

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2020

TRUSTEES PRESENT

H. David Burton (Chair)  
Christian Gardner (Vice Chair)  
Anna Barnes  
Katie Eccles

David Parkin  
Joe Sargetakis  
Randy Shumway

EXCUSE

Anne-Marie Lampropoulos  
J. Steve Price  
Jim Sorenson

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Brooke Adams	Executive Speech Writer
Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer
Joe Borgenicht	Director, PR Communication, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Robin Burr	Chief Design and Construction Officer
Kerry Case	Chief Sustainability Officer
Jason Cryan	Executive Director, Natural History Museum of Utah
Julio Facelli	President, Academic Senate
Michael Good	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Mark Harlan	Athletic Director
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Sneha K. Kasera	Professor, School of Computing
Ephraim Kum	ASUU President-elect
Courtney McBeth	Special Assistant to the President
Lori McDonald	Vice President for Student Affairs
Chris Nelson	Director, Communications
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Annalisa Purser	Associate Director, Marketing and Communication
Daniel Reed	Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Laura Snow	Chief of Staff and Secretary to the University
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Mary Ann Villarreal	Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Ruth Watkins	President
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Kathy Wilets	Director Media Relations & Content Marketing, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Mark Winter	Assistant Vice President, Budget and Finance
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President, Institutional Advancement

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**CALL TO ORDER**Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 AM 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

Jason Perry, Vice President of Government Relations, provided a brief legislative update on the 2020 session of the Utah Legislature, including the status of key legislation and noted the session will conclude this week.

Action: 2.01 – Current Events and Announcement

Chair Burton announced that the Honors Committee has selected the 2020 Honorary Degree Recipient. Trustee Joe Sargetakis, Chair of the Honors Committee, introduced the proposed recipient Dr. Kristen Ries (Doctorate of Science).

**Motion to approve the Honorary Degree Recipients by Joe Sargetakis, second by Katie Eccles. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: H. David Burton, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Anna Barnes, David Parkin, Joe Sargetakis, Randy Shumway

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.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**Action: 3.01 – Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community, Distinguished Visitors and Research

President Watkins noted the written report included in the agenda materials and also mentioned:

- Undergraduate students from the University of Utah showcased their research for Utah lawmakers and the general public on Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the rotunda at the Utah State Capitol. Research on Capitol Hill, now in its 20th year, gives lawmakers and the public a glimpse of the breadth of research programs at the U and reinforces the value of state-funded higher education. The 26 presenters from the U hail from broad disciplines across campus, including engineering, medicine and social sciences. Project titles include “Daily Experiences of Children with Cancer Reported

Through a Game-Based App,” “Latter-day Saint Women and Wage Labor in the Twentieth Century” and “The Effects of Racial Dissimilarity on Students of Color’s Participation in Groups. Wall Street Journal Ranking – The University of Utah is ranked fourth among the institutions within the PAC12 and 33<sup>rd</sup> among public universities.

- The Green Power Partnership Top 30 College & University ranking, released January, 2020, lists the U as No. 8, with 49% of its energy supplied through geothermal and solar power purchase agreements. The U stands out among those listed for its use of geothermal energy. The Green Power Partnership Program—a voluntary EPA program—encourages green power use to reduce the environmental impacts associated with conventional electricity use. As of Nov. 1, 2019—through a partnership with Utah-based Cyrq Energy and Rocky Mountain Power—a geothermal plant in Nevada now supplies campus with 20 megawatts of geothermal energy and will do so for the next 25 years. With this contract and the power generated by existing on-campus solar projects, the U’s annual green power purchase rises to 161,671,969 kilowatt hours (kWh). This is the equivalent to powering almost 19,000 homes in Utah. This is the first time in its history the University of Utah will receive over half of its electricity from clean renewable sources. Total carbon emissions will be reduced by 23%. AAU – video shown, link to video - <https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/the-aau-and-you/>
- Senior Vice President Mike Good provided a detailed plan of the University’s preparations to response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

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Action: 3.02 – Current Events

President Watkins noted the upcoming event and encouraged trustees to attend:

March 17 – Truth in Tuition Meeting

Action: 3.03 – Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2020 – 2021

President Watkins introduced the proposed tuition increase. The current policy allows the president of each institution, in consultation with their Board of Trustees and student body leadership, to recommend institutional tuition rate adjustments to the Board of Regents. The Regents will approve tuition increases at their meeting on Thursday and Friday, March 26th and 27th. The U’s Truth in Tuition meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th. Our Truth in Tuition presentation will discuss a proposed total tuition increase not to exceed 2.0%.

