

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Utah State University, Champ Hall Conference Room, Old Main 136, Logan, Utah

June 22, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held via conference call, Champ Hall Conference Room, Old Main 136, commencing at 10:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jody K. Burnett	Chair
Mark K. Holland	Vice Chair
Kent K. Alder	
John Y. Ferry	
Jaren Hunsaker	
J. Scott Nixon	
Frank Peczuh, Jr	
Clark L. Whitworth	

MEMBERS EXCUSED

David G. Butterfield  
 Karen H. Huntsman  
 Crystal C. Maggelet

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Carolyn Brittain	Staff Assistant
Noelle E. Cockett	President
David T. Cowley	Vice President, Business and Finance
Sydney M. Peterson	Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Laurens H. Smith, Jr.	Interim Provost

Chair Burnett called the meeting to order.

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

Chair Burnett reopened the Regular Meeting at 11:11 a.m. thanking those participating.

## I. Chair's Report

### A. Information Items

1. Annual Joint Meeting of the Board of Regents, Board of Trustees, and Presidents, July 19 and 20, 2018, Cedar City, Utah

Additional information will be sent as it becomes available.

2. Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting and Workshop, August 17, 2018

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with an annual workshop. Trustee Holland will host a dinner for the Trustees at his home on Thursday, August 16, 2018.

### B. Discussion Items

1. Report from the Student Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Committee

The Committee reviewed current efforts to prevent sexual violence on campus. The Committee will work closely with General Counsel, Mica McKinney and provide an update at the August workshop.

## II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### A. Information Items

1. Campus visit by Ruth Watkins, President, University of Utah

President Cockett shared that Ruth Watkins, President, University of Utah, and some of her administrative team visited campus. President Watkins spoke about collaborating with USU and continuing efforts to distinguish the two universities as research institutions.

President Cockett also noted that she participated in the Athletic Development Road Trip to Idaho, Utah, and Nevada. New ideas on how to increase attendance were discussed.

### B. Recent Events

1. Athletic Development Road Trip – Idaho, Utah, Nevada, California, May 7-9 2018
2. State of Utah Golden Spike Celebration – Corinne, May 10, 2018
3. Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission – Salt Lake City, May 14, 2018
4. Remarks at Business Services Luncheon – May 16, 2018
5. Keynote Speaker at Alta Club Night – Salt Lake City, May 17, 2018
6. Aggie Auction – May 17, 2018
7. Board of Regents at Salt Lake Community College – May 18, 2018

8. Regence Community Board Meeting – Salt Lake City, May 18, 2018
9. Sunrise Session, Silvana Martini – Salt Lake City, May 22, 2018
10. Governor’s Executive Summit – Salt Lake City, May 22, 2018
11. Mountain West Student-Athlete Welfare, Academics and Leadership Committee Telephone Conference – May 23, 2018
12. Mountain West Board of Directors Meetings – Sonoma, California, June 3-5, 2018
13. Presidents’ Alliance Steering Committee Telephone Conference – June 8, 2018
14. Salt Lake Chamber Giant in Our City – Salt Lake City, June 9, 2018
15. Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors Retreat – Salt Lake City, June 12, 2018
16. APLU Council of Presidents Summer Meeting – Washington, DC, June 14, 2018
17. USU Board of Trustees Teleconference Meeting – June 22, 2018

### C. Upcoming Events

1. Council of Presidents – Salt Lake City, June 25, 2018
2. Business Leaders Breakfast and Luncheon – Salt Lake City, June 27, 2018
3. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Review of Utah State University Review – Kirkland, Washington, June 28, 2018
4. Board of Regents Formal Review of President Cockett – June 27-29, 2018
5. EDCUtah Board of Trustees – Salt Lake City, July 20, 2018
6. Days of ’47 Pioneers of Progress Awards Reception – Salt Lake City, July 12, 2018
7. USU Retirement Dinner – July 16, 2018
8. Board of Regents at Southern Utah University – Cedar City, Utah, July 19-20, 2018
9. Sheep Producer Meetings – Davis, California, June 21, 2018
10. Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission – Salt Lake City, August 6, 2018
11. Sunrise Session, Dr. Abby Benninghoff – Salt Lake City, August 7, 2018
12. Panel Member for ADVS Research Symposium – August 8, 2018
13. Remarks at USU Department Head Retreat – August 13, 2018
14. New Faculty Dinner – President’s Home, August 14, 2018
15. Presidents’ Alliance Steering Committee Telephone Conference – August 15, 2018
16. Regional Campus and USU Eastern Dinner – President’s Home, August 15, 2018
17. USU Board of Trustees Workshop – August 27, 2018

### III. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Burnett stated that the Trustees were given the following agenda items for review.

1. Minutes from the Closed Session held on May 4, 2018
2. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 4 2018
3. Certificate of Treasurer for February 2018 [Resolution 18-06-01] (Appendix A)
4. Delegation/Administrative Reports – 03/23/18 to 04/20/18 [Resolution 18-06-02] (Appendix B)
5. Delegation/Administrative Reports – 04/20/18 to 05/25/18 [Resolution 18-06-03] (Appendix C)
6. Faculty and Staff Adjustments [Resolution 18-06-04] (Appendix D)
7. Report of Investments for February 2018 [Resolution 18-06-05] (Appendix E)

8. USU Policy 335 – Relocation Assistance – Revision [Resolution 18-06-06] (Appendix F)
9. Utah State University (USURF) – re-appointment to the Board – Carlson [Resolution 18-06-07] (Appendix G)
10. Utah State University (USURF) – re-appointment to the Board – Kaluarachchi [Resolution 18-06-08] (Appendix H)

Action: Trustee Holland moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Alder seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

#### IV. ACTION AGENDA

Trustee Alder, Chair of the Academic Approval Committee, explained that the Committee thoroughly considered each request on the action agenda. Of the five proposals considered, the following four are being submitted to the Board for approval.

1. Proposal from the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to offer a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics [Resolution 18-06-09] (Appendix I)
2. Proposal from the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences to offer a Bachelor of Science in Food Science [Resolution 18-06-10] (Appendix J)
3. Proposal from the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science [Resolution 18-06-11] (Appendix K)
4. Proposal from the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering to offer a Master of Science in Data Science [Resolution 18-06-12] (Appendix L)

Action: Trustee Ferry moved to approve the four academic proposals [18-06-09 thru 18-06-12]. Trustee Hunsaker seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

5. Real Property Disposal – Logan, Utah [Resolution 18-06-13] (Appendix M)

Vice President Cowley explained that this disposal of .07 acres west of the USU Caine house to a privately owned student apartment complex will be used for parking. This sale does not affect the plans for the future Swenson home and gardens. The price for the property will be at full market value.

Action: Trustee Ferry moved to approve the proposal for the disposal of property in Logan, Utah. Trustee Nixon seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

6. Real Property Acquisition – Richmond, Utah [Resolution 18-06-14] (Appendix N)

This 40-acre property with water shares is located adjacent to USU-owned land. This agricultural land will offset the loss of land with an expansion of equine facilities. The purchase price will be at fair market value.

Action: Trustee Whitworth moved to approve the property acquisition in Richmond, Utah. Trustee Alder seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

7. Construction of a Horse Barn, a Non-State Funded Project [Resolution 18-06-15] (Appendix O)

Construction of a new horse barn will add additional stall spaces and make the equine program facilities capable to host horse show competitions. The School of Veterinary Medicine will use available funds for the building. No state funds will be requested for capital improvements or operations and maintenance of the property.

Action: Trustee Ferry moved to approve the construction of a horse barn, a non-state funded project. Trustee Whitworth seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

8. Capital Development Priority List for Fiscal Year 2019-20 [Resolution 18-06-16] (Appendix P)

USU is submitting one state-funded project request for fiscal year 2019-20; a new building to house departments and programs from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The proposed building would be constructed in the southwest corner of the Quad. The Department of Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies, units of the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology, the Anthropology Museum, and Utah Public Radio would be located there. The Quonset Hut would be demolished opening up that space for future use. This proposed building will have an approximate budget of \$24,000,000.

Non-state funded projects on the list include: an Information Technology Services Building consolidating the Information Technology Department which is now housed in three buildings; a replacement for the Mountain View Residence Hall, the goal is to construct housing that is safe and desirable for students with an approximate increase of five percent of current capacity; and a Blanding Professional Career and Technology Education Lab.

Action: Trustee Hunsaker moved to approve the Capital Development Priority List for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Trustee Alder seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

9. Utah State University 2018-19 Budgets [Resolution 18-06-17] (Appendix Q)

Vice President Cowley gave an overview of the 2018-19 University Budgets and answered questions from Trustees. With healthy state budgets, USU budgets are not being cut and are looking at a slight increase. USU Eastern’s smaller budget is also running in the black.

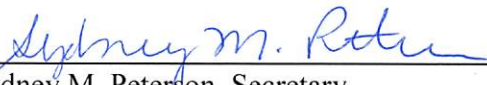
Action: Trustee Alder moved to approve the Utah State University 2018-19 Budgets. Trustee Ferry seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chair Burnett asked if there were any other items the Trustees would like to discuss before the meeting closed; none were mentioned.

Action: Trustee Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hunsaker seconded the motion; the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

  
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Jody K. Burnett, Chair  
  
August 17, 2018  
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Date Approved

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