

REGULAR MEETING  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD AS A TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
OLD MAIN, ROOM 136  
JUNE 29, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held as a telephone conference call at 10:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald W. Jibson	Chair (by telephone)
Scott R. Watterson	Vice Chair (by telephone)
Robert L. Foley	(by telephone)
Douglas S. Foxley	(by telephone)
Susan D. Johnson	(by telephone)
Erik D. Mikkelsen	(by telephone)
J. Scott Nixon	(by telephone)
Frank Peczuh, Jr.	(by telephone)
Suzanne Pierce-Moore	(by telephone)

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jody K Burnett  
Mark K. Holland

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht	President
Noelle E. Cockett	Vice President and Dean for Extension and Agriculture
James D. Morales	Vice President for Student Services
Joe Peterson	Chancellor of USU-CEU (by telephone)
Neil Abercrombie	Director of Federal and State Relations
John Allen	Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Leon Anderson	Head of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology
Dwight Davis	Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services
Christine Hailey	Senior Associate Dean of the College of Engineering
Charles Hawkins	Interim Head of the Department of Watershed Sciences
Scott Henrie	Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, USU Eastern (by telephone)

Paul Jakus	Head of the Department of Applied Economics
William Jensen, Jr.	President of the Professional Employees Association
Michelle B. Larson	Vice Provost
David Liddell	Head of the Department of Geology
James MacMahon	Dean of the College of Science
Sydney M. Peterson	Chief of Staff and Board of Trustees Secretary
Craig J. Simper	General Counsel
Mira G. Thatcher	Secretary
Tim Vitale	Interim Executive Director of Public Relations and Marketing

OTHERS PRESENT

Teresa Theurer                      Utah State Board of Regents

Chair Jibson conducted the meeting and welcomed those present including Chancellor Joe Peterson (by telephone), and Regent Teresa Theurer (Logan campus). He excused Trustees Burnett and Holland, Vice Presidents Cowley and McClellan, and Faculty Senate President Glen McEvoy.

Chair Jibson indicated that the term of office has concluded for Bill Jensen, Jr., President of the Professional Employees Association. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Jensen for his contributions.

I. Chairman=s Report

A. Trustees Workshop

Chair Jibson indicated that the Trustees Workshop will be held on July 27, 2012, at the Utah Botanical Center in Kaysville.

B. Date of the Next Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Friday, July 27, 2012, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees Workshop.

C. Proposed Change of Date for the November Trustees Meeting

Trustees were asked to respond to Sydney Peterson concerning changing the date of the November Trustees meetings from November 9 to November 2.

## II. President's Report

### A. Recent Events

1. Board of Regents at Snow College, May 18, 2012
2. Keynote at 2012 NACDEP (National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals) Conference - Park City, May 20, 2012
3. Governor's Education Excellence Commission, May 22, 2012
4. Caine College of the Arts Concert and Reception - Washington, DC, May 27, 2012
5. Mountain West Summer Board of Directors Meetings – La Jolla, California, June 3-5, 2012
6. Sunrise Session, Presenter Vonda Jump, June 8, 2012
7. Utah Business Magazine Education Roundtable – Salt Lake City, June 13, 2012
8. WAC Board of Directors Teleconference, June 12, 2012
9. Keynote at Multi-Campus Strategies University System Summit - Park City, June 13-14, 2012
10. Regents Spring Review of President Albrecht – Salt Lake City, June 14, 2012
11. Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield Community Board Meeting, June 14, 2012
12. Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) Commissioner Candidates – Salt Lake City, June 20, 2012
13. Association of Public Land-Grant Universities Board of Directors and APLU Convocation Celebrating the Morrill Act – Washington, DC, June 24-27, 2012
14. USU Board of Trustees Teleconference, June 29, 2012

### B. Upcoming Events

1. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Summer Board Meetings – Portland, Oregon, July 8-11, 2012
2. State Board of Regents Retreat and Meetings – Southern Utah University, July 12-13, 2012
3. Governor's Education Excellence Commission – Salt Lake City, July 17, 2012
4. USU Board of Trustees Workshop – USU Botanical Center, July 27, 2012

### C. Association of Public Land-Grant Universities Board of Directors and APLU Convocation

President Albrecht reported that he recently attended the Association of Public Land-Grant Universities Board of Directors meetings and APLU Convocation in Washington D.C., which focused on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Lincoln signing the Morrill Act. He said there were excellent speakers. The common theme was to recommit ourselves to the values reflected in the Morrill Act. It was defined as the most important legislation passed by the U.S. Congress, rivaled only by the GI Bill passed after World War II. Prior to 1862, higher education was largely private and

very expensive, thus denying access to higher education by the working class. The Morrill Act was first passed in 1858, but was vetoed by President Buchanan. It came before Congress again in 1862, and was signed by President Lincoln, and it changed public access to education. President Albrecht stated that we currently see a loss of commitment and recognition of the public good that comes from higher education. All who attended the meetings had renewed commitment to the values of access to higher education and the opportunities it provides.

D. Mountain West Conference

Chair Jibson congratulated USU on the success of being included in the Mountain West Conference. He said it received good media coverage.

III. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the Executive Session Held on May 4, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on May 4, 2012

Resolution 12-6-1 Faculty and Staff Adjustments (Appendix A)

Resolution 12-6-2 Certificate of the Treasurer for March 2012 (Appendix B)

Resolution 12-6-3 Certificate of the Treasurer April 2012 (Appendix C)

Resolution 12-6-4 Report of Investments for March 2012 (Appendix D)

Resolution 12-6-5 Report of Investments for April 2012 (Appendix E)

Resolution 12-6-6 Delegation/Administrative Reports for April 13, 2012, to May 18, 2012 (Appendix F)

Resolution 12-6-7 Authorization to Act in Capacity of Vice President for Business and Finance and Public Treasurer (Appendix G)

Resolution 12-6-8 Revise Policy 307 of the USU Policy Manual – Conflicts of Interest (Appendix H)

Resolution 12-6-9 Revise Policy 350 of the USU Policy Manual – Education Benefits (Appendix I)

Resolution 12-6-10 Revise Policy 357 of the US Policy Manual – Long-Term Disability (LTD) (Appendix J)

Resolution 12-6-11 Revise Policy 369 of the USU Policy Manual – Organ Donor Leave (Appendix K)

Resolution 12-6-12 Capital Development Priority List for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (Request to the Board of Regents) (Appendix L)

Resolution 12-6-13 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for March 2012 (Appendix M)

Resolution 12-6-14 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for April 2012 (Appendix N)

Executive Session to be held on July 27, 2012, or November 2, 2012, or November 9, 2012, to discuss those items which are permitted by law to be discussed in Executive Session.

Action: Trustee Foxley moved approval of the Consent Agenda items, and Trustee Foley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

#### IV. Action Agenda

A. Proposal from the Department of Geology, College of Science, and the Department of Watershed Sciences, College of Natural Resources, to add a “Geomorphology and Earth Surface Processes” Specialization to their Respective MS and PhD Degrees in Geology and Watershed Sciences

Vice Provost Michelle Larson stated that the Department of Geology and the Department of Watershed Sciences propose adding a specialization to their Masters and PhD degrees in their respective departments. Their faculty have expertise in this area, they work together across colleges and departments, and they want to provide a resource for graduate students to specialize and have it noted on their graduation degrees. They have developed an interdisciplinary perspective amongst students which will be helpful in the workforce. It allows them to appreciate the challenges and solutions that can be proposed across disciplines.

Action: Trustee Foxley moved approval of Resolution 12-6-15 the proposal from the Department of Geology, College of Science, and the Department of Watershed Sciences, College of Natural Resources, to add a “Geomorphology and Earth Surface Processes” specialization to their respective MS and PhD degrees in Geology and Watershed Sciences (Appendix O). Trustee Watterson seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

B. Proposal from the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, to offer a Minor in Criminal Justice

Vice Provost Larson indicated that the proposal from the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology to offer a minor in Criminal Justice is a product of the partnership between USU-Eastern and USU. The Criminal Justice program was in existence at USU-Eastern prior to the merger and is represented by strength of faculty there. This brings a minor that can be offered to all students in the USU system.

