

REGULAR MEETING
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 2, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees, 10:28 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald J. Jibson	Chair
Scott R. Watterson	Vice Chair
Jody K. Burnett	
Robert L. Foley	
Mark K. Holland	
Susan D. Johnson	by phone
J. Scott Nixon	
Frank Peczuh, Jr.	
Suzanne Pierce-Moore	
Christian S. Thrapp	

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Douglas S. Foxley

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht	President
Raymond T. Coward	Executive Vice President and Provost
Robert T. Behunin	Vice President for Commercialization and Regional Development
Mark R. McLellan	Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies
James D. Morales	Vice President for Student Services
Neil Abercrombie	Director of Federal and State Relations
Jodi Bailey	Chief Audit Executive
Scott Barnes	Director of Athletics
Renee Galliher	President of Faculty Senate
Corey Mikkelsen	Associate Director of Recruitment
John Mortensen	Assistant VP for Enrollment Services and Retention
Eric Olsen	Associate Vice President for Student Services
Sydney M. Peterson	Chief of Staff and Board of Trustees Secretary
Craig J. Simper	General Counsel
Tim Vitale	Executive Director of Public Relations and Marketing
Taci Watterson-Balls	President of the Classified Employees Association
Craig Whyte	President of the Professional Employees Association

OTHERS PRESENT

Jed Pitcher

Utah State Board of Regents

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA PRESENT

Jera Wood

The Utah Statesman

Chair Jibson conducted the meeting and welcomed those present including Regent Pitcher, faculty and staff representatives, and members of the press.

I. Chairman's Report

A. Report by ASUSU President, Christian S. Thrapp

Trustee Thrapp reported on the following (see Appendix EE):

- The students are excited and continue to use the Aggie Legacy Fields from the early morning to late at night.
- The students are excited about the Aggie Life and Wellness Center that will be coming in a couple of years.
- The Government Relations Council had a lot of success in getting students registered to vote. USU had the most students in the state register.
- Students are gearing up for the Education First drive that shows legislators that USU students care about their education. They are committed to graduate and be part of the 66% in Governor Herbert's education campaign.
- The Howl is the largest Halloween event in the state. It was a successful event.

B. Report by Alumni Associate President, Jody K. Burnett

Trustee Burnett reported on the following Alumni Association items (see Appendix DD):

- There was excellent attendance at all of the Homecoming events. This was the most successful Homecoming he remembers. The Alumni Association honored the Alumni of the Year, Paul and Sylvia Jones; Young Alumnus of the Year, Tamara Mumford; and Grand Marshall, Kevin Curtis.
- November 3 is the Alumni Hall of Honor. Honorees include Brett Bills, Scott Bills, Larry and Linda Crandall and MerLynn Pitcher.

C. Report on Audit Committee Meeting held November 2, 2012

Chair of the Audit Committee, Trustee Foley, reported that the Committee met and

discussed internal controls and how they are being adjusted and enhanced. The Committee received a preliminary report of the external audit which indicated there were no findings. The minutes of the May 4, 2012 Audit Committee Meeting were approved (Appendix A).

D. Report on Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee Meeting held November 2, 2012

Chair of the Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee, Trustee Pierce-Moore, reported that the Committee has moved up the nomination deadline so there is more time to contact honorees. The Committee will be meeting soon and will bring nominations to the next Trustees meeting.

E. Date of the next Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Friday, January 4, 2013 on campus.

II. President's Report

A. Student Resolution of Commendation for Kyle Niedrich

Trustee Thrapp read the Student Resolution of Commendation for Kyle Niedrich, who is preparing to graduate in Human Movement Science with an emphasis in Exercise Science and a minor in Chemistry (Appendix B). Chair Jibson stated that Kyle will represent himself, Utah State University, and his family in an extremely positive way in the future.

B. Recent Events

1. Governor's Education Excellence Commission – Salt Lake City, July 31, 2012
2. NCAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings – Indianapolis, August 1-2, 2012
3. K-16 Alliance, August 8, 2012
4. USU Community Associates, August 8, 2012
5. Regent Dan Campbell, Visit to USU, August 9, 2012
6. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Reception at the Home, August 10, 2012
7. Remarks at Department Head Retreat, August 13, 2012
8. Remarks at RCDE/USU Eastern Faculty Retreat, August 14, 2012
9. Remarks at New Faculty Teaching Academy, August 14, 2012
10. RCDE Faculty Retreat Dinner at the Home, August 14, 2012
11. Presidents/Commissioner Retreat – Salt Lake City, August 15, 2012
12. Touchdown Club BBQ, August 15, 2012
13. Higher Education Appropriations Meeting – Salt Lake City, August 16, 2012
14. Remarks at RCDE Student Government Leaders Breakfast, August 17, 2012
15. Council of Presidents – Salt Lake City, August 28, 2012
16. New Faculty Orientation Reception at the Home, August 29, 2012
17. Football – Southern Utah University at USU, August 30, 2012

