Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held in the University Inn, Alma Sonne Board Room, commencing at 9:09 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Ronald W. Jibson Chair
Scott R. Watterson Vice Chair
Jody K. Burnett
Linda Clark Gillmor
Mark K. Holland
Susan D. Johnson
J. Scott Nixon
Frank Pecuzi, Jr.
Lane L. Thomas
Ashley Waddoups

MEMBERS EXCUSED
Karen H. Huntsman

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT
Jodi Bailey Chief Audit Executive
Carolyn Brittain Staff Assistant
Noelle E. Cockett President
Laurens H. Smith, Jr. Interim Provost
David T. Cowley Vice President for Business and Finance
Judy Crockett Emergency Management Coordinator
Dennis G. Dolny Head, Department of Kinesiology and Health Science
Carole Grady Director, Nursing Program, Assistant Department Head
John Hartwell Vice President and Director, Athletics
Kimberly Lott President Elect, Faculty Senate
Mica McKinney University Counsel
Mark McLellan Vice President, Research and Dean, Graduate Studies
Steve Milne Captain and Interim Chief, USU Police Department
J. Wade Perkins Member, Staff Employee Association
Sydney M. Peterson Chief of Staff and Board of Trustees Secretary
Tim Vitale Director, Public Relations and Marketing
Ken White Vice President of USU Extension and the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

OTHERS PRESENT
Kevin Opsahl The Herald Journal
Teresa Theurer Member, Board of Regents
Chair Jibson called the meeting to order thanking those in attendance on a cold morning in Logan.

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

Chair Jibson opened the Regular Meeting again at 10:18 a.m. giving a special welcome to President Cockett. He thanked members of the Administration, representatives from the Faculty Senate and Staff Employee Association, Regent Teresa Theurer, and members of the media for their attendance.

I. Chair’s Report

A. Construction of a Dairy Barn, a non-state funded project
   Resolution 16-11-01 (Appendix A)

   The proposal to approve construction of a dairy barn, a non-state funded project, was approved by the Executive Committee on November 8, 2016. The barn will be located at the Caine Dairy Farm in Wellsville, Utah.

B. Proposed schedule of meetings through May 2018 (Appendix B)

   The proposed schedule of meetings through May 2018 was presented to the Board for their comments and approval. It was noted that these dates are scheduled in conjunction with the meetings of the Board of Regents.

C. Alumni Association Report

   Trustee Thomas mentioned the success of the Dowdle art and puzzle project; two-thirds of the projected sales for the first 18 months sold during the holiday season. A new Alumni Endowment of $200,000 has been established. The funds are earmarked for scholarships to be awarded to students entering their junior year of study. The requirements include GPA and a legacy relationship of either a parent or grandparent.

D. Audit Committee Report

   Trustee Nixon reported that the committee held a robust meeting on January 6, 2017. He explained that there are several reports that the Board of Trustees need to formally accept. They discussed and approved the Review of Trustees’ Audit Committee Annual Report of Internal Audit Services and Activities for 2016 including the plan for 2017. They received information from the Chief Audit Executive regarding the on-going Risk Assessment Process. The main goal of the meeting was to discuss and approve the annual external audit reports. Trustee Nixon noted that USU’s audit reports are the gold standard within the USHE system.
Review and Acceptance of the External Audit Reports Resolution 17-01-01 (Appendix C)

1. Utah State University Management Letter and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2016
4. Edith Bowen Laboratory School Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2016 with Independent Auditor’s Reports

Action: Trustee Nixon moved the approval of Resolution 17-01-01 the proposal for the Review and Acceptance of the External Audit Reports. Trustee Burnett seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

E. USUSA Report

Trustee Waddoups reported that USUSA held a canned food drive competition and raised over 700 cans of food for the SNAC pantry during a critical time of need. USU, for the second time, won the state Campus Cup Competition by having the most students register and vote during the election. Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox will award the trophy during the 2017 Legislative Session. The College of Science and the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services each held successful college weeks in November. The Council has been aggressively seeking to have as many councils/members as possible do Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training. The training covers what to do if confronted with an individual who might seem suicidal. The training was filmed in order to be offered to students at regional campuses. To raise mental health awareness a “De-Stress Fest” was held. It was a fun and informative event to destigmatize mental health and help students learn more about mental health resources. Jaque Johansen is the new Engineering Senator.

F. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2017, on the Logan campus.

This meeting will be held in the afternoon to accommodate attendance at Founders Day events.

II. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Stan L. Albrecht

A. Recent Events

1. Football, Fresno at USU, October 22, 2016
2. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Nancy Hills, President’s Home, October 25, 2016
3. SDL Bennett Building Naming and Luncheon, October 27, 2016
4. TEDxUSU Reception, October 27, 2016
5. Football, San Diego State at USU, October 28, 2016
6. Council of Presidents, Salt Lake City, November 1, 2016
7. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Jamison Fargo, President's Home, November 1, 2016
8. Sunrise Session, Salt Lake City, November 4, 2016
10. Football, USU at Wyoming, November 5, 2016
11. Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors, Salt Lake City, November 8, 2016
12. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Silvana Martini, President's Home, November 8, 2016
13. Basketball, USU at UC Irvine, November 11, 2016
14. Football, New Mexico at USU, November 12, 2016
15. Basketball, New Jersey Institute of Technology at USU, November 14, 2016
17. Basketball, Bristol at USU, November 16, 2016
18. Board of Regents at Utah Valley University, Provo, November 18, 2016
19. Football, USU at Nevada, November 19, 2016
21. Utah Campus Compact Fall Board Meeting, November 21, 2016
22. Basketball, USU at Cancun, Mexico Tournament, November 22-23, 2016
23. Football, USU at Brigham Young University, November 26, 2016
24. Basketball, USU vs. Brigham Young University, Salt Lake City, November 30, 2016
25. Football, Mountain West Championship Game, December 3, 2016
27. Aggie Passport Reception, TSC Skyroom, December 6, 2016
28. Basketball, Great Falls at USU, December 6, 2016
29. Basketball, USU at Utah Valley University, December 10, 2016
30. Mountain West Board of Directors, Phoenix, Arizona, December 11-12, 2016
31. Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors, Salt Lake City, December 13, 2016
32. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Christopher Monz, President's Home, December 15, 2016
33. Basketball, New Orleans at USU, December 19, 2016
35. Basketball, Boise State at USU, December 28, 2016

III. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Noelle E. Cockett

A. Information Items

President Cockett asked Trustee Waddoups to present the Student Resolution of Commendation to Spencer Perry.

1. Trustee Waddoups shared Spencer Perry’s Resolution of Commendation (Appendix D). Spencer, a pre-health student, has been active in USUSA including his work to
revamp the USU app. “Spencer leads in a way that empowers others…” and has “given his all to serving others.”

President Cockett highlighted two recent events. She was a speaker at a luncheon with the local Rotary Club and she attended the USTAR Governing Authority Board luncheon. The USTAR Board approved funding for additional equipment in the bio-manufacturing facility. USU plans to extend the facility’s use to small businesses in Utah.

B. Recent Events

1. Council of Presidents, Salt Lake City, January 3, 2017
2. Basketball, New Mexico at USU, January 4, 2017
3. Speaker at Rotary Club Luncheon, January 5, 2017
4. USTAR Governing Authority Board Salt Lake City, January 5, 2017
5. USU Board of Trustees, January 6, 2017

C. Upcoming Events

1. Pre-game Reception with Board of Trustees and USU Foundