Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held in Champ Conference Room, Old Main 136, at 10:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald W. Jibson  Chair
Scott R. Watterson  Vice Chair
Jody K. Burnett
David P. Cook
Douglas S. Foxley
Susan D. Johnson
Erik D. Mikkelsen  (Champ Conference Room)
Frank Peczuh, Jr.
Suzanne Pierce-Moore
Richard L. Shipley

MEMBER EXCUSED

Robert L. Foley

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (in Champ Conference Room)

Stan L. Albrecht  President (by telephone)
Raymond T. Coward  Executive Vice President and Provost
James D. Morales  Vice President for Student Services
Neil Abercrombie  Director of Federal and State Relations
John Allen  Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Leon Anderson  Head of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology
Jodi Bailey  Chief Audit Executive
Dwight E. Davis  Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services
Martha Dever  Associate Dean and Department Head of the School of Teacher Education and Leadership
Dennis Dolny  Head of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Annette Herman Harder  Chief Operating Officer for University Advancement
Douglas Jackson-Smith  Director of Graduate Studies in Sociology
Chair Jibson conducted the meeting and welcomed those present, including Regent Teresa Theurer. He indicated that President Albrecht is in the Dominican Republic and joined the meeting by telephone. He excused Trustee Foley who was out of the country.

I. Chair’s Report

A. Oath of Office for Jody K. Burnett

Chair Jibson welcomed Jody K. Burnett, new President of the Alumni Association, as a member of the USU Board of Trustees. Chair Jibson indicated that he met with Trustee Burnett earlier in the week and administered the oath of office.

B. Committee Assignments for Jody K. Burnett

Chair Jibson indicated that Trustee Burnett will serve on the Athletics Committee and Honorary Degrees and Awards Screening Committee (Appendix A).

C. Updated Trustees Membership List

Trustees received an updated Trustees membership list for their information (Appendix B).
D. ASUSU Report, Trustee Mikkelsen

Trustee Mikkelsen reported on the following:

- Preparations are underway for the Week of Welcome for students.
- Plans are being made for public relations and marketing to reach out to students who are not involved with ASUSU to encourage them to get involved.
- Former USU student/ASUSU officer, Sheldon Browning, from Stockton, California, has been hired as the Community Service Coordinator for the Val R. Christensen Service Center.
- Trustee Mikkelsen is a member of the Council of Student Body Presidents. The members are advocates for higher education. A Higher Education Golf Tournament will be held on August 15. There will be two teams from each institution and Trustees will be invited to participate as well as legislators, business leaders, friends of higher education, and students.
- A goal has been set to meet with every legislator throughout the state to discuss accessibility, affordability, and the quality of higher education.

E. Alumni Association Report, Trustee Burnett

Trustee Burnett reported the following:

- Homecoming is scheduled for September 23-24. Honorees this year are: Alumnus of the Year – Robert M. Matich; Distinguished Young Alumni – Mark V. and Jennifer N. Erickson; and Grand Marshals – the 1969-70 and 1970-71 basketball teams.
- Patty Halaufia, Executive Director of Alumni Relations, attended a conference on Alumni Association Strategic Planning and is evaluating the role of the Alumni Association.
- Aggie Lagoon Day was a success. More than 500 Aggies, family members, and employees attended.

F. Report on Marketing/Public Relations Committee Meeting

Trustee Johnson reported on the Marketing/Public Relations Committee Meeting which was held June 7, 2011. The Committee received a report on current public relations and marketing activities. Several suggestions for change have been made including structural changes in the composition of marketing entities throughout the University.

G. Utah State Board of Regents at USU

The Utah State Board of Regents will hold its meetings at USU on July 15, 2011. Trustees are invited to join the Regents for a breakfast meeting. President
Albrecht said he will give a brief State of the University update, and the Trustees will have an opportunity to discuss issues with the Regents.

H. **Date of the Next Board of Trustees Meeting/Workshop**

The next Board of Trustees meeting and workshop will be held Friday, August 26, 2011.

II. **President’s Report**

A. **Student Resolution of Commendation for Cory Larson**

Trustee Mikkelsen read the Student Resolution of Commendation for Cory Larson (Appendix C). Mr. Larson was an outstanding USU student and graduated in May 2011 from the concurrent Bachelors and Masters program in Electrical Engineering with minors in Math and Physics. President Albrecht and Chair Jibson extended congratulations to Mr. Larson. Trustee Johnson stated that Cory’s sister is also attending USU. She knows his parents who appreciate the opportunities Cory has received while getting his Engineering degree at USU.

