

REGULAR MEETING
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 8, 2013

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees, 1:12 p.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 telephone
J. Scott Nixon	
Frank Peczuh, Jr.	by telephone
Suzanne Pierce-Moore	by telephone
Christian S. Thrapp	

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Douglas S. Foxley

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht	President
Raymond T. Coward	Executive Vice President and Provost
Scott Barnes	Vice President and Director of Athletics
Robert T. Behunin	Vice President for Commercialization and Regional Development
Noelle E. Cockett	Vice President for Extension and Dean of the College of Agriculture
David T. Cowley	Vice President for Business and Finance
Mark R. McLellan	Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies
James D. Morales	Vice President for Student Services
Scot M. Allgood	Department Head of Family, Consumer, and Human Development
Jodi Bailey	Chief Audit Executive
Dillon Feuz	Department Head of Applied Economics
Renee Galliher	President of Faculty Senate
Craig D. Jessop	Dean of the Caine College of the Arts
J. Freeman King	Division Chair, Deaf Education
Benjamin Lignugaris/Kraft	Department Head, Special Education and Rehabilitation
Chris Luecke	Dean of the Quinney College of Natural Resources
Steven Mansfield	Senior Lecturer in Art and Design
Nancy Mesner	Associate Dean of the Quinney College of Natural Resources
Bruce Miller	Department Head of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education
Sydney M. Peterson	Chief of Staff and Board of Trustees Secretary

Joe Peterson	Chancellor of USU-CEU
Teri Rasmussen	Staff Assistant
Teryl Roper	Department Head of Plants, Soils, and Climates
Jared Schultz	Professor in Special Education and Rehabilitation
Laurens Smith	Executive Senior Vice Provost
Franklin C. Stewart	Interim Director of Advancement
Chris Terry	Associate Professor, Department of Art and Design
Tim Vitale	Executive Director of Public Relations and Marketing
Taci Watterson-Balls	President of the Classified Employees Association
Matthew S. Wells	Head Football Coach
Craig Whyte	President of the Professional Employees Association

OTHERS PRESENT

Jordan Black	Student in the Caine College of the Arts
Megan Campbell Clawson	Art Student Senator in the Caine College of the Arts
Holly Conger	Student in the Caine College of the Arts
Douglas K. Fiefla	President-Elect, ASUSU
Britni Manning	Student in the Caine College of the Arts
Norma Patino	Recipient of Student Resolution of Commendation
Randy Wellbaum	Student in the Caine College of the Arts

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA PRESENT

Kevin Opsahl	<i>The Herald Journal</i>
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Chair Jibson conducted the meeting and welcomed those present including faculty and staff representatives and members of the press. Chair Jibson expressed sympathies to Scott Barnes with the passing of his father.

President Albrecht and Vice President Scott Barnes introduced Head Football Coach Matt Wells. Coach Wells is a great product of a succession plan that was put in place when they hired Gary Anderson. He is an alum of Utah State. He previously worked at Tulsa, Louisville and New Mexico. Vice President Barnes indicated that Coach Wells has done an outstanding job as the Aggie's Quarterback Coach and Offensive Coordinator. It was a very natural decision to hire him as the Head Coach.

Coach Wells said that it is an honor to be the head coach at Utah State. He recognizes the end goals; to graduate the student athletes and to win games. Every senior on the football team is on track to graduate in the spring. Coach Wells said that spring training begins March 19 and that everyone is welcome.

I. Chairman's Report

A. Proposed Trustees Meeting Schedule

Action: Trustee Holland moved the approval of the Proposed Trustees Meeting Schedule and Trustee Thrapp seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative (Appendix A).

B. Proposed Bylaw Changes

Action: Trustee Burnett moved the approval of the proposed bylaw changes and Trustee Foley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative (Appendix B).

C. Election of Executive Committee Member

With the resignation of Trustee Foxley, there has been a vacancy on the Trustees Executive Committee. Chair Jibson recommended that Trustee Holland be added to the Executive Committee.

Action: Trustee Nixon moved the approval of adding Trustee Holland to the Executive Committee and Trustee Burnett seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

D. Report by ASUSU President, Christian S. Thrapp

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

- Education First: State-wide there were more than 14,000 students that signed petitions showing the Legislature their commitment to their education.
- Many students spent a day on Capitol Hill during Higher Ed Day lobbying the Legislators on behalf of students at Utah State University. It was a great experience for the students to speak with their representatives.
- The Robins Awards are coming up soon. A Robins Award is one of the highest awards a person can receive at Utah State.
- Elizabeth Smart will be coming in April to speak at Common Hour.
- The elections for ASUSU have just been completed. Trustee Thrapp introduced Doug Fiefia, the new ASUSU President.
- Trustee Thrapp gave a formal thank you to the Trustees for their support of the students at USU.

E. Report by Alumni Association President, Jody K. Burnett

Trustee Burnett reported on the following (see Appendix FF):

- Participation in the Aggie to Aggie network continues to experience a steady increase.
- There will be an Alumni event held in Las Vegas for the WAC Tournament.
- The Aggie license plate program just reached \$1 million. USU is in second place in the state with the number of school license plates sold.

F. Report on Audit Committee Meeting held March 8, 2013

Trustee Foley, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the committee discussed the audit report that was given to the Board of Regents. The report was well received at the Regents meeting. Trustee Foley congratulated Jodi Bailey on an excellent report. The committee also discussed the Internal Services Annual Report that was presented to the Board of Regents.

Trustee Foley reported that the committee had concerns about the internal controls with the changes in the Banner program. Eric Hawley, Chief Information Officer, gave a report about how the changes are being managed and controlled. After the report, the committee felt comfortable with the proposed changes and with what is currently being implemented.

The committee also discussed P-cards, how they are used, and the audit reports on the cards. The committee was pleased to hear proposals for some changes in how controls are being handled. The changes will provide excellent controls and make it easier for the Administrators.

Trustee Foley said the committee reviewed the report from the State Auditor's Office, the NCAA Agreed-upon Procedures. The report indicated that USU complied with the NCAA requirements. The committee recommends that the Board approve the report.

Action: Trustee Nixon moved approval of Resolution 13-3-19, the approval of the Athletic Department Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Year Ended 30 June 2012 and Trustee Thrapp seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

G. Date of next Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Friday, April 5, 2013, as a telephone conference call.

H. USU Commencement Ceremony Schedule

The Commencement Ceremony Schedule was handed out in the Trustee packets. Chair Jibson encouraged the Trustees to attend the Commencement ceremonies, especially those at the Regional Campuses.

II. President's Report

A. Student Resolution of Commendation for Norma Patino

President Albrecht informed the Trustees that Chad Floyd, a student who was blind that received the Student Resolution of Commendation on November 4, 2011, recently passed away. The President said that Chad was an outstanding young man with incredible accomplishments. Dean Craig Jessop added that Chad was a tireless advocate for improving facilities to accommodate people with disabilities and that he will be greatly missed.

Trustee Thrapp read the Student Resolution of Commendation for Norma Patino, a student who will graduate in Dietetics next spring (Appendix C).

B. Legislative Update

President Albrecht announced that the Waiver Legacy Bill passed the House and the Senate. This legislation will allow Utah State to bring in high-end students from out of state at in-state tuition rates. The average academic preparation of these students is a minimum 3.8 GPA and a 28 ACT score. Vice President Morales said the out-of-state applicant pool is up significantly from last year. President Albrecht stated that the second part of this legislation extends the Legacy Waiver to grandchildren of Alumni. This will allow grandchildren, wherever they live, to attend USU at the in-state tuition rate. He encouraged the Trustees to get the word out.

President Albrecht reported that legislation will be passed in a few days for the name change from Utah State University-College of Eastern Utah to Utah State University Eastern. Chancellor Peterson said this change is 2-3 years earlier than originally expected. President Albrecht is excited about what this means for the students on those campuses.

In terms of budget priorities, the mission based and equity parts of the system budget have been supported very strongly in both houses and should hold until the end of the session. The building issues for the University are still in play and will likely come down to the last day of the session. The President said that overall this should be a very positive session for USU. He commended Neil Abercrombie, the Director of Federal and State Relations, for his outstanding contributions.

