selected the 2016 Honorary Degree Recipients. Trustee Julie Barrett, chair of the Honors Committee, introduced the proposed slate of recipients which includes Kem C. Gardner (Doctorate of Business), Lynette Nielsen Gay (Doctorate of Humane Letters), Kirk M. Ririe (Doctorate of Science), and George D. Smith (Doctorate of Humanities).


A copy of the press release 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: 2.02 – Current Events and Announcements

Chair Mattsson noted the success of this year’s men’s basketball team and wished them luck in the PAC 12 tournament in Las Vegas this week. Dr. Chris Hill, athletic director, also complimented this year’s men’s basketball team on their success. Sophomore forward Jakob Poeltl was named Pac-12 Conference Player of the Year and senior guard Brandon Taylor was named the league’s Scholar-Athlete of the year.

Trustee Jackson reported on the outcome of the recent Associated Students of the University of Utah (ASUU) student body elections. She announced that Jack Bender will be the new ASUU President with Matt Miller and Jessica Patterson, serving as Vice Presidents. She noted that these individuals have already been very active on campus.

Trustee Jackson also gave an ASUU legislative update. The first resolution passed is an effort to assist our students with mental health. This resolution requests three additional counseling positions be created to assist with crisis situations and help mitigate the wait process for students, which is currently four to six weeks. The next resolution passed was the food pantry. Student leaders within ASUU have been working closely with Dr. Sandi Pershing’s office to create a sustainable effort. Beginning next school year 0.15 percent of the student activity fee will go towards an ongoing effort for the next five years to assist with marketing costs and to relocate the food pantry to a more convenient location. The last resolution passed by ASUU is Indigenous People’s Day. This resolution was created in coordination with ITSA, Inter Tribal Student Association, in an effort to have our campus recognize Columbus Day as Indigenous People’s Day.

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 mentioned that a recent article by TIME Money listed the University as No. 20 in the nation among “great accessible colleges” for science and engineering students. The study considered acceptance and graduation rates, as well as post-graduation annual salaries, in its rankings. President Pershing recognized Barb Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Utah as being the 2016 recipient of the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). This award, named for a past Chair of the NASPA Board of Directors and former Chief Student Affairs Officer at the University of Illinois, honors a NASPA member who has served in leadership roles at the state, regional, national, or international levels of NASPA and who has had, at
minimum, ten continuous years of NASPA membership. The Fred Turner Award is NASPS’s equivalent of a lifetime achievement award.

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.

Information: 3.02 – Current Events

Several in attendance today were able to attend the Founders Day event on March 3rd. President Pershing highlighted the wonderful gift he announced at Founders Day: $4M gift from the Spencer F. and Cleone P. Eccles Family Foundation for the renovation of the Alumni House. When the state-of-the-art facility is completed in fall 2017, it will be named in honor and memory of Cleone Peterson Eccles.

President Pershing mentioned that the legislative session is in its final week and introduced Jason Perry, Vice President of Government Relations, who gave a brief highlight of the happenings over the past few weeks. Vice President Perry noted that the Appropriations Committee passed the following:

- a two percent performance-based compensation increase and an increase for the additional cost of benefits
- $1.2M in one-time funding for Huntsman Cancer Institute
- $1.5M in on-going funding for the University of Utah and Dixie State University Healthcare Partnership Program

The University is hosting the NCAA Regional Gymnastics Tournament on April 2nd. The gymnastics team continues to be successful both in and out of the classroom and the President encouraged the group to attend the meet and support the team.

COLLEGE FOCUS - LIBRARY

Report: 4.01 – Library Presentation

Ruth Watkins, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs introduced Alberta Comer, Dean of Marriott Library. Dean Comer began her presentation with a few statistics about the Marriott Library:

- 2.8 million items in the circulating collection
- 338,000 special collections items
- 6,100 e-journal subscriptions
- 835,000 e-books
- Value of collections $333 million
- 5,000,000 public domain books in HathiTrust
- 1.8 million visitors annually
- 517,000 square feet located on 5 floors

The Marriott library is proud of their active role on campus to help our students succeed. They do this in traditional ways, such as through reference assistance, but also by providing assistance in ways that are more outside the mainstream and tailored for the needs of today’s students. Examples include:

- Family Reading Room – opened in the fall
  - Computers
  - Group study area
- Lactation room
- Child-sized furniture
- Books
- Learning activity toys

- Working collaboratively with multiple campus stakeholders to find solutions for expensive textbooks
- Helping meet the needs of students who cannot afford to buy needed technology
  - 10,000 laptop checkouts in 2015
  - Graphic tablets, chargers, adapters, cables and video cables
- Partnering with Lassonde Center and Entertainment Arts and Engineering to make software available to students

The Marriott Library also works collaboratively with faculty and researchers. A few examples are:

- “Music for Healing” – collaboration between ccMixter.org and Schools of Medicine, Music, Business, and Marriott Library - creation of new collection of music that focuses on healing while also supporting patients and their families.
- Collaborated with Oxford University Press in a groundbreaking project to publish a book both electronically and in print simultaneously.
- Creating a Digital Humanities Center – collaboration with Colleges of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Architecture + Planning.

The Marriott Library is also involved in developing and transferring new knowledge. An example is 3D printing. Dr. Comer gave an example of a doctor at Huntsman Cancer Institute, Paul Tanner, who believes the future of medicine lies with 3D printing. There’s a 4 year old who would agree with that. Kai, who was born without an ear, has had his life dramatically changed by a 3D printer.

