

REGULAR MEETING  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD AS A CONFERENCE CALL  
APRIL 5, 2013

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald J. Jibson	Chair (by telephone)
Jody K. Burnett	by telephone
Robert L. Foley	by telephone
Susan D. Johnson	by telephone
J. Scott Nixon	by telephone
Frank Peczuh, Jr.	by telephone
Suzanne Pierce-Moore	by telephone
Christian S. Thrapp	

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Douglas S. Foxley	
Mark K. Holland	
Scott R. Watterson	Vice-Chair

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht	President
Raymond T. Coward	Executive Vice President and Provost
Noelle E. Cockett	Vice President for Extension and Dean of the College of Agriculture (by telephone)
David T. Cowley	Vice President for Business and Finance (by telephone)
Sydney M. Peterson	Chief of Staff and Board of Trustees Secretary
Teri Rasmussen	Staff Assistant (by telephone)
Patrick Williams	Public Relations and Marketing

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA PRESENT

Kevin Opsahl	<i>The Herald Journal</i>
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Chair Jibson conducted the meeting and welcomed those attending including faculty and staff representatives and members of the press.

I. Chairman's Report

A. Date of next Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Friday, May 3, 2013, to be held at the USU Campus.

B. USU Commencement Ceremony Schedule

The commencement ceremony schedule is listed in the packet. Chair Jibson encouraged the Trustees to fill out and return their commencement checklist.

II. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the Executive Session held March 8, 2013

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 8, 2013

Resolution 13-4-1 Request to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Appendix A)

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

III. Action Agenda

A. Proposal to Approve Phase II of the Equine Education Building

Vice President David Cowley indicated the addition to the Equine Education Building, which is located in Wellsville, is less than \$1 million and does not require approval from the Board of Regents. It is a non-state funded project that will be funded primarily through donations and some institutional money. Dean Noelle Cockett added that this will be the last addition to the Equine Center (see Appendix B). The addition will allow the students to hold their classes right next to where the horses and arena are, increasing efficiency for both students and instructors.

Action: Trustee Johnson moved the approval of Resolution 13-4-2, the proposal to approve Phase II of the Equine Education Center and Trustee Foley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

B. Tenure and Promotion Decisions for 2013

Provost Ray Coward explained that the tenure and promotion process before the Trustees is the last of six different levels of review: 1) committee of the peers of the candidates, 2) recommendation from the department head, 3) recommendation from the dean, 4) committee of the peers at the University level, 5) President's recommendation, and 6) Trustees approval. There are 39 candidates representing all eight colleges, the Library, and Extension (Appendix C). Chair Jibson commended Provost Coward on the process involved in reviewing all of the tenure and promotion candidates.

Action: Trustee Thrapp moved the approval of Resolution 13-4-3, Tenure and Promotion Decisions for 2013 and Trustee Foley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

President Albrecht added his appreciation to those involved in the tenure and promotion process as it does require substantial effort on the part of many faculty and administrative colleagues. He hopes the Trustees understand the seriousness in which the University addresses the decisions of tenure and promotion.

Trustee Pierce-Moore said she was excited about graduation and the press the University is receiving about the honorees and commencement speaker. Chair Jibson added that the upcoming commencement ceremonies are always exciting and is a highlight of the year.

Chair Jibson concluded the meeting.

Action: Trustee Pierce-Moore made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Trustee Burnett seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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Ronald W. Jibson, Chair

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

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Date Approved