C. Recent Events

1. Basketball – Idaho at USU, January 5, 2013
2. Council of Presidents – Salt Lake City, January 8, 2013
3. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Winter Meetings – Bellevue, Washington, January 8-10, 2013
4. Regents Legislative Kick-Off – Salt Lake City, January 11, 2013
5. Basketball – San Jose at USU, January 11, 2013
6. Governor’s Education Excellence Commission – Salt Lake City, January 14, 2013
7. Legislative Preview Session – Kaysville, January 14, 2013
8. Martin Luther King Vigil – January 16, 2013
9. NCAA Board of Directors Meetings – Grapevine, Texas, January 17-19, 2013
10. Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors – Salt Lake City, January 22, 2013
11. Regents Audit Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, January 23, 2013
12. Inaugural Lecture for Paul R. Grossl – January 23, 2013
13. RCDE Statewide Advisory Board Retreat – Price, January 24, 2013
14. Regents Legislative Kick-Off – St. George, January 24, 2013
15. Basketball – UT Arlington at USU, January 24, 2013
16. Board of Regents – Dixie State University, St. George, January 25, 2013
17. Basketball – LA Tech at USU, January 26, 2013
18. COP Legislative Meeting – Salt Lake City, January 29, 2013
19. Inaugural Lecture for Linda M. Skogrand – January 29, 2013
20. Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, January 30, 2013
21. Infrastructure and General Government Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, January 30, 2013
22. Research on Capitol Hill – Salt Lake City, January 31, 2013
23. Sunrise Session – Presenter: Douglas Jackson-Smith – Salt Lake City, February 1, 2013
24. Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 1, 2013
25. Education Standing Meeting – Salt Lake City, February 4, 2013
26. Infrastructure and General Government Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 5, 2013
27. Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 5, 2013
28. President’s Ambassadors at the Home – February 5, 2013
29. Council of Presidents Legislative Meeting – Salt Lake City, February 6, 2013
30. Inaugural Lecture for Cheryl D. Walters – February 6, 2013
31. Fry Street Gift Recognition for Dan & Manon Russell – February 7, 2013
32. Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 8, 2013
33. Aggie Auction – February 8, 2013
34. Inaugural Lecture for Brock Dethier – February 12, 2013
35. Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 13, 2013
36. Basketball – Denver at USU, February 14, 2013
37. Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 15, 2013
38. Basketball – New Mexico State at USU, February 16, 2013
39. Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 20, 2013

40. Inaugural Lecture for Terry Peak – February 21, 2013
41. Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 22, 2013
42. Basketball – ESPN Bracket Buster – Illinois State at USU, February 23, 2013
43. Inaugural Lecture for Kevin M. Heaton – February 25, 2013
44. Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors – Salt Lake City, February 26, 2013
45. Tier 2 with ASUSU Executive Council – February 26, 2013
46. Higher Education Day Luncheon – Salt Lake City, March 1, 2013
47. ACE Annual Meetings – Washington, DC, March 2-6, 2013
48. Council of Presidents Legislative Meeting – Salt Lake City, March 6, 2013
49. Inaugural Lecture for Gregory J. Madden – March 6, 2013
50. Basketball – Texas State at USU, March 7, 2013
51. USU Board of Trustees – March 8, 2013
52. Founders Day – March 8, 2013

D. Upcoming Events

1. Basketball – University of Texas San Antonio at USU, March 9, 2013
2. Council of Presidents – Salt Lake City, March 12, 2013
3. Western Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament – Las Vegas, March 13-16, 2013
4. Mountain West Board Meeting, Las Vegas, March 15, 2013
5. Employee Recognition Luncheon – March 19, 2013
6. Tier 2 Public Forum – March 20, 2013
7. Dinner with Living Learning Community – March 20, 2013
8. NCAA 1st/2nd Rounds – March 21-24, 2013
9. Remarks at USU Research Foundation Dinner – March 22, 2013
10. College of Natural Resources Annual Awards Banquet – March 23, 2013
11. College Legislative Update Meetings – March 25-April 24, 2013
12. Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors – Salt Lake City, March 26, 2013
13. Governor's Education Excellence Commission – Salt Lake City, March 26, 2013
14. Inaugural Lecture for Robert Gillies – March 27, 2013
15. Salt Lake Chamber Giants in Our City – Salt Lake City, March 27, 2013
16. Board of Regents – Salt Lake City, March 29, 2013
17. USU Board of Trustees Telephone Conference Meeting – April 5, 2013
18. Panelist at Utah Women in Higher Education Network (UWHEN) Spring Conference – Weber State University, April 5, 2013

III. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the Executive Session held January 4, 2013

