

REGULAR MEETING  
 UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 HELD AS A CONFERENCE CALL  
 APRIL 7, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held as a conference call in Old Main room 136, commencing at 1:18 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald W. Jibson, Chair	via telephone
Scott R. Watterson, Vice Chair	via telephone
Jody K. Burnett	via telephone
Mark K. Holland	via telephone
J. Scott Nixon	via telephone
Frank Peczuh	via telephone
Lane L. Thomas	
Ashley Waddoups	via telephone

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Linda Clark Gillmor  
 Karen H. Huntsman  
 Susan D. Johnson

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Noelle E. Cockett	President
Mica McKinney	General Counsel
Sydney M. Peterson	Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Laurens H. Smith, Jr.	Interim Provost

Vice Chair Watterson opened the meeting.

Action: Trustee Burnett recommended that in accordance with 52-4-205 of the Utah Code the Trustees go into a Closed Session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals and pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Trustee Holland seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Vice Chair Watterson called the meeting back to order at 2:04 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report

A. Date of next Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017, on the USU Campus.

B. Concert and Inaugural Address

The Concert and Inaugural Address will be held Thursday, May 4, 2017, 7:30 p.m., at the Ellen Eccles Theatre, 43 South Main, Logan.

C. USU Commencement Ceremonies

Vice Chair Watterson mentioned the upcoming commencement ceremonies and asked the Trustees to coordinate so that they have representation at each event.

Vice Chair Watterson discussed the items in the Chair's Report and asked if there were any questions.

II. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Minutes from the Closed Session held on March 3, 2017
- B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2017

Action: Trustee Burnett moved the approval of the consent agenda. Trustee Nixon seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

III. Action Agenda

A. Tenure and Promotion Decisions 2017

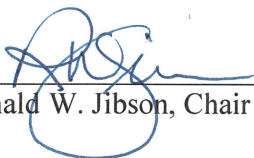
Vice Chair Watterson introduced Interim Provost Smith to discuss the proposal for the acceptance of the 2017 Tenure and Promotion decisions. Interim Provost Smith explained that the Trustees were provided with the recommendations of the President regarding the decisions. He asked if the Trustees had any questions.


President Cockett added her accolades to those involved in the process. She noted that USU does an exceptional and robust review of all candidates. Some institutions make these decisions via vote within departments; this can be fraught with favoritism and past antagonisms. Some make these decisions at the department or college level. A decade ago, USU initiated a revamping of the tenure/promotion process further defining: expectations, role statements, dossier preparation, and how the reviews are to be done. Many outside reviewers have made favorable comments regarding the ease of reviewing files from USU. President Cockett thanked Interim Provost Smith and his office for all of the work that goes into this process. This process is increasing the quality of faculty at the institution.

Action: Trustee Thomas moved the approval of Resolution 17-04-01, Tenure and Promotion Decisions 2017. Trustee Burnett seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Action: Trustee Holland made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Trustee Nixon seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The regular meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

  
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Ronald W. Jibson, Chair

  
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Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary  
(Minutes taken by Carolyn Brittain)

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Date Approved

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