18. Religion in Life, September 7, 2012
19. Football – Utah at USU, September 7, 2012
20. Athletic Hall of Fame, September 8, 2012
21. USU Presidential Doctoral Research Fellows Dinner at the Home, September 12, 2012
22. Board of Regents Dinner at the Home, September 13, 2012
23. Huntsman School of Business Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet, September 13, 2012
24. Board of Regents at USU, September 14, 2012
25. Football – USU at Wisconsin, September 15, 2012
26. Legislative Meetings – Washington, DC, September 17, 2012
27. Armenian/Dominican Republic Reception at the Home, September 18, 2012
28. Wells Fargo Northern Utah Community Board Meeting – Ogden, September 20, 2012
29. Arrington Dinner and Lecture, September 20, 2012
30. Mountain West Center, Evans Awards and Luncheon, September 21, 2012
31. Football – USU at Colorado State, September 22, 2012
32. Education Excellence Commission Meeting – Salt Lake City, September 24, 2012
33. Natural Resources/Quinney Celebration, September 26, 2012
34. Fry Street Quarter and Robert Davies Performance, September 27, 2012
35. Huntsman School of Business National Advisory Board Meeting, September 28, 2012
36. All Aggie Reception, September 28, 2012
37. Homecoming Breakfast and Parade, September 29, 2012
38. Legislative Intern Reunion, September 29, 2012
39. Ag Day BBQ, September 29, 2012
40. Football – UNLV at USU, September 29, 2012
41. RCDE Ribbon Cutting, October 3, 2012
42. USTAR Governing Authority Board, October 4, 2012
43. Football – USU at BYU, October 5, 2012
44. Dinner with Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland, October 10, 2012
45. Autumn Voices Concert and Posthumous Diploma presented to family of Kristopher King, October 11, 2012
46. USU Foundation Board Meeting, October 12-13, 2012
47. Old Main Society/Campaign Event, October 12, 2012
48. Football – USU at San Jose, October 13, 2012
49. NSF/EPSCoR Reception and Dinner at the Home, October 17, 2012
50. Football – New Mexico State at USU, October 20, 2012
51. Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield Conference – Tucson, Arizona, October 21-24, 2012
52. President Pershing Inauguration – Salt Lake City, October 25, 2012
53. Huntsman Cancer Foundation Gala – Salt Lake City, October 25, 2012
54. Sunrise Session, Christine Hailey Presenter – Salt Lake City, October 26, 2012
55. Football – USU at Texas San Antonio, October 27, 2012
56. NCAA Board of Directors Meeting – Indianapolis, Indiana, October 29-30, 2012
57. USU Board of Trustees, November 2, 2012
58. Regents Resource and Review Team, November 2, 2012

C. Upcoming Events

1. Alumni Association Hall of Honor Brunch, November 3, 2012
2. Football – Texas State at USU, November 3, 2012
3. Council of Presidents – Salt Lake City, November 5, 2012
4. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Eadric Bressel, November 6, 2012
5. TEDx Conference at USU, November 7, 2012
6. APLU Annual Meetings – Denver, Colorado, November 11-13, 2012
7. USU Research Foundation Board Dinner, November 15, 2012
8. Basketball – St. Mary’s at USU, November 15, 2012
9. Board of Regents – Utah Valley University, November 16, 2012
10. Football – USU at La Tech, November 17, 2012
11. Basketball – Texas A&M at USU, November 17, 2012
12. Football – Idaho at USU, November 24, 2012
13. Basketball – Weber State at USU, November 24, 2012
14. Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors – Salt Lake City, November 27, 2012
15. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Carol D. Von Dohlen, November 27, 2012
16. Speak at Logan Rotary, November 29, 2012
17. Legislative Preview Lunch, December 4, 2012
18. Aggie Passport Reception at the Home, December 4, 2012
19. Basketball – USU at BYU, December 5, 2012
20. Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield Community Board Meeting – Salt Lake City, December 6, 2012
21. AFC Holiday Concert and Reception, December 8, 2012
22. Mountain West Board of Directors Meetings – Phoenix, Arizona, December 9-10, 2012
23. Wells Fargo Northern Utah Community Board Lunch – Salt Lake City, December 11, 2012
24. Basketball – USU at Utah Valley University, December 15, 2012
25. Basketball – World Vision Challenge, December 20-22, 2012
26. Basketball – Seattle at USU, December 3, 2012
27. USU Board of Trustees, January 4, 2013

III. Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held July 27, 2012
- Resolution 12-11-1 Faculty and Staff Adjustments (Appendix C)
- Resolution 12-11-2 Certificate of the Treasurer for June 2012 (Appendix D)
- Resolution 12-11-3 Certificate of the Treasurer for July 2012 (Appendix E)
- Resolution 12-11-4 Report of Investments for June 2012 (Appendix F)
- Resolution 12-11-5 Report of Investments for July 2012 (Appendix G)
- Resolution 12-11-6 Delegation/Administrative Reports for June 22, 2012 to August 10, 2012 (Appendix H)

Resolution 12-11-7 Delegation/Administrative Reports for August 10, 2012 to October 5, 2012 (Appendix I)

Resolution 12-11-8 Capital Improvement Priority List for FY 2012 (Appendix J)

Resolution 12-11-9 USU Auxiliary and Service Enterprises Annual Reports for FY 2011-12 (Appendix K)

Resolution 12-11-10 USU Eastern Auxiliary and Service Enterprises Annual Reports for FY 2011-12 (Appendix L)

Resolution 12-11-11 Report of Institutional Discretionary Funds (Appendix M)

Resolution 12-11-12 Bad Debt Write-off Recommendation (Appendix N)

Resolution 12-11-13 Real Property Donation (Appendix O)

Resolution 12-11-14 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for June 2012 (Appendix P)

Resolution 12-11-15 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for July 2012 (Appendix Q)

Resolution 12-11-16 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for August 2012 (Appendix R)

Acceptance of the following reports:

- Academic/Provost (Appendix U)
 - Faculty and Staff Activities and Achievements (a complete list is on the web page at <http://www.usu.edu/trustees/agenda/2012>)
- Business and Finance (Appendix V)
 - Facilities
 - Controller's Office
 - Information Technology
 - Leased Facilities Report
- Extension/Continuing Education (Appendix W)
- Federal and State Relations (Appendix X)
- Research (Appendix Y)
- Commercialization and Regional Development (Appendix Z)
- Student Services (Appendix AA)
- University Advancement (Appendix BB)
 - Campaign Impact Report
 - Monthly Progress Report
 - Monthly Gift Comparison, FY 2012
- USU Eastern (Appendix CC)
- Alumni Association (Appendix DD)
- ASUSU (Appendix EE)
- Athletics (Appendix FF)
- Public Relations and Marketing (Appendix GG)
- Faculty Senate (Appendix HH)
- Professional Employees Association (Appendix II)
- Classified Employees Association (Appendix JJ)

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

IV. Action Agenda

Dwight Davis, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance discussed bonding authority for a 28,000 square foot, \$7.5 Million dollar Athletic Competitive/Practice Facility to seek the approval to present it to the Legislature for funding this year. This facility was approved in 2011, but was set aside so that the focus could be on the Strength and Conditioning Center. The building will function primarily as a practice facility for men's and women's basketball and volleyball and as a venue for volleyball competitions. The facility will put Utah State University at a competitive edge and will help with recruiting.

Funding for the building will be through a bond that will be for no more than 10 years. The type of bond is undetermined at this point. Payment for the bond will be made by donations that will be coming in over time.

There are two locations being considered for the building. The first location (Location A) is on the side of the hill to the west and south of the Spectrum. The second location (Location B) is where the current Harris Center is located.

Action: Trustee Nixon moved approval of Resolution 12-11-17 the approval to seek bonding authority for the Athletics Competitive/Practice Facility. Trustee Foley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

V. Strategic Agenda

A. Enrollment Management Plan

Vice President James Morales discussed the announcement made by the LDS Church in early October changing the age that men and women can serve missions (Appendix S). President Albrecht asked Vice President Morales to convene an enrollment taskforce to focus on three items related to the change: (1) impact on enrollment, (2) impact on revenue, and (3) strategies to mitigate any negative impact and capitalize on any positive opportunities this change will have. The taskforce is comprised of enrollment managers, USU Eastern and RCDE representatives, deans, representatives from Residence Life and Housing and the LDS Church, Christian Thrapp, Sydney Peterson, and Whitney Pugh.

The taskforce is focusing on three time periods: immediate impact (Spring 2013, short-term impact (Fall 2013-Fall 2015) and long-term impact. Based on past statistics and taking into account the change in missionary age, there could potentially be around 1900 students that will leave on missions between now and December 2013. This is about 1300 more students than typically leave on missions.

Student Services will be monitoring the leave of absence requests, coupled with the preliminary data from the LDS church, historical data, and registration data

and will have a much better idea in late November or early December of the impact on spring semester enrollment.

Discussion points for short and long-term strategies can be referenced in Appendix S.

B. Graduate Program Review

Vice President Mark McLellan presented a review of the Graduate Program (Appendix T). A taskforce of distinguished faculty was formed a year ago to create a self-study program that allowed each of the graduate programs to evaluate themselves in comparison to peer institutions. After the graduate programs completed their evaluation, the taskforce prepared a comprehensive response to every program. A set of best practices came out of the review to help each of the programs move forward. Each program was asked to devise a five-year plan of how they were going to improve. The review process has already yielded great results.

Other points of interest for the School of Graduate Studies can be referenced in Appendix T.

Action: Vice Chair Watterson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Trustee Foley seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Ronald W. Jibson, Chair

Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary
(Minutes taken by Teri Rasmussen)

Date Approved