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 4, 2013
Resolution 13-3-1 Faculty and Staff Adjustments (Appendix C)
Resolution 13-3-2 Certificate of the Treasurer for November 2012 (Appendix D)
Resolution 13-3-3 Certificate of the Treasurer for December 2012 (Appendix E)
Resolution 13-3-4 Report of Investments for November 2012 (Appendix F)
Resolution 13-3-5 Report of Investments for December 2012 (Appendix G)
Resolution 13-3-6 Delegation/Administrative Reports for November 16, 2012 to
January 21, 2013 (Appendix H)
Resolution 13-3-7 Delegation/Administrative Reports for January 21, 2013 to
February 15, 2013 (Appendix I)
Resolution 13-3-8 Housing Review and Recommendation for 2013-2014 (Appendix J)
Resolution 13-3-9 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for November 2012
(Appendix K)
Resolution 13-3-10 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for December 2012
(Appendix L)
Resolution 13-3-11 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for January 2013 (Appendix M)
Acceptance of Written Report
Academic/Provost (Appendix X)
Business and Finance (Appendix Y)
Controller's Office
Facilities
Information Technology
Extension/Continuing Education (Appendix Z)
Research (Appendix AA)
Commercialization and Regional Development (Appendix BB)
Student Services (Appendix CC)
University Advancement (Appendix DD)
Monthly Progress Report
Monthly Gift Comparison, FY 2012
USU Eastern (Appendix EE)
Alumni Association (Appendix FF)
ASUSU (Appendix GG)
Athletics (Appendix HH)
Public Relations and Marketing (Appendix II)
Faculty Senate (Appendix JJ)
Professional Employees Association (Appendix KK)
Classified Employees Association (Appendix LL)

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

IV. Action Agenda

Provost Coward gave a background on items A, B, E, and F. These changes are a continuation of the changes that are being made in response to the review of all the

graduate degree programs. He indicated the changes will continue for about 12 months. Vice President McLellan added that there have been some hard decisions made by the faculty and departments, but they recognize the growing importance of professional degrees, and the growing importance that our degrees are positioned competitively on a national basis.

A. Proposal to Discontinue and Restructure the Master of Science in Applied Economics Degree

Dean Noelle Cockett said this is a discontinuation of a Plan C coursework only degree option under a Master of Science in Applied Economics (see Appendix N). It will be restructured into a Professional Master of Applied Economics degree. It's a different pathway, but she believes it will give the students better preparation in this career area.

Department Head of Applied Economics, Dillon Feuz, indicated that the Master of Science degree is really a research degree and said that Plan C didn't include research. The department recognized that there are professionals that are interested in Applied Economics coursework, but didn't have a degree to pursue. The new Master of Applied Economics is structured in a way that a student can take a wide array of courses and is geared more toward the non-traditional student.

B. Proposal to Discontinue Plan C in the Master of Science in Agricultural Systems Technology Degree and offer a Master of Education in Career and Technical Education Degree

Dean Cockett said the College would like to discontinue the Plan C in this degree and restructure it as a Master of Education in Career and Technical Education Degree (see Appendix O). Department Head of Applied Science, Technology and Education, Bruce Miller, indicated that this change will provide professional development for Career and Technical Education teachers.

Action: Vice-chair Watterson moved the approval of Resolution 13-3-12, the proposal to discontinue and restructure the Master of Science in Applied Economics Degree and Resolution 13-3-13, the proposal to discontinue Plan C in the Master of Science in Agricultural Systems Technology Degree and offer a Master of Education in Career and Technical Education Degree. Trustee Foley seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

C. Proposal to add a Minor in American Sign Language in the Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education Department

Provost Coward indicated that Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education is one of the stronger programs on campus and is well-known nationally. Dr. Freeman

King, the Division Chair for Deaf Education, said the department would like to add American Sign Language (ASL) as a minor in the Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education (see Appendix P). There are many students each semester that are interested in and are required to take sign language classes, so there is a great need for the minor. By adding the minor, Utah State University would be in the top 10% of programs that offer a minor in ASL.

Action: Trustee Johnson motioned the approval of Resolution 13-3-14, the proposal to add a minor in American Sign Language in the Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education Department, Trustee Thrapp seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

D. Proposal to add a new Emphasis – Human Development Lifespan within the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Family, Consumer, and Human Development

Dr. Scot Allgood, Department Head of Family, Consumer, and Human Development indicated that students are required to take 67 hours of coursework in the major, almost double what some of the other majors on campus require (see Appendix Q). When they reviewed the placement of students with the major, they found that most were going to a human development field, or into a family relations field. The proposal is to create a separate emphasis in the human development field, thereby reducing the required hours in the major from 67 to 45. There is no new faculty or curriculum needed for the emphasis. It does provide more accurate naming for the program.