There are many things that set the Marriott Library apart from other libraries such as the Special Collections which just received a great new addition, which includes documents signed by Brigham Young and Joseph Smith. These 13 original documents, dating from 1830, are valued at more than $3M, but their historical value to researchers and the community is priceless.

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 Science Report

Senior Vice President Vivian Lee reported about that earlier this month, Health Sciences hosted Vice President Biden as part of his national listening tour. The U.S. Olympic Committee has appointed three doctors to a panel that will provide information to athletes competing at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Brazil regarding the Zika virus. Our own Carrie Byington is one of the three faculty members to serve on the panel. Dr. Lee congratulated the College of Nursing for being ranked #2 for NIH funding grants for 2015, which is a significant jump from their #16 ranking in the previous year.
Report: 5.02 - Academic Affairs Report

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins mentioned tomorrow night, March 9th, the Marriott Library, in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Research, will be hosting a showcase of extraordinary faculty achievement at the Rice-Eccles Stadium. The event will highlight faculty who authored a book, were primary contributors to a creative work, or were the top-funded researchers with their college. On March 7th, both Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins and Vivian Lee were part of the opening of a new center here on campus. The Center for Law and Biomedical Sciences will be hosted in the S.J. Quinney College of Law but will have a campus wide reach.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 6.01 – Academic Senate Report

Bill Johnson, President of the Academic Senate, reported the Senate passed a policy to establish a new committee that is a faculty information technology committee to help Steve Hess, Chief Information Officer, balance the technical information on where to put resources relative to faculty perspectives. The issue of divestment of fossil fuels continues to work its way through the faculty. There were two big events last week to allow individuals to explore the complexities and the actual impacts of the divestments of fossil fuels.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 7.01 – Minutes of the February 9 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 7.02 – Staff Matters (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 7.03 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 7.04 – Monthly Comparison (Gifts) Report (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 7.05 – Naming of Facilities in the College of Law (Appendix VII)


Action (Consent): 7.07 – Administrative Reports from the University of Utah to the State Building Board (Appendix IX)

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 Christian Gardner. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Julie Barrett, David Burton, Phillip W. Clinger, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ambra Jackson, Michele Mattsson, Cristina Ortega, Taft Price and Steve Price

Background materials are included in the Appendix (as noted above) and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.
President Pershing explained that the Board of Regents sets the tier-one tuition for the state's institutions of higher education as an across the board percentage. In addition to this, the tier-two percent is set by each individual institution. He added that since the Board of Regents has yet to set their tuition figure, the University cannot determine an exact tier-two figure at this time but are requesting a final combined figure of an increase of no more than 3.9%. President Pershing went on to state that the University has met with the ASUU leadership which understands the request and students will be informed of the proposed increase at the Truth-in-Tuition meeting held tomorrow afternoon. Trustee Michele Mattsson acknowledged the efforts to keep costs low for students.

The University proposed an increase of $21.35 in student mandatory fees, which includes an increase for the computer fee to fund student labs ($2.50), the library fee ($2.50) to fund research databases, e-journals and technology needs, and the transportation fee ($16.35) to fund the campus shuttle and UTA transit pass. Total fees would increase from $533.64 to $554.00, a four percent increase.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix X 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 by David Burton, second by Cristina Ortega. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Julie Barrett, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, Ambra Jackson, Michele Mattsson, Cristina Ortega, Taft Price and Steve Price

**Action: 8.02 – Differential Tuition – Population Health Sciences Ph.D.**

The Department of Population Health Sciences requested a tuition differential of $150.00 per credit hour, effective fall 2016. With the increase in place, total tuition per semester for a matriculated resident student would be $4,710.40, apart from any changes in the University's general tuition.

The request is based on the need to operate a basic science PhD program without drawing support from the department’s committed operating funds. Without the differential tuition, tuition revenue will be insufficient to cover the cost of operations. The increased revenue would enable the program to cover core expenses and build a small reserve after FY 2023 to compensate for potential loss of income in the future.

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

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

**Action: 8.03 – Differential Tuition – College of Nursing.**

The College of Nursing requested a seven percent tuition increase for all undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs in fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019.

The demand for the degrees and programs offered by the College of Nursing significantly exceeds capacity. This is also true on a state and national level. One hundred twenty eight students are admitted each year to the full-time, traditional Bachelor of Science nursing program. During the application cycle for academic year 2016, the college
denied approximately one hundred students who met minimum qualifications for the program simply because we do not have enough slots.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XII 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 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, Taft Price and Steve Price

Action: 8.04 – Differential Tuition – Undergraduate Science

The College of Science requested a tuition increase of $20 per credit hour for all students taking courses in the College of Science at the undergraduate level of instruction. When implemented, the differential would generate approximately $2,500,000 per year in revenue for the college.

The College of Science impacts students not only majoring in science, but most other majors in STEM disciplines and Health Sciences. The differential plan is very modest and sensitive to maintaining low costs for students. It is designed to ensure continued quality and affordability.

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

**Motion to approve items 8.04 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, Taft Price and Steve Price

**ADJOURN**

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

At 10:17 a.m. the March 8, 2016 open meeting of the Board of Trustees voted to adjourn.

The next scheduled meeting will be held April 12, 2016.

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

Signed by: Laura Marks

Date approved: 12 April 2016