# REGULAR MEETING UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD AS A TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OLD MAIN, ROOM 136 APRIL 6, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held as a telephone conference call at 10:03 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald W. Jibson Chair (by telephone)

Scott R. Watterson Vice Chair (by telephone)

Lody K. Burnett (by telephone)

Jody K. Burnett (by telephone) Robert L. Foley (by telephone) Mark K. Holland (by telephone)

Erik D. Mikkelsen

J. Scott Nixon (by telephone) Suzanne Pierce-Moore (by telephone)

# **MEMBER EXCUSED**

Douglas S. Foxley Susan D. Johnson Frank Peczuh, Jr.

# UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht President

Raymond T. Coward Executive Vice President and Provost

Mark McLellan Vice President for Research

James D. Morales

Vice President for Student Services

Joe Peterson

Chancellor of USU-CEU (by telephone)

William Jensen, Jr. President of the Professional Employees Association

Sydney M. Peterson Chief of Staff and Board of Trustees Secretary

Craig J. Simper General Counsel

Mira G. Thatcher Secretary

Taci Watterson President of the Classified Employees Association

# **OTHERS PRESENT**

Teresa Theurer

Utah State Board of Regents

Chair Jibson conducted the meeting and welcomed those present. He excused Trustees Foley, Johnson, and Peczuh.

# I. Chairman's Report

#### A. Date of the Next Board of Trustees Meetings

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Friday, May 4, 2012, in conjunction with commencement.

## B. Commencement

Eric Greitens, humanitarian, author, documentary photographer, and Navy SEAL, will be this year's commencement speaker. President Albrecht expressed appreciation to the Trustees for their help in the selection of the commencement speaker and recipients of honorary degrees. He said there has been positive feedback and enthusiasm about the choice for commencement speaker. Chair Jibson said Mr. Greitens is impressive, and Trustee Mikkelsen stated that the students are excited to hear him speak.

# II. Consent Agenda

Trustees were given the following consent agenda material for their consideration:

Minutes of the Executive Session Held on March 2, 2012

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Executive Session to be held on May 4, 2012, to discuss those items which are permitted by law to be discussed in Executive Session.

<u>Action</u>: Trustee Foley moved approval of the Consent Agenda items, and Trustee Mikkelsen seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

# III. Action Agenda

## A. Tenure and Promotion Decisions 2012

Trustees received materials for Tenure and Promotion decisions for 2012 (Appendix A). Provost Coward indicated that this year, 16% of nominees for tenure and promotion are from Regional Campuses and Distance Education, and he said that as the development of Regional Campuses progresses, the percent will increase even more.

Vice President McLellan was a member of the committee that considered tenure and promotion nominees. He stated that great care was taken to ensure that all packages were thoroughly reviewed, and there were in-depth discussions. He said that due diligence was implemented by the central committee as it considered the nominee packages.

Provost Coward asked for Trustee approval of the 43 nominees considered for promotion and tenure.

<u>Action</u>: Trustee Pierce-Moore moved approval of Resolution 12-4-1 Promotion and Tenure Decisions for 2012, and Trustee Burnett seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

<u>Action</u>: Trustee Foley made a motion that the meeting adjourn, and Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.	
Ronald W. Jibson, Chair	Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary (Minutes taken by Mira G. Thatcher)
Date Approved	