This increase would be used to provide the 25% contribution to the requested 2.5% USHE compensation increase. When the Legislature provides funds for compensation, the University of Utah must provide 25% of that increase. The initiatives we are looking to invest in include: Safety and Personnel Training. Funds are also needed for strategic equity and merit pay for faculty and staff. Other areas requiring funding include campus safety initiatives and maintenance.

Student Fee Proposal

Anna Barnes presented, representing the Student Fee Committee, and proposed a \$0 increase of in student mandatory fees. This proposal reflects the elimination of one fee and addition of two new fees.

## Requested Student Fee Increases Not Funded

- Study Abroad
- Marriott Library

## New Fees

- Campus Connect - \$.75
- Union Fee - \$2.25

## Student Fee Eliminated

- Colligate Read Fee - \$3.10

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

**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**Report: 4.01 – Health Sciences Report

Senior Vice President Michael Good noted the following:

New Leadership

- Internationally recognized expert on age-related macular degeneration (AMD), Steffen Schmitz-Valckenberg, MD, has joined the John A. Moran Eye Center. At Moran, he is launching an ophthalmic image reading center that will play a key role in taking a new therapy for a prevalent form of AMD into clinical trials.

Research Milestones

- Two collaborative studies between U of U Health and the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System test the effectiveness of emerging digital health tools:
  - A study led by epidemiologist and professor of internal medicine, Matthew Samore, MD, found that pneumonia patients did not benefit from using broad-spectrum antibiotics as an initial form of treatment. The study, published in JAMA International Medicine, received coverage in Medical Xpress, Health News Digest, News Medical, Science Magazine, and Medical Dialogues.
- A study led by Josef Stehlik, MD, MPH, co-chief of the advanced heart failure program at U of U Health, shows that a new wearable sensor that works in conjunction with artificial intelligence technology could help doctors remotely detect critical changes in heart failure in patients days before a health crisis occurs and could prevent hospitalization. Their findings were published in Circulation: Heart Failure, and received coverage in News Medical, Boston

Herald, Becker's Hospital Review, Medical Daily, and Cardiovascular Business.

### Awards, Grants & Recognition

- The School of Dentistry has established its first-ever endowed chairs: The Gordon and Rella Christensen Endowed Chair, and The Ole and Marty Jensen Endowed Chair. Dr. Rena D'Souza—assistant vice president for Academic affairs and Education for Health Sciences, and professor of dental sciences, neurobiology and anatomy, pathology, biomedical engineering, and surgery—is the first chairholder for The Ole and Marty Jensen Endowed Chair. A search committee has been formed to identify the first chairholder for The Gordon and Rella Christensen Endowed Chair.

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### Report: 4.02 – Academic Affairs Report

Dan Reed, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Kerry Case, the new University of Utah Chief Sustainability Officer. Case began her role two weeks ago and comes to the University of Utah from Westminster College serving as Assistant Provost for Integrative Learning.

Senior Vice President Reed introduced Jason Cryan, the new Executive Director of the Natural History Museum of Utah. Cryan began his role two days ago. Previously, Cryan served a deputy director and chief of research and collections at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences.

Senior Vice President Dan Reed noted the following:

### New Items

- On Feb. 24, faculty and deans from the Academic Affairs and Health Sciences campuses gathered at our first 1U4U Symposium to learn about the work of 33 cross-disciplinary research teams. Using nearly \$900,000 in seed grants, the 1U4U initiative (<https://1u4u.utah.edu/>) required applicants to bring together team members from both campuses—architects and physicians; musicians and atmospheric scientists; and geologists and dentists. Projects range from studying the biomechanics of prehistoric footwear to developing personalized playlists for people with epilepsy. Using grants ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000, teams will work for one year before reporting their results.

### Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community

- EAE Rankings - The Entertainment Arts and Engineering Program did well in the Princeton Review's rankings of the Top Gaming Schools in 2020. EAE's graduate program ranked No. 5 in the world overall, and No. 2 in the world among public universities. The undergraduate program moved up three slots to No. 6 this year, and is No. 1 in the world among public universities. See the rankings here: [www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/game-design](http://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/game-design)

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

## ASUU UPDATE

### Report: 5.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Barnes noted the following.

- Student Body President Anna Barnes has been planning several open forums to conclude the 2019 – 2020 administration that will focus on ASUU more broadly, as well as how ASUU spends student fees. She is also continuing to work on outreach and awareness surrounding the 2020 Census, as well as the Vice-Presidential Debate Student Engagement Planning Committee. President Barnes also planned and coordinated Higher Ed Day this month, where student governments across the state lobby for funding and other policy concerning higher education. Roughly 150 students attended and spoke to dozens of individual legislators about campus safety, college accessibility, higher education funding, and hate speech on campuses. Lastly, she will begin working with HR to look at ways to involve more student voice within the hiring process.
- Vice President of Student Relations, Gabe Martinez, in conjunction with the student commission, is exploring ways to integrate first-year students into campus and resource them starting their very first semester. One tool the commission is exploring is a first-year experience course. He is also working to narrow down the applications for the Student Commencement Speaker, as well as working on graduation details such as the 2020 Class Gift and launching a class link competition.
- Vice President of University Relations, Latifa Yaqoobi, has been working on generating more transparency in the student fee proposal and approval process. She is working with AVP Mark Winter to introduce those initiatives. She has also been working to evaluate student fees all year and has finally helped produce a zero-net increase in student fees for the fiscal year 2020 – 2021. She is continuing to work on wellness by hosting additional HIV and STI testing clinics with the Center for Student Wellness. Lastly, she has been working to find more resources for undocumented students and has secured funding relating to that project.
- The ASUU Diversity Board hosted the Conference of Diverse Excellence (CODE) this month, and over 700 students attended the workshops and the keynote. CODE discussed topics ranging from Islamophobia to being a first-generation student, to navigating college as a person of color on a predominately white campus. U-Nights, which is a late-night, collaborative programming series, launched this month and had over 300 students participate, many of whom have not frequently been involved in ASUU or other on-campus activities. Super Tuesday was last week, and the Government Relations Board was able to secure the Marriott Library as a polling location for the first time during a primary election, making civic engagement more accessible to our students. They are working toward having the library designated as a permanent voting center in all general and primary elections.
- Elections have concluded, and the new ASUU Presidency was elected. Ephraim Kum, Ayana Amaechi, and Michelle Valdes will serve as the next President, Vice President of University

Relations, and Vice President of Student Relations, respectively. They will officially take office on April 17th. We are excited for their administration and the change they will generate on campus.

Barnes invited ASUU President-elect Ephraim Kum, to introduced himself to the Trustees.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix VI 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

Academic Senate President Julio Facelli, noted the following:

- The Academic Senate met on March 2nd, 2020, in the College of Law Moot Courtroom.
- As part of the consent calendar, the Senate ratified the actions of the EC reported to the Board of Trustees in the previous meeting:
  - Discontinuation EDD in Parks, Recreation & Tourism
  - Proposal for English BS
  - Teaching Awards: Community Engaged Teaching and Scholarship Award and the John R. Park Teaching Fellowship
- The Senate President presented in the Intent Calendar a proposal to create the Senate Advisory Committee on University Strategic Planning to replace the Senate Advisory Committee on Budget and Planning. The proposal is given in the Appendix.
- The Senate approved
  - Undergraduate Certificate in Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH)
  - Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
  - Dual degree with DNP and Ph.D. in Nursing
  - Graduate Certificate in Water, Sanitation and Health Science
- The Senate received the following reports:
  - Material Science/Metallurgy Collaboration Project
  - Progress in the University of Utah Asia Campus
  - Seven years graduate School review of:
    - School of Architecture
    - Department of Materials Science and Engineering
    - Oncological Science

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

## UNIVERSITY FOCUS

### Report: 7.01 – University Focus – Master of Software Development Program

President Watkins introduced the University Focus presentation, stating this successful new masters' program was developed in response to workforce demands. She praised Dr. Sneha Kasera for his innovation and leadership.