B. **President Albrecht’s Visit to the Dominican Republic**

President Albrecht said he was invited by President Leonel Antonio Fernández of the Dominican Republic to attend the grand opening of a new Regional Branch Campus which is located in the southwest province of the Dominican Republic, one of the poorest areas of the island. He said it is a beautiful new facility and will accommodate 8,000 students. In his remarks at the dedication, President Fernández highlighted the relationship with USU, the Dominican Republic students who have and are attending USU, and the leadership positions they will hold in business, industry, and government in the Dominican Republic upon graduation from USU. President Albrecht stated that President Fernández is an eloquent spokesperson for higher education.

C. **Recent Events**

1. USU Commencement, May 7, 2011
2. CEU Price Commencement, May 7, 2011
3. Governor’s Education Commission, May 17, 2011
5. Big Blue Bash at the Home, May 19, 2011
6. Board of Regents at Weber State University, May 20, 2011
7. USU Community Cabinet, May 23, 2011
8. Salt Lake Chamber Governing Board, May 24, 2011
9. Retirement Reception at the Home, June 1, 2011
D. Upcoming Events

1. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Board of Commissioners in Seattle, Washington, July 11-13
2. Board of Regents at USU, July 15, 2011
3. Governor’s Education Excellence Commission, July 26, 2011
4. NCAA Presidential Retreat and Division I Board of Directors in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 9-11, 2011
5. Touchdown Club Dinner, August 12, 2011
6. Governor’s Education Excellence Commission, August 15, 2011
7. Department Heads Retreat, August 15, 2011
8. RCDE and CEU Faculty Retreat, August 16, 2011
9. New Faculty Training, August 16, 2011
10. Engineering Annual Summer Retreat, August 17, 2011
11. RCDE Student Representative Retreat, August 19, 2011
12. Utah Campus Compact Executive Committee Meeting in Salt Lake City, August 17, 2011
13. Board of Trustees Workshop at Uintah Basin
14. First Day of Class, August 29, 2011
15. Council of Presidents, August 30, 2011
17. Board of Trustees Workshop at Uintah Basin, September 9, 2011
18. Bonderman Event in Moab, September 10, 2011

III. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the Executive Session Held on May 6, 2011
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on May 6, 2011
Resolution 11-7-1 Faculty and Staff Adjustments (Appendix D)
Resolution 11-7-2 Certificate of the Treasurer for March 2011 (Appendix E)
Resolution 11-7-3 Certificate of the Treasurer for April 2011 (Appendix F)
Resolution 11-7-4 Report of Investments for March 2011 (Appendix G)
Resolution 11-7-5 Report of Investments for April 2011 (Appendix H)
Resolution 11-7-6 Delegation/Administration Reports for April 15, 2011 to May 13, 2011 (Quarterly Report) (Appendix I)
Resolution 11-7-7 Capital Development Priority List for FY 2012-2013 (Request to the Board of Regents (Appendix J)
Resolution 11-7-8 Terminate Swaner EcoCenter’s 401(k) Retirement Plan and the Former College of Eastern Utah’s 401(a) Retirement Plan (Appendix K)
Resolution 11-7-9 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for April 2011 (Appendix L)
Resolution 11-7-10 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for May 2011 (Appendix M)

Executive Session to be held in conjunction with the Workshop, August 26, 2011, to discuss those items which are permitted by law to be discussed in Executive Session.

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

IV. **Action Agenda**

A. **Proposal to Offer an Emphasis in Harp within the Bachelor of Music Degree, Department of Music, Caine College of the Arts, Effective Fall 2011**

Provost Coward indicated that the Bachelor of Music program emphasis in Harp requires no new courses, but does require specialization and individual tutorial that come with performing arts courses.

Dean Craig Jessop stated that Chilali Hugo is currently instructing in harp. She has a Master’s of Art Performance from Michigan State and a Master’s of Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music in London and is an excellent teacher. She suggested adding the Harp emphasis, and it will enormously enhance the degree at no additional cost. No more than two students a year will be admitted.

**Action**: Trustee Watterson moved approval of Resolution 11-7-11 the proposal to offer an emphasis in Harp within the Bachelor of Music Degree, Department of Music, Caine College of the Arts, effective Fall Semester 2011 (Appendix N). Trustee Shipley seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

B. **Proposal to Offer an Emphasis in Health Science within the Health Education and Promotion, Bachelor of Science Degree, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services**

Provost Coward said that the addition of a new emphasis in the Health Education and Promotion degree is unique. It will train students for multiple health science positions outside of public schools.
Dr. Dolny, Head of the HPER Department, said this emphasis will meet the needs of current students in the major and will attract additional students who may not normally select this major. He said they track students into the School of Health Education teaching curriculum which previously has been in conjunction with the Secondary Education program. The program focused on the community health education program with state-orientated health promotion. The proposed emphasis will allow students studying disease prevention, for example, to pursue graduate training in medical-oriented fields of study rather than focusing on teaching curriculum or community health education.

Dr. Dolney indicated that BYU has a comparable program. Other universities also have a Health Science emphasis, but not always in the Health Education and Promotion degree.

**Action**: Trustee Pierce-Moore moved approval of Resolution 11-7-12 the proposal to offer an Emphasis in Health Science within the Health Education and Promotion, Bachelor of Science Degrees, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services (Appendix O). Trustee Johnson seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

C. **Proposal to Offer a Master of Education (MEd) in Instructional Leadership, School of Teacher Education and Leadership, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services**

Provost Coward stated that this is a new Master’s of Education Instructional Leadership program that will help graduates align with the new licensing requirements of the Utah State Board of Education.

Martha Dever, Associate Dean and Department Head of the School of Teacher Education and Leadership, stated that the proposed Master’s of Education in Instructional Leadership will enable students to earn the administrator’s supervisory certificate for employment as a principal or superintendent. A Master’s degree is required for the certificate. Currently, prospective school leaders enrolled at USU must choose a Master’s in either Elementary Education or Secondary Education. This degree will provide licensure for K-12 and district level administrative positions in a single program. There are no changes in courses or faculty.
Action: Trustee Mikkelsen moved approval of Resolution 11-7-13 the proposal to offer a Master of Education (MEd) in Instructional Leadership, School of Teacher Education and Leadership, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services (Appendix P). Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

D. Restructure the Specializations Offered in the Sociology Doctoral Program, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dean John Allen stated that restructuring in the Sociology doctoral program is a result of faculty interest and an example of how the new College of Humanities and Social Sciences continues to focus its energies and build its assets. The program takes into consideration: (1) the future of the field of Sociology, (2) where the PhDs will be placed, and (3) how to focus the specialization. The department has a long history of demography as a PhD specialization. Environment and community are areas of strength of faculty and graduate students, and Dean Allen believes this will bring focus to the PhD program and allow it to place itself nationally.

Douglas Jackson-Smith, Director of Graduate Studies in Sociology, agreed that the proposal builds on strengths and provides improvement to the focus and quality of the program that has been in place for 30 years without requiring additional resources. The proposal does not require additional faculty and is a better fit for the current direction of the program. He indicated that this area is one of the fastest growing in Sociology, and young faculty members are enthusiastic about the program. He said the program will retain its national reputation and strength.

Leon Anderson, new Head of the Department, said he is impressed with the focus on improvement and clarity in the proposed doctoral graduate program.

Action: Trustee Pierce-Moore moved approval of Resolution 7-11-14 the proposal to restructure the Specializations offered in the Sociology doctoral program, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (Appendix Q). Trustee Johnson seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chair Jibson expressed appreciation that the proposals under consideration all provide emphasis to the programs with minimal additional costs.

E. Program Review, Department of Geology, College of Science

Provost Coward stated that departments are reviewed periodically by reviewers on and off campus in order to continue to improve. The review committee for the Department of Geology offered several suggestions which have been considered by the dean, the faculty, and the department heads.
Dean MacMahon indicated that the results of the review were not unexpected, and the department has been making some of the changes suggested by the review committee. He said Geology is one of the fastest growing in the University, and is not adding new faculty. There were 45 graduate students who applied for the program, and only 15 were accepted because the number of professors is limited. The Department of Geology addresses energy issues, and the number of graduate students has increased because of energy interests.

David Liddell, Head of the Department of Geology, stated that the department is doing well despite financial challenges. He reported the following:

- There is a record number of graduate students.
- There will be four visiting faculty next year.
- The department has received $700 million in external funding.
- A Master’s program in Geology has been started in Regional Campus and Distance Education.

Dean MacMahon added that the Advisory Committee for the Department of Geology is more active than any other in the College of Science, and generates funds to support the department.

Trustees shared concern that the program is unable to accept more students in a program that is in high demand with employment opportunities for graduates. Dean MacMahon explained that due to the budget cuts, other areas in the College of Science also struggle with financial needs, making it impossible to hire more faculty members at this time. The increase in external funding is significant and has allowed for ten additional graduate students.

**Action:** Trustee Watterson moved approval of Resolution 7-11-15 the program review of the Department of Geology, College of Science (Appendix R), and Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**F. USU Master Plan**

Trustees were given the Utah State University Campus Master Plan, a brochure for the USU Master Plan Logan Campus, and a brochure for the Master Plan 2011 Statewide Campuses (Appendix S).

Associate Vice President Davis stated that USU’s Master Plan will be considered by the State Board of Regents next week. In the materials there is an internet link to a 15 minute video detailing the Master Plan.
Action: Trustee Shipley moved approval of Resolution 11-7-16 (Appendix T) the USU Master Plan. Trustee Cook seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

G. **Ground Lease for Mixed-Use Development**

Associate Vice President Davis stated that USU would like to enter into a ground lease for development of approximately 2.5 acres located directly west of Romney Stadium for student housing and commercial development. La Veta owns the property adjacent to the USU property and is building student housing, retail, and restaurant entities. The revenues from the ground lease will be used to promote student life programs, meet on-campus housing maintenance needs, and future development. It will be a nice housing complex that will add value to the USU campus as well as help with student recruiting, the student life building, and add value to athletic events. At the end of the lease, all of the assets will revert back to USU.

Action: Trustee Foxley made a motion to approve Resolution 7-11-17 the proposal for a ground lease for mixed-use development (Appendix U), and Trustee Watterson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

H. **Ground Lease for Commercial Development at the USU Brigham City Campus**

Associate Vice President Davis said USU would like to enter into a ground lease for commercial development with Orvieto. The property owned by USU is just less than an acre and is located between 8th and 10th South Main Street in Brigham City on the parking lot of the old K-Mart building. Orvieto plans to build a commercial development which will include retail and restaurant entities. The lease will be in place for 20 to 30 years, and at the end of the lease, the ownership of the assets will revert back to USU. This will promote a good relationship with Brigham City and help with the development of the Brigham City Campus.

Action: Trustee Pierce-Moore moved approval of Resolution 11-7-18 the ground lease for commercial development at the USU Brigham City campus (Appendix V). Trustee Peczuh seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

I. **Sale of USU Building Located at 1780 Research Parkway on the USU Innovation Campus**

Associate Vice President Davis stated that USU owns a building at 1780 Research Parkway which recently reverted back to USU. It is in need of significant renovation and upgrades at an estimated cost of $180,000 to $250,000. Rather than USU retaining ownership and covering the cost, we would like to sell the
building “as is” at fair market value and enter into a ground lease with Woodbury Corporation. At the end of the ground lease, the ownership would revert back to USU. This is an opportunity to obtain the value of the building, make it available for tenants, and use the revenue from the sale of the building and the ground lease to help support further development at the Research Park. It will be used by tenants for research purposes, and USU may be a tenant.

**Action:** Trustee Cook made a motion to approve Resolution 7-11-19 the sale of a USU building located at 1780 Research Parkway on the USU Innovation Campus (Appendix W). Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative. (Trustee Foxley abstained from discussion and voting because of interests he has with Woodbury Corporation.)

**J. Amendments to USU Policy and Procedures Manual**

Chair Jibson stated that as a result of the USU-CEU merger, there are a number of changes to the USU Policy and Procedures Manual. A Special Meeting will be scheduled within the next two weeks for Trustees to act on the changes to the Code.

**K. USU Commencement 2011**

Chair Jibson expressed appreciation to the Trustees on behalf of USU administration for attending graduation and Commencement ceremonies at Regional Campuses and on the USU campus. He congratulated the University, President’s Office staff, the administration, and deans for how well Commencement was conducted. He said he heard many positive comments about the events.

**Action:** Trustee Mikkelsen made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.