

SPECIAL MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 8, 2007

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held as a Telephone Conference Call at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Richard L. Shipley | Chairman |
| R. Brent Nyman | Vice Chairman |
| Robert L. Foley | |
| Douglas S. Foxley | |
| David Johnson III | |
| Richard L. Nelson | |
| Suzanne Pierce-Moore | |
| Noah A. Riley | |
| Kellie S. Wood | |

MEMBER EXCUSED

David P. Cook

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

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| Stan L. Albrecht | President |
| Mira G. Thatcher | Secretary |

Chairman Shipley conducted the meeting.

I. Appointment of Philip L. Barlow as the Leonard B. Arrington Chair of Mormon History and Culture

President Albrecht recommended the appointment of Dr. Phillip L. Barlow as Leonard B. Arrington Chair of Mormon History and Culture at USU.

President Albrecht said Dr. Barlow is a tenured professor of Theological Studies at Hanover College in Indiana. He is one of the outstanding scholars in Mormon history and culture. He has received many awards and written several books, including *Mormons and the Bible: The Place of the Latter-day Saints in American Religion*, published by N.Y. Oxford University Press; *New Historical Atlas of Religion in America*, published by the Oxford University Press; and *Religion and Public Life in the Midwest: America's Common Denominator*.

President Albrecht indicated that Dr. Barlow is President of the Mormon History Association. He is a renowned scholar, and USU is fortunate that he has accepted this position at USU.

(See action below.)

II. Appointment of Mary S. Hubbard as Professor of Geology and Dean of the College of Science

President Albrecht recommended the appointment of Dr. Mary S. Hubbard as Professor of Geology and Dean of the College of Science. President Albrecht said that the pool of candidates for this position was impressive. Four finalists for the position came to campus, and Dr. Hubbard emerged as the lead candidate.

Dr. Hubbard is currently Head of the Department of Geology at Kansas State University. She was a post-doctoral fellow in Zurich, Switzerland. She has received several national and international awards. She will be an outstanding dean of the College of Science.

Trustee Nyman asked if salaries offered were commensurate with the others in their positions. President Albrecht said that the salary offered Dr. Hubbard is mid-range compared to the deans. Dr. Barlow's salary is consistent with salaries of some of the directors and identical to the salary of Dr. Charles S. Prebish, the Redd Chair of Religious Studies.

Trustee Foley asked if Dr. Hubbard is supportive of the regional campus effort. President Albrecht said that she has a background in geology which adds to her excitement about the opportunities at the Uintah Basin to expand. She is very supportive.

Chairman Shipley said that both of these individuals are remarkable candidates for these positions.

Action: Trustee Foxley moved approval of Phillip L. Barlow as the Leonard B. Arrington Chair of Mormon History and Culture, and the position for Mary S. Hubbard as Professor of Geology and Dean of the College of Science should she accept the offer. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

III. Schedule for Events to be Held March 2, 2007

President Albrecht proposed the following schedule for events for the Trustees on March 2: Executive Session at 10:30 a.m., Regular Meeting at 11:00 a.m., lunch at noon, groundbreaking for the Engineering Building at 2:00 p.m., and Founder's Day events beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Shipley said this will be an exciting day for USU. Following the Founder's Day dinner USU's capital campaign kickoff will be announced. President Albrecht said that following the dinner the students will join guests for the capital campaign announcement, fireworks, and dancing.

IV. Legislative Update

President Albrecht reported that H.B. 185, Higher Education Partnerships Appropriation, which is sponsored by Representative Gordon Snow and will appropriate \$7.1 million to USU for programs at regional campuses and partnerships with Weber State, Snow College, and CEU; was presented to the House Education Committee earlier that day. It received a unanimous vote of support. President Albrecht said there is a lot of enthusiasm for this bill, and he expressed appreciation to everyone who has helped in support of this project.

V. New Athlete Recruits

Trustee Nyman said reports indicate that USU has recruited good players, including twenty-four Freshmen. He said many of the recruits are from Utah. President Albrecht agreed that it is a good group of recruits.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.


Richard L. Shipley, Chairman


Mira G. Thatcher

March 2, 2007
Date Approved