Action: Trustee Nixon moved the approval of Resolution 13-3-15, the proposal to add a new emphasis in Human Development Lifespan within the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Family, Consumer, and Human Development. Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

E. Proposal to Discontinue the Master of Science in Human Environments Degree and offer an Interior Design Specialization (Plan B) within the Master of Fine Arts

Dean Jessop indicated the College would like to discontinue the Master of Science in Human Environments and instead offer an Interior Design specialization, Plan B (see Appendix R). Steve Mansfield, Senior Lecturer in Art and Design said that 11 years ago the Interior Design program was housed in the Human Environments Department in the College of Family Life. When the College was dissolved, Interior Design stayed in the Human Environments degree with a title that didn't make sense as a stand-alone program. Mr. Mansfield added that there is a shortage of people with a professional degree to teach interior design throughout the country. USU will be the second institution west of the Mississippi to offer this degree. There are no additional resources needed to make the change.

F. Proposal to change the name of the Master of Science in Biometeorology and the Doctor of Philosophy in Biometeorology to Master of Science in Climate Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Climate Science

Teryl Roper, the department head of Plants, Soils and Climates, said that 10 years ago, the Department was called Plants, Soils and Biometeorology. The Department has since changed its name to Plants, Soils and Climates, so this is just an additional word change for the degree, replacing Biometeorology with Climate Science (see Appendix S).

Action: Trustee Holland moved the approval of Resolution 13-3-16, the proposal to discontinue the Master of Science in Human Environments Degree and offer an Interior Design Specialization within the Master of Fine Arts and Resolution 13-3-17, the proposal to change the name of the Master of Science in Biometeorology and the Doctor of Philosophy in Biometeorology to Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Climate Science. Trustee Nixon seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

G. Proposal to Establish an Institute for Interdisciplinary Transition Services in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation

Ben Lignugaris/Kraft, Department Head of Special Education and Rehabilitation, indicated that the Institute will capitalize on their expertise and will focus on adult services for individuals with disabilities (see Appendix T). It brings together rehabilitation and special education into one place. The Institute will allow the University to feature grant activities and publications and build a collaborative focus going forward.

Action: Trustee Thrapp moved the approval of Resolution 13-3-18, the proposal to establish an Institute for Interdisciplinary Transition Services in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation. Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

H. Review and Approval of the Athletic Department Agreed-upon Procedures Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2012

The motion for Resolution 13-3-19 was made during the Audit Committee report.

I. Proposal to Establish Differential Tuition for the Caine College of the Arts

Provost Coward stated that for high quality education in the arts, there is a need for an infrastructure of facilities, equipment, and activities that support the student's education, and ensure that when they graduate they are prepared for their professional

jobs. The facilities at the University lag behind in needed improvements. Provost Coward indicated that Dean Jessop has worked with the student body over the past eight months to consider the proposal for differential tuition (see Appendix U).

Dean Jessop indicated that all income generated from differential tuition will be used solely to enhance the student experience. The College's theaters, galleries, concert halls, and stages are equivalent to a laboratory in Science or Agriculture, but require a fraction of the cost to maintain. The University has some great facilities, but has not been able to keep pace with the infrastructure needs in those facilities; lighting boards, sounding boards, sound systems and walls for galleries. The College has been graduating students on equipment that is 20-25 years old, when they should be learning on state-of-the-art equipment.

The College would like to establish an advising and career counseling center, which would include a center where students can receive help finding internships in the arts. They would also like to bring in more visiting artists and lecturers to teach the students. Dean Jessop said they would like to explore new degree programs such as animation, film, commercial music and dance.

Dean Jessop said the students will have a voice in how the differential funds are dispersed. The College will create a board with two students from each department, the department heads, and a faculty member from each department that will prioritize how the money is spent. Many peer institutions already have differential tuition and are reporting phenomenal success. Many colleagues have said the differential tuition has been a game changer for their programs.

To help ease the financial burden the initial increase will create for the students, the College is approaching several key donors for expendable scholarships to help with the transition for the first two years. The differential tuition will go towards eliminating and reducing many course fees. The increase will be phased over three years to a maximum of \$36 per unit. Dean Jessop stated that he understands the burden the students are facing and is committed to helping the students in meeting the added increase. There will be value added to the quality of the education provided, and will transform the Caine College of the Arts.

Dean Jessop introduced Chris Terry, Associate Professor in the Department of Art and five students that are enrolled in the Caine College of the Arts. Professor Terry said that he feels the proposal is modest, prudent, and will make an incredible change in what the College can offer students. The students said the increase is worth it for higher quality education, and they are willing to pay for better equipment.

