CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:03AM in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Foundation Legacy Board Room. Chair Burton welcomed Trustees, and others in attendance. He excused Anne-Marie Lampropoulos, J. Steve Price and Jim Sorenson who were unable to attend.
CHAIR’S REPORT

Action: 2.01 – Current Events and Announcement

Chair Burton thanked those Trustees who were able to attend the gift announcement of the Huntsman Mental Health Institute.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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

President Watkins referred Trustees to their folders for her report.

President Watkins noted what a remarkable week it was for the University of Utah last week with the announcement of the gift for the Huntsman Mental Health Institute, $2.5M scholarship, the For Utah Scholarship, to help low-income students attend the University of Utah and induction into the Association of American Universities (AAU).

The gift from the Huntsman Foundation will create the Huntsman Mental Health Institute and will enhance the existing University Neuropsychiatric Institute and psychiatry department with a focus on improving public awareness of mental illness, research into genetic causes, and access for college-age and rural patients. This gift is transformative for the university, for the state and can serve as a model for others.

The For Utah Scholarship is for those qualifying incoming freshmen who have a 3.2 high school GPA, are a Utah resident, will be a freshman fall 2020 and qualify for federal financial aid. Qualified students will use grant money and funding from the state Promise Scholarship approved by legislature this past session for the first two years and the University of Utah will step in to pay for years three and four. The hope is that students will finish their degree in four years. No application will be necessary for the program, students will be automatically considered when they apply to the U.

The University of Utah is one of the newest members of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU), which for more than 100 years has recognized the most outstanding academic institutions in the nation. The membership criteria is based on a university’s research funding, and the proportion of faculty elected to the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, the impact of research and scholarship. A current list of members institutions both public and private was provided in the Trustees folders.

AAU requires its members institutions to be engaged at the highest levels of research, scholarship, and education. Our selection as one of AAU’s newest members reflects the excellence the University of Utah has achieved in each of these areas.

Election to the AAU is both prestigious and highly competitive, requiring a significant majority of member institutions—the most accomplished and well recognized universities in North America—to identify us as a peer. Election is based on measurable accomplishments in research and scholarship, impact, and student success. Indicators such as external funding for research, how knowledge generated at the U is used and where U graduates are placed are particularly relevant.
Joining the AAU confirms the quality and caliber of our faculty and staff and the innovative work they are doing to advance knowledge and address grand societal challenges. Membership in the AAU opens new paths for the U to be at the forefront of research, education, programs and policies.

A copy of the items 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.

Action: 3.02 – Current Events

President Watkins noted the upcoming events.

November 14 – Sugar House Health Center Ribbon Cutting
November 20 – 2019 Tanner Lecture – Honoring Maya Lin, Artist, Architect, Environmentalist

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Report: 4.01 – Health Sciences Report

Senior Vice President Michael Good noted the following:

$150 Million Gift for Huntsman Mental Health Institute

- The Huntsman family has pledged $150 million to establish the Huntsman Mental Health Institute. The institute seeks to advance knowledge and relieve suffering through research-informed treatment of mental illness with a strong focus on improving mental health services for college-age adults, increasing access to mental health services in rural communities across Utah, and identifying the genetic underpinnings of mental illness.

Research Milestones

- Scott Langenecker, PhD, professor of Psychiatry, led a study in collaboration with University of Illinois at Chicago that identified brain circuitry differences that might be associated with suicidal behavior and mood disorders. The study, published in Psychological Medicine, provides a promising lead toward tools that can predict which individuals are at the highest risk for suicide. The findings have received coverage in Psych Central, Science Daily, Specialty Medical Dialogues, and News Medical.
- Mark Durham, DMD, assistant professor of Dentistry, is leading an effort to make health care education better, faster, and less expensive using virtual reality. The vision is to build 20 carefully identified modules by next year, a vision that Durham calls “20 in 2020.” BOT members are invited to visit the existing VR modules at the School of Dentistry.

Awards, Grants & Recognition

- Kristen Carroll, MD, professor of orthopedic surgery, was awarded the Sherman S. Coleman, MD, Presidential Endowed Chair in Pediatric Orthopaedics in the Department of Orthopaedics. Carroll is also chief of staff and pediatric orthopedic surgeon at Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- Investigators in the College of Pharmacy have been awarded a $16 million Center of Excellence grant from the National Institutes of Health. The grant supports the Center’s ongoing efforts to
develop antidotes for cyanide poisonings, such as those that might occur due to industrial accidents or terrorism. The initiative co-led by Randall Peterson, PhD, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, involves investigators in pharmacy, School of Medicine and collaborators from Harvard Medical School, Purdue University, University of Colorado, and University of California.

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Report: 4.02 – Academic Affairs Report

Senior Vice President Dan Reed noted the following:

Update on Active Searches
- There are national searches in process for the Executive Director of the Natural History Museum of Utah, a Chief Sustainability Officer, and the Dean for Online Learning and Continuing Education. In addition, a search for the next dean of the College of Education will soon begin.