Sneha K. Kasera, Professor, School of Computing presented highlights of the Master of Software Development program. Students within the software development program are placed into cohorts that work closely together and receive hands-on teaching. The curriculum is based on input from research-active faculty who are able to foresee trends and from industry collaborators. This program is 16 months in duration and students earn 40 credit hours. Enrollment has grown from 18 students in 2017 to 35 students in 2019. Students accepted in the program come from diverse backgrounds such as accounting, pharmacy, psychology, and high school teaching to name a few. The class of 2018, 100% of the students found employment in the field and 75% of the class of 2019 found employment prior to graduation.

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

## GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 8.01 – Minutes of the February 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Trustees

Action (Consent): 8.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters and Sabbatical Requests (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 8.03 – Certificate – Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 8.04 – Certificate – Post-Graduate Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 8.05 – Certificate – Graduate Certificate in Water, Sanitation and Health (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 8.06 – Dual Degree – DPN-PhD Dual Degree Program (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 8.07 – Name Change – ENVST Emphases (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 8.08 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 8.09 – Monthly Comparison (Gifts) Report (Appendix XVI)

Action (Consent): 8.10 – University Leases (Appendix XVII)

Action (Consent): 8.11 – Report of Investments Portfolio for the Month of January (Appendix XVIII)

Action (Consent): 8.12 – Investment Compliance Report (Appendix XIX)

Action (Consent): 8.13 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Repair Level 2 of the 525 Plaza Parking Structure for Real Estate Administration (525 East 100 South) (Appendix XX)

Action (Consent): 8.14 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space in the Building 72, Level 2, for the Entertainment Arts Engineering Department (Appendix XXI)

Action (Consent): 8.15 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space on Level 2 of the Huntsman Cancer Hospital for Clinical Staff Education & Pharmacy Administration (Appendix XXII)

Action (Consent): 8.16 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Suite 206 in the Park Building for the VP of Student Affairs (Appendix XXIII)

Action (Consent): 8.17 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Provide Aesthetic Upgrades in the University Hospital, Phase 6, for Hospital Administration (Appendix XXIV)

Action (Consent): 8.18 – Naming of Facility in Kahlert Village (Appendix XXV)

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

### **ACTION AGENDA**

Action: 9.01 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space in the Eccles Broadcast Center for the Utah Education Network

Robin Burr, Chief Design and Construction Officer, presented the Eccles Broadcast Center remodel project.

The proposed project will remodel existing interior space located on the Garden Level of the Eccles Broadcast Center. The project will result in a new layout that will promote efficiency for the end users by incorporating modern technology and flexible workspaces in a refreshed modern interior. Resulting spaces include private offices, conference rooms, break room, open work areas (workstations) and reception space. Planned improvements include new walls, doors, raised access flooring, cabinetry and interior finishes. New systems will include mechanical and plumbing, electrical, fire protection, security and IT systems.

The proposed total project budget is \$1,101,091 and will be funded by Department funds.

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

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

**Motion to approve the 9.01 by Christian Gardner, second by Joe Sargetakis. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: H. David Burton, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Anna Barnes, David Parkin, Joe Sargetakis, Randy Shumway

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

Action: 9.02 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space in HPER East and West for the College of Health

Robin Burr, Chief Design and Construction Officer, presented the HPER East and West remodel project.

The proposed project will remodel space for new faculty members to provide lab/classroom space. HPER West will consist of remodeling a portion of the Women's locker room into a classroom and lab space with an office suite. New construction of walls, doors and finishes are included. Work in HPER East will be limited to constructing new floors in the four remaining racquetball courts. New mechanical and electrical services added in preparation for future building out of this space.

The proposed total project budget is \$1,727,036 and will be funded with \$1,200,386 of Department and institutional funds along with \$526,651 of state capital improvement funds.

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

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

Trustee Eccles raised questions about the project, suggesting additional due diligence by the University. Robin Burr, Mark Harlan and Mike Good agreed to meet to resolve details. It was recommended this agenda item be deferred for action at the March 20, 2020 meeting..

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

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

Information: 10.01 – Graduate Council Review – Architecture

Information: 10.02 – Graduate Council Review – Materials Science and Engineering

Information: 10.01 – Graduate Council Review – Oncological Sciences

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

A copy of the Graduate Council Review is included as Appendix XXVIII - XXX respectively, 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 10:52 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held April 14, 2020.

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

Signed by: Laura Snow

Date approved: 14 April 2020