Chair Jibson asked what resources were required to expand the Criminal Justice program to the entire University. Department Head, Leon Anderson, stated that one of the advantages of this minor is the availability of qualified faculty in Criminal Justice at the USU-Eastern campus as well as faculty in the Department of Sociology at the Logan campus. Some courses will be broadcast, and on-line technology will be used for instructional delivery as well. Much of the instructional costs will be absorbed by student enrollment in the departments. Regional Campus and Distance Education (RCDE) has offered to provide additional funding for courses offered at the USU-Eastern campus and Sociology courses from the Logan campus.

Department Head Anderson reported that 50 students have already shown interest in taking the courses, even before the program has been officially announced. He said that within a couple of years, enrollment is expected to be at 200. Students from Sociology will benefit, and it will also be a valuable minor for students in Psychology, Family Studies, and Education.

Chair Jibson said the proposed Criminal Justice minor is an example of the synergy created as a result of the merger of the College of Eastern Utah and USU, and expressed congratulations for providing this program.

Action: Trustee Pierce-Moore moved approval of Resolution 12-6-16 the proposal from the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, to offer a minor in Criminal Justice (Appendix P). Trustee Johnson seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

C. Proposal from the College of Engineering to Establish the *Center for Engineering Education Research*

Vice Provost Larson stated that the proposal from the College of Engineering to establish the *Center for Engineering Education Research* builds on a decade of success in Engineering Education. It will build on the PhD program they offer, which is one of very few in the country. The Center will focus on Engineering Education at the higher education level, taking into consideration best practices for teaching engineers in college classrooms.

She stated that there have been discussions concerning the need for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. The College of Engineering is responding to that goal and working with the faculty who are experts in Engineering Education to bring this Center to fruition.

Chair Jibson expressed congratulations for establishing the *Center for Engineering Education Research*, and noted its importance in connection with STEM programs.

Action: Trustee Thrapp moved approval of Resolution 12-6-17 the proposal to establish the *Center for Engineering Education Research Center* (Appendix Q), and Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

D. Proposal to establish the *Center for Society, Economics and Environment (CSEE)*

Vice Provost Larson stated that establishing the *Center for Society, Economics and Environment* was a collaboration across the entire University and particularly three colleges. The Center will help strengthen social science and human environment interaction. The purpose of the Center is to provide an information and research resource for the community, the region, and the nation. It is a contact point at USU for agencies and communities dealing with social science and human environment interaction. It will demonstrate how our work interfaces with society.

Trustee Pierce-Moore asked how students would be informed that the Center is available. Paul Jakus, Head of the Department of Applied Economics, stated that a web site is being designed. They are working with the USU Library to take advantage of the digital commons for a permanent repository deposit for past and future research. They have funding from the Agricultural Experiment Station and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to meet with federal and state government agencies throughout the state to inform them about the Center.

Vice Provost Larson explained that digital commons is a repository which provides public access to the research of our faculty. Digital commons clears copyrights and provides that product free to anyone.

Department Head Jakus stated that this is an outgrowth of the former Economic Research Institute in the old Department of Economics. He said the entire series is being digitized and added to the system. The Center will open with a historical base of research conducted at USU.

Action: Trustee Watterson moved approval of Resolution 12-6-18 the proposal to establish the *Center for Society, Economics and Environment (CSEE)* (Appendix R), and Trustee Peczuh seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

E. Proposal from Utah State University Research Foundation (USURF) to Re-appoint Research Foundation Board Members

President Albrecht said there could be as many as four members of the USU Research Foundation Board of Trustees whose terms expire in the next six months. It is recommended that Dean H. Scott Hinton and Dr. David A. Bell be reappointed for an additional three years each. These two members bring areas of expertise to the Board which are important, and re-appointing them will help with continuity.