Trustee Nixon asked if the College had considered the fall-out and the risk in adding differential tuition. Dean Jessop said they had considered the risk. They looked to the other colleges on campus who have differential tuition and they have actually seen an increase in enrollment because of the quality of programs that are being offered. Trustee Thrapp asked about the concerns of the students. Meg Campbell

Clawson, the student senator for the College responded that many students didn't understand what the money would be used for, and weren't sure how they would be able to pay for it when their budgets were already tight. Dean Jessop reaffirmed that they are working with donors to help during the transition time and that the students voice will be essential in how the money is spent.

Action: Trustee Thrapp moved the approval of Resolution 13-3-20, the proposal to establish differential tuition in the Caine College of the Arts. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative. President Albrecht added that the proposal will now continue on to the Board of Regents for final approval.

J. Proposal to Establish Differential Tuition for the Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources

Dean Chris Luecke said that the College has offered a Masters of Natural Resources for about 15 years. There haven't been a large number of students enrolled in the program until Nancy Mesner became the director. Professor Mesner said that the students in the program are place-based professionals who need a master's degree, but are not able to come to campus. Over the last few years, the College has transformed the degree into an online degree. The program has grown from a few students to 70 students in just a few years. The enrollment has been capped at 70 because they are experiencing difficulty in providing the quality program they would like to provide. Professor Mesner said they have talked with the students in the program about the change in tuition, and it has been well received. The additional funds allow the program to provide personal attention to each of the students that they don't always receive in an online program (see Appendix V).

Provost Coward said the differential tuition is structured like the College of Engineering, where it's targeted to a very specific program. Students are willing to invest in their education if there is a quality program.

Trustee Nixon asked if there was a translation into increased salaries when these students complete their degree. Professor Mesner said that the master's degree allows the students to move forward in their careers into administrative positions. Many of the hiring agencies are willing to pay for these students to get their degree so they can move up in the agency.

Action: Trustee Foley moved the approval of Resolution 13-3-21 the proposal to establish differential tuition for the Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources, Trustee Holland seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

K. Proposal for a Tier II Tuition Increase

President Albrecht said that several years ago, the legislature granted the approval of individual institutions to request Tier II Tuition. USU has used that effectively over the years for dozens of things that have helped the students. The President requests approval for a 0-2% increase in Tier II Tuition, but he is hoping it will be closer to 0%. When the Legislature finishes with the budget, the President will be able to make a final recommendation.

Action: Trustee Nixon moved the approval of Resolution 13-3-22, the proposal for a Tier II Tuition increase and Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

L. Proposal to Increase Student Fees

Vice President Morales indicated that the student fee board heard requests from four areas to increase fees. The board passed a \$.50 increase to one of the four areas. Last year ASUSU passed a resolution related to two of the fee receiving areas that draw their salaries from student fees. In the past, when there is an overall increase in salaries for the University, the professionals in these areas would not receive the increase. ASUSU re-wrote the legislation to require that when there is a salary increase for the University that these professionals also receive a commensurate increase. The request is for an increase in the Activity fee of \$.36 and the Campus Recreation fee of \$.34 to cover the commensurate salary increase. The total proposed increase will be \$1.20 or .26% (see Appendix W). The Regional Campuses and Distance Education system has not asked for a fee increase this year and the USU Eastern Campus is asking for a \$10 increase for the library. Trustee Thrapp indicated that the students have a lot of input in the process when there are proposed fee increases.

Action: Trustee Thrapp moved the approval of Resolution 13-3-23, the proposal to increase student fees and Trustee Foley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

V. Strategic Agenda

President Albrecht mentioned that the increase that was just approved will probably be the lowest increase in Tier I/Tier II tuition in his tenure, and possibly the history of the university.

President Albrecht presented to the Trustees the presentation that he gave to the Legislative Higher Education Appropriations Committee at the beginning of the 2013 Legislative session. During the presentation, the President helped the committee

understand many innovative things that are happening at Utah State University. The presentation also highlighted the President's strategic items that he will focus on going forward.

Chair Jibson said it is exciting to see the innovativeness and thinking outside the box that is happening at Utah State. It is a great time to be an Aggie. Trustee Holland commented that he is amazed at the productivity that is coming at the forefront with the different approaches to higher education. It's nice to be part of this institution that has such great foresight.

Action: Trustee Foley made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The regular meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Ronald W. Jibson, Chair

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

Date Approved