CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 - Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:01AM in the S. J. Quinney College of Law, John J. Flynn Faculty Workshop Room. Chair H. David Burton welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. Chair Burton excused A. Lorris Betz who was unable to attend.
CHAIR’S REPORT

Action 2.01 – Current Events and Announcements

Chair Burton thanked those Trustees who were able to attend the Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital groundbreaking.

Chair Burton noted the following upcoming event:

December 12th – Board of Trustee meeting will be held at the Thomas S. Monson Center, Ivory Ballroom

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 biomedical informatics researcher, Wendy Chapman, was named to the National Academy of Medicine. Wendy Chapman was elected as one of 80 members comprising the 2017 class of Academy. Chapman is one of just five members of the University of Utah Health ever to be elected to the National Academy of Medicine. The President was pleased to announce a generous donation by the Larry H. and Gail Miller Family foundation, which will help fund the “Driving Out Diabetes” initiative. This partnership, with University of Utah Health, will take a multifaceted approach to treating and preventing diabetes in the state of Utah and across the region through education and prevention outreach using innovations in clinical care and cutting-edge research. President Pershing also acknowledged the five University of Utah faculty members who have been recognized as Presidential Scholars, an award that honors the extraordinary research and academic efforts of early to mid-career faculty. Presidential Scholars are:

Brian Codding, Department of Anthropology
Feifei Li, School of Computing and College of Engineering
Karl Schwede, Department of Mathematics
Shima Baradaran Baughman, S. J. Quinney College of Law
Zac Imel, Department of Educational Psychology

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 recognized the recent passing of University of Utah Student, Chen Wei Guo and recognized those who helped out during this difficult time, specifically, Chalmar Swain, Laura Snow, Lori McDonald, Ruth Watkins, and Chief Brophy.

He also noted the following upcoming events:

November 16th – Bob Woodward Event
UNIVERSITY FOCUS

Action 4.01 – University Focus – College of Health

David Perrin, Dean of the College of Health, gave a presentation on the College of Health. The College of Health consists of five departments:

- Department of Health, Kinesiology, and Recreation
- Department of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training
- Department of Nutrition and Integrative Physiology
- Department of Occupational and Recreational Therapies
- Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

The College has 1563 undergraduate students, 365 graduate students and 219 clinical doctoral students and over 1700 non-major students taking classes each semester and 2600 students taking fitness and leisure classes.

The College of Health, with the support of the Sorenson Legacy Foundation, has created a centralized undergraduate student advising center. The center serves over 3500 students and helps students with major exploration, program planning, course information, transfer articulation and graduation.

A major focus of the college has been to increase research funding and create a research office that is directed by Julie Fritts, Associate Dean for Research. The research office has been able to:

- Provide adequate infrastructure and leverage institutional resources
- Attract new faculty with connections to UUHS Research Pillars
- Provide junior faculty mentoring
- Apply differential work assignments
- Build collaborations with partners across the University

In FY 16-17 the College of Health received $3M in grant monies, a 30 percent increase. In FY17 the College saw a 500 percent increase from FY16 of grant submissions, in FY16 federal grant submissions increased from 14 in FY16 to 33 in FY17, and the number of faculty submitting grants increased from 20 in FY16 to 32 in FY17.

The College of Health's goal/vision is to be a nationally-recognized leader in the creation and dissemination of knowledge on health, wellness and rehabilitation. The college has adopted a new phase ‘more health less medicine’ which has become the focus of the college’s research, teaching and service missions.

One of the greatest challenges of the College of Health is that the college is currently housed in eight different locations across campus. The College has been engaged in a building study for the past year to 1.5 years. The College has been working with two foundations with naming opportunities for a new building site which will co-locate four of the five departments within the College of Health.

A copy of the presentation 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.
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS’ REPORTS

Report: 5.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins introduced the fall 2017 enrollment report. Watkins began by giving the overall picture of enrollment. She explained that the university’s enrollment is up by 2.2 percent. It was also noted that both the undergraduate and graduate-level numbers continue to increase. The overall incoming freshmen headcount increased by 5.9 percent. The under-represented freshmen headcount also continues to increase. This year’s incoming class raised the ACT median to 25.3, and for the second year in a row the average GPA was 3.61.

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

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 6.01 – Academic Senate Report

Mardie Clayton gave an overview of the Academic Senate.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 7.01 – Minutes of the October 5 and October 10 Meetings of the Board of Trustees

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

Action (Consent): 7.03 – Graduate Certificate – Leadership, Justice, and Community Practice (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 7.04 – Minor – Digital Photography (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 7.05 – Emphasis – BA/BS Chemistry with Emphasis in Atmospheric and Environmental Chemistry (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 7.06 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 7.07 – Monthly Comparison (Gifts) Report (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 7.08 – University Leases (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 7.09 – Hospital Board Appointments (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 7.10 – Carolyn and Kem Gardner Commons Naming (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 7.11 – Capital Facilities – Approval to Upgrade Space in the University Kids Building, 545 Guardsman Way, for the Division of Student Affairs (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 7.12 – Report of Investments Portfolio – for the Month of September 2017 (Appendix XIV)
Chair Burton 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 Joe Sargetakis, second by Katie Eccles. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Zach Berger, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Anne-Marie Lampropoulos, David Parkin, Steve Price, Joe Sargetakis and Jim Sorenson

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

**ACTION**

Action: 8.01 – Capital Facilities – Approval to Install Canopies and Solar Panels in the Parking Lot North of Merrill Engineering Building

Ken Nye, Deputy Chief of Design and Construction, presented the canopies and solar panel project in the parking lot north of Merrill Engineering Building. The proposed project will build canopies in the parking lot to the north of the Merrill Engineering Building and solar panels on the roof of the canopies. Panels will be installed so they face south toward the Merrill Engineering Building. Power will be distributed underground to the Medical Substation and the switchgear will be behind the berm and screened. The existing light fixtures in the parking lot will be replaced with lighting under the canopies.

The University will enter into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) which will authorize a third party to own and operate the Solar PV system and the University will purchase the power produced which will compensate the third party. The benefit of the PPA approach is that the investor of the PPA would be able to take advantage of substantial tax benefits that are not available to the University as a nonprofit institution. This will then be passed through to the University in rates for the power purchased that are lower than they would be without the tax incentives. The RFP will seek design/build proposals to maximize the electricity generating capacity of a system in this parking lot and is expected to be in the range of two to three MegaWatts. The cost of the canopies and solar PV system is expected to be within the range of $6 to $8 million. The system will be owned, financed, operated, and maintained by the third party.

Approval is requested to authorize the University to enter into contracts to provide for the ownership, financing, design, and construction to complete this project.

Fiscal Note: No additional operating budget or personnel will be required.

Motion to approve item 8.01 by Joe Sargetakis, second by Anne-Marie Lampropoulos. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Zach Berger, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Anne-Marie Lampropoulos, David Parkin, Steve Price, Joe Sargetakis and Jim Sorenson

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

Information: 9.01 – Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Training

Robert Payne, University of Utah Associate General Counsel, presented information from the Open Meeting Act to the Trustees regarding the open meeting law. He stated that, as a public body, whenever the Board does, needs to be made available to the public every time a quorum is present. Mr. Payne reviewed the topics that qualify for a closed session. Robert Payne also reviewed the Conflict of Interest statement the Trustees review and sign each academic year.

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

ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair H. David Burton recommended approval to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 9:12 a.m. the November 14, 2017 adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held December 12, 2017.

Motion to approve by Christian Gardner, second by Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.


Signed by: Laura Marks

Date approved: 12 December 2017