He said there has been some discussion concerning downsizing the Board, and rather than replacing four members, they may replace two or three members. President Albrecht indicated that the Board will lose a significant part of the Washington, D.C. presence, and candidates are being vetted to help fill that role.

Action: Trustee Nixon moved approval of Resolution 12-6-19 the proposal from the Utah State University Research Foundation (USURF) to re-appoint Research Foundation Board Members (Appendix S). Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

F. Proposal to Approve USU Eastern Blanding Campus Student Multi-Purpose Recreational Court

Associate Vice President Dwight Davis stated that a 75-unit residence hall is being constructed on the San Jaun campus in Blanding. For some time, the students in that area have requested a recreational facility. There are currently no similar recreation facilities proximate to the Blanding campus. By building these two facilities at the same time, we will be able to recognize some economies of scale. Over the past few years, the students have raised over \$200,000 for a recreation facility.

The proposed student multi-purpose recreational court will include an indoor recreation court with a full-size basketball and volleyball court which can be used in winter and summer, and for student events.

Associate Vice President Davis indicated that there are two phases – the construction phase and the funding phase. The proposal brought to the Trustees is for the construction phase and requires approval also from the Board of Regents and State Building Board. The funding phase will need to be approved by students at the Blanding campus, and that will take place fall semester.



The recreation court is a relatively small project, and funding will be through an internal loan that will be re-paid by student fees. Associate Vice President Davis said the cost of the recreation court project was listed at \$625,000. He met with

the project manager, and if additional options are added, the cost could be more than \$800,000.

Chancellor Peterson added that the Blanding campus is popular with the Native American students in Blanding, and the lack of housing has been problematic. He said that since his appointment, he has been constantly lobbied by students to move forward with recreation facilities. He feels certain the students will approve the student fees. Chair Jibson stated that the \$200,000 already raised by students is indicative of their support.

Action: Trustee Foley moved approval of Resolution 12-6-20 the proposal to approve USU Eastern Blanding Campus Student Multi-Purpose Recreational Court (Appendix T). Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Trustee Watterson asked if exercise equipment would be provided in the building. Associate Vice President Davis said exercise equipment will be available in the student housing unit. It could be included in the recreation court as an additional option which will be considered. Most of the students want a large facility where they can play basketball, volley ball, and other sports.

G. Proposed Amendments to the Utah State University Policy Manual, Sections 405.7.2 and 4.5.8.3, Procedures Specific to the Tenure Process, External Peer Reviews

Vice Provost Larson stated that the proposed changes to the Faculty Code are specific to the tenure and promotion process in order to bring it more up-to-date with an academic strength at USU – the variety in faculty. She said USU has faculty whose role statements are primarily research, others whose are primarily teaching, and faculty whose role statements are primarily career and technical education. The role statements allow us to take advantage of faculty strengths and help to make USU a comprehensive research university. The previous Code language required external reviewers to review the faculty member on research, whether or not research was the primary area of emphasis. The amendments change the language to ask external reviewers to review faculty members being recommended for promotion and tenure on their primary area of emphasis – research, teaching, career and technical education, extension, or librarianship.

She stated that language is also added to allow external reviewers to comment on the secondary area of emphasis. This allows us to take advantage of the strengths of faculty.

Action: Trustee Pierce-Moore moved approval of Resolution 12-6-21 the proposed amendments to the Utah State University Policy manual, Sections 405.7.2 and 4.5.8.3, Procedures Specific to the Tenure Process, External Reviews (Appendix U). Trustee Foley seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Action: Trustee Foxley moved that the meeting adjourn, and Trustee Foley seconded the motion.

Chair Jibson expressed appreciation to those who participated in the meeting and expressed congratulations for those items which were approved.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Ronald W. Jibson, Chair

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Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary  
(Minutes Taken by Mira G. Thatcher)

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Date Approved