REGULAR MEETING
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 7, 2011

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held in the Alma Sonne Board Room of the University Inn at 1:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Suzanne Pierce-Moore Chair
Ronald W. Jibson Vice Chair
Ralph W. Binns
David P. Cook (By telephone)
Robert L. Foley
Douglas S. Foxley
Frank Peczuh, Jr.
Richard L. Shipley
Tyler L. Tolson
Scott R. Watterson

MEMBER EXCUSED

Susan D. Johnson

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht President
Raymond T. Coward Executive Vice President and Provost
Noelle E. Cockett Vice President and Dean for Extension and Agriculture
David T. Cowley Vice President for Business and Finance
M. Kay Jeppesen Vice President and CIO for Information Technology
Brent C. Miller Vice President for Research
F. Ross Peterson Vice President for University Advancement
Douglas D. Anderson Dean of the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business
Jodi Bailey Chief Audit Executive
Tyler Bowles Head of the Department of Economics and Finance
Thomas Bunch Professor, Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences
Richard Cutler Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics
Martha Dever Associate Dean of the School of Teacher Education and Leadership
Chair Pierce-Moore conducted the meeting and welcomed those present including Regent Theurer and members of the media. She excused Trustee Johnson and Vice President Morales.

I. Chairman’s Report

A. Committee Assignment for Frank Peczuh, Jr.

Trustee Peczuh was assigned to serve on the Regional Campus System Committee.

B. Report on the Audit Committee Meetings held on December 20, 2010 and on January 7, 2011

Robert Foley, Vice Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the Audit Committee met on December 20, 2010, and reviewed the annual external audits completed by the State Auditor for the University. He said the reports were
positive and reflected the excellent USU staff who prepare the financial records. The Audit Committee accepted the audit reports, and recommended that the full Board approve the external audit reports included in the consent agenda.

The Audit Committee approved the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on October 22, 2010 (Appendix A), at its December 20, 2010, meeting. The Audit Committee also met on January 7, 2011, and approved the minutes of the December 20, 2010, meeting (Appendix B).

B. Date of the Next Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Friday, March 18, 2011, on the USU campus.

II. President’s Report

A. Recent Events

1. American Festival Chorus Holiday Concert, December 4, 2010  
2. Football – USU at Boise State, December 4, 2010  
4. Regents/Legislators/Commissioner Meeting, December 7, 2010  
5. Men’s Basketball – Long Beach State at USU, December 7, 2010  
6. Wells Fargo Northern Utah Community Board, December 8, 2010  
7. Board of Regents, December 9, 2010  
8. Men’s Basketball – Cal State Bakersfield at USU, December 11, 2010  
14. Men’s Basketball – San Jose State at USU, December 31, 2010  
15. Utah Campus Compact Executive Committee, January 4, 2011  
17. USU Board of Trustees (workshop), January 7, 2011

B. Upcoming Events

1. USU Community Cabinet, January 11, 2011  
President Albrecht mentioned that he will be in Bellevue, Washington, January 12-13 for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Board of Commissioners Meeting. The NWCCU will change accreditation standards, and it will affect all institutions. It will change reviews from ten-year cycles to seven-year cycles, and there will be a different process. The Board will work to finalize implementation of the new standards and guidelines.
President Albrecht will attend NCAA Division I Board of Directors meetings in San Antonio, Texas, on January 15. A major item on the agenda is sponsorship at bowl games.

On January 18, President Albrecht and Provost Coward will meet in Park City with the Regional Campus Advisory Boards from Blanding, USU-CEU, Uintah Basin, Tooele, and Brigham City. Progress, challenges, and goals will be discussed.

III. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the Executive Session Held on December 3, 2010
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on December 3, 2010
Resolution 11-1-1 Faculty and Staff Adjustments (Appendix C)
Resolution 11-1-2 Certificate of the Treasurer for October 2010 (Appendix D)
Resolution 11-1-3 Report of Investments for October 2010 (Appendix E)
Resolution 11-1-4 Delegation/Administration Reports for November 12, 2010 to December 17, 2010 (Appendix F)
Resolution 11-1-5 Review and Approval of the External Audit Reports (Appendix G)
Resolution 11-1-6 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for November 2010 (Appendix H)

Executive Session to be held on March 18, 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 Vice Chair Jibson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

IV. Action Agenda

A. Proposal to Offer a Master of Science in Economics and Statistics (MS-ES), Administered Jointly by the Department of Applied Economics (APEC), College of Agriculture, and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics (Math/Stat), College of Science, Effective Fall 2011

Trustees were given a proposal to offer a Master of Science in Economics and Statistics (MS-ES), administered jointly by the Department of Applied Economics (APEC), College of Agriculture, and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics (Math/Stat), College of Science, effective Fall 2011 (Appendix I), for their consideration.
Vice President Cockett and Dean MacMahon stated their approval for the new Master of Science in Economics and Statistics degree. Dean MacMahon stated that this degree is probably unique. They agreed that the College of Agriculture and the College of Science are coming together to provide a valuable degree for students.

Richard Cutler, Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and Paul Jakus, Head of the Department of Applied Economics, also indicated their approval of the proposal.

**Action:** Trustee Foxley moved approval of Resolution 11-1-7 the proposal to offer a Master of Science in Economics and Statistics (MS-ES), administered jointly by the Department of Applied Economics (APEC), College of Agriculture, and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics (Math/Stat), College of Science, effective Fall 2011 (Appendix I). Vice Chair Jibson seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**B. Proposal to Consolidate the Three Existing Graduate Degree Programs in the Department of Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences (ADVS), College of Agriculture, into a Single Graduate Degree Program Master of Science (MS) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) with Five Specializations**

Trustees received a proposal to consolidate the three existing graduate degree programs in the Department of Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences (ADVS), College of Agriculture, into a single graduate degree program, Master of Science (MS) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) with five Specializations (Appendix J), for their consideration.

Vice President Cockett expressed approval for the consolidation of the three degree programs in ADVS into a single graduate degree program. Thomas Bunch, Assistant Department Head of Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science, stated that the three existing graduate degree programs in ADVS are continuations of the degree programs when the departments were separated. The three departments were consolidated in the late 1970's. The consolidation of the three graduate degrees into a one-degree program will strengthen graduate education and provide greater opportunities for in-depth research. The five specializations are Animal Management, Animal Health and Disease, Animal Molecular Genetics, Animal Nutrition, and Reproduction and Development.
Action: Vice Chair Jibson moved approval of Resolution 11-1-8 the proposal to consolidate the three existing graduate degree programs in the Department of Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences (ADVS), College of Agriculture, into a single graduate degree program, Master of Science (MS) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) with five Specializations (Appendix J). Trustee Watterson seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

C. Proposal from the Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences, College of Agriculture, to Discontinue the Dairy Herdsman Program

Trustees received a proposal from the Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences, College of Agriculture, to discontinue the Dairy Herdsman Program (Appendix K), for their consideration.

Vice President Cockett stated that the Dairy Herdsman program was a one year course of study, certificate program. Enrollment in the Dairy Herdsman Program has decreased from 40 to 45 students during the 1980s and 1990s to approximately 12 students per year. Because of low enrollment, it is necessary to discontinue the program.

Action: Trustee Foley moved approval of Resolution 11-1-9 the proposal from the Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences, College of Agriculture, to discontinue the Dairy Herdsman Program (Appendix K). Trustee Shipley seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

D. Proposal from the Department of Economics and Finance, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, to Offer a Master of Financial Economics, Effective Fall 2011

Trustees were given a proposal from the Department of Economics and Finance, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, to offer a Master of Financial Economics, effective Fall 2011 (Appendix L), for their consideration.

Dean Anderson stated that the proposed master’s degree of Financial Economics is designed to capitalize on student demand for a terminal master’s degree focused on finance. He said this proposal fits the strategy for creating distinction in Finance Economics and quantitative methodology as recommended by Jon Huntsman.
Tyler Bowles, Head of the Department of Economics and Finance, said this proposal has been under consideration for two years. The department has the faculty expertise necessary, and there is a demand for the degree.

**Action:** Trustee Shipley moved approval of Resolution 11-1-10 the proposal from the Department of Economics and Finance, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, to offer a Master of Financial Economics, effective Fall 2011 (Appendix L). Trustee Foley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

E. Proposal from the School of Teacher Education and Leadership, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, to Consolidate and Change the Name of the Education Specialist Degrees to Education Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction

Trustees received the proposal from the School of Teacher Education and Leadership, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, to consolidate and change the name of the Education Specialist degrees to Education Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction (Appendix M), for their consideration.