News Items
- The National Performing Arts Action Association (NPAAA) announced that Christopher Massimine is the recipient of the 2019 Humanitarian of the Year Award. The current managing director of Utah’s Pioneer Theatre Company and immediate past chief executive officer of New York’s National Yiddish Theater, Massimine was the co-founder of the arts activism organization the Immigrant Arts Coalition, held special advisory positions within the New York City and State administrations, where he helped to expand governmental cultural funding and distribution. His role as the executive producer of the Yiddish Fiddler on the Roof run with the National Yiddish Theater has notably contributed to socially impactful awareness campaigns to diffuse anti-Semitism, gun violence, and xenophobia.
- The National Science Foundation has awarded $1,635,591 to scientists from the University of Utah and a collaborator from the University of California, Los Angeles, to research one of the biggest hurdles to quantum computing—the quantum logic units, or “qubits,” that carry information. The award is one of 19 Quantum Idea Incubator grants totaling $32 million funded this year as part of the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Quantum Leap, one of NSF’s “10 Big Ideas” that represent bold, long-term research ideas at the cutting-edge of science and engineering.

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ASUU UPDATE

Report: 5.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Barnes noted the following.

This month the ASUU Presidency has focused heavily on collecting the student voice on the issue of campus safety. Already they have received hundreds of submissions on their ASUU Campus Safety Survey, and are continuing to try and collect even more student opinion on this topic. Student Body
President, AnnaMarie Barnes, has been working on the Chief Safety Officer search committee, bringing the student voice to the process of finding the individual who will be responsible for a wide range of safety issues. President Barnes is also working on several university policy changes regarding mandatory training, student voice in the RPT process, and the university’s consent policy. She has also begun projects targeting transparency in funding and food insecurity on campus.

Vice President of University Relations, Latifa Yaqoobi coordinated with the Dream Center to host an event which supports student immigrants, and members of our campus community with various documentation statuses. She will also be looking into other avenues of support for DACA and undocumented students throughout the rest of the year. VP Yaqoobi is also looking closely at student fees and will be proposing several changes to student fees at the end of the month.

Vice President of Student Relations, Gabe Martinez, hosted the first Student Leadership Council and Student Commission Meetings this month, which brought together student leaders and administrators to discuss issues on campus. VP Martinez is also working on revisions to the Student Code with the new Dean of Students, and collaborating with other student leaders to create a late-night programming series.

As a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and SafeU Month, the Presidency also hosted an Escalation Workshop with the University Counseling Center, which focused on supporting victims and survivors of intimate partner and domestic violence. Additionally, the Presidency is moving forward with mandatory mental health awareness trainings for ASUU leaders, as well as looking at ways to further engage the academic side of campus in the discussion of mental health.

Directors within the ASUU Executive Cabinet have been working on programming and initiatives for the student body regarding civic engagement, equity diversity and inclusion, involvement, and more. The ASUU Government Relations Board hosted its second annual Campaign Carnival, bringing local candidates to campus to interact with our students. They also coordinated with local election authorities to make the Marriott Library a voting location this year. The Diversity Board hosted its annual Cultural Appropriation Event, discussing the importance of cultural sensitivity and respect for cultural symbols and icons. Lastly, the Campus Events Board hosted a screening of the Joker film for students.

Both the Legislative and Executive Branches collaborated with the University Counseling Center to create the interactive Red Flag project drawing attention to healthy relationship and domestic violence.

Lastly, the ASUU Senate has been busy hosting their monthly College Student Council Meetings, and this month the meetings focused specifically on campus safety, giving students further opportunities to communicate their concerns with their ASUU leaders. The ASUU Assembly passed dozens of funding requests for student organizations this month.

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

Report: 7.01 – Academic Senate Report

Academic Senate President Julio Facelli, noted the following:

- The Academic Senate met on November 4th, 2019 in the College of Law Moot Courtroom.
- The Academic Senate received a report from administration. President Watkins highlighted the establishment of the Huntsman Mental Health Institute and further discussed ongoing improvements in campus safety. The acting chief of police introduced his leadership team and discussed how the force is improving process.
- The Senate received an update from the Senate Advisory Committee on Diversity and a progress report from the CIB2 committee.
- The Senate approved an Undergraduate Certificate in Computational Linguistics in the College of Humanities, Department of Linguistics. This certificate addresses an important market demand and has been developed in cooperation with the School of Computing.

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UNIVERSITY FOCUS

Report: 4.01 – University Focus – Enrollment

Senior Vice President Dan Reed introduced the fall 2019 enrollment report. Steve Robinson, Senior Associate Vice President, began by giving the overall picture of enrollment. He explained that the university’s enrollment is down by 0.5 percent. It was also noted that the undergraduate fell by 1.0 percent from last year. The overall incoming first-time freshmen headcount remained flat for fall 2019. The underrepresented freshmen headcount also continues to increase. This year’s incoming class raised the ACT median to 25.8, and the average GPA was 3.66.

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GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 8.01 – Minutes of the October 9, 2019 Meeting of the Trustees

Action (Consent): 8.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 8.03 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 8.05 – University Leases (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 8.06 – Certificate – Computational Linguistics (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 8.07 – Report of Investments Portfolio for the Month of September 2019 (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 8.08 – University of Utah Board of Trustees Bylaws (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 8.09 – Naming of Facility in the J. Willard Marriott Library (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 8.10 – Naming of Facility in the John R. Park Building (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 8.11 – Administrative Reports from the University of Utah to the State Division of Facilities Construction & Marketing (Appendix XVI)

Action (Consent): 8.12 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space in the Olpin Student Union for Union Administration (Appendix XVII)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Randy Shumway, second by Anna Barnes. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: David Burton, Anna Barnes, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, Joe Sargetakis, and Randy Shumway

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

At 10:06 a.m. the November 12, 2019 adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held December 10, 2019.

Motion to approve by David Parkin, second by Joe Sargetakis. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: David Burton, Anna Barnes, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, Joe Sargetakis, and Randy Shumway

Signed by: Laura Snow

Date approved: 10 December 2019