Dean Foley indicated that the proposal is to eliminate two degree titles – Educational Specialist in Elementary Education and Educational Specialist in Secondary Education – and change the title to Education Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction.

Dean Foley stated that the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services is in the top 2% in all colleges of education. Last year it was fourth in the nation among colleges of education receiving external funding – $32 million – and will receive even more this year. Trustee Foxley said that every teacher in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services should, on the first and last day of class, emphasize to the students that they should be proud of the exceptional college they attend.

**Action:** Trustee Foxley moved approval of Resolution 11-1-11 the proposal from the School of Teacher Education and Leadership, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, to consolidate and change the name of the Education Specialist degrees to Education Specialist in Curriculum and
Instruction (Appendix M), and Vice Chair Jibson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

F. Proposal from the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, to Change the Name of the Bachelor of Science (BS) Health Education Specialist Degree to Health Education and Promotion

Trustees received the proposal from the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, to change the name of the Bachelor of Science (BS) Health Education Specialist degree to Health Education and Promotion (Appendix N), for their consideration.

Dennis Dolny, Head of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, indicated support for the proposal to change the name of the Health Education Specialist Degree to Health Education and Promotion. The health education profession has grown significantly and professionals are involved in both health promotional and health educational pursuits. This is a more descriptive term for the profession.

Action: Trustee Watterson moved approval of Resolution 11-1-12 the proposal from the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, to change the name of the Bachelor of Science (BS) Health Education Specialist degree to Health Education and Promotion (Appendix N). Trustee Binns seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

G. Program Review for the College of Engineering

Trustees were given material concerning the Program Review for the College of Engineering (Appendix O) for their consideration.

Dean Hinton reported that the accreditation review performed in 2009 by ABET, Inc. Engineering Accreditation Committee (EAC), is one of the best accreditation visits ever for the College of Engineering. Of the six engineering programs reviewed, five passed without any weaknesses. Biological Engineering was accredited to September 30, 2011, but the concerns about the program have been addressed, and the date will be extended to a six-year
accreditation.

Dean Hinton expressed appreciation to Christine Hailey, Senior Associate Dean of the College of Engineering, for her work in preparing for the accreditation visit.

Vice Chair Jibson commended Dean Hinton, his staff, and the College of Engineering for the successful accreditation visit.

**Action:** Vice Chair Jibson moved approval of Resolution 11-1-13 the program review for the College of Engineering (Appendix O), and Trustee Binns seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**H. Athletics Competitive/Practice Facility (FY2011-12 Non-State Funded Capital Development Priority)**

Trustees received material concerning the Athletics Competitive/Practice Facility (FY2011-12 Non-State Funded Capital Development Priority) (Appendix P), for their consideration.

Vice President Cowley stated that the proposed Athletics building will be used as a practice facility for basketball and volleyball. If approved by the USU Trustees and the Board of Regents, it will be added to the non-state funded Capital Development Priority List for FY 2011-2012 and go to the Legislature for approval. Athletics would then pursue fund-raising activities to provide private donations for the facility. Vice President Cowley indicated that operation and maintenance funding for the eligible E & G space in the facility will be requested at the appropriate time.

**Action:** Trustee Foley moved approval of Resolution 11-1-14 the Athletics Competitive/Practice Facility (FY2011-12 Non-State Funded Capital Development Priority) (Appendix P). Vice Chair Jibson seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**I. Honorary Degrees and Commencement Speaker for 2011**

Trustees were given the proposal concerning the Honorary Degrees and Commencement Speaker for 2011 (Appendix Q) for their consideration.

Chair Pierce-Moore indicated that approval of the Resolution will allow
administration to contact the selected individuals to determine availability and acceptance before the names are made public.

**Action:** Vice Chair Jibson moved approval of Resolution 11-1-15 the Honorary Degrees and Commencement Speaker for 2011 (Appendix Q), and Trustee Binns seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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Suzanne Pierce-Moore, Chairman   Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary
(Minutes Taken by Mira G. Thatcher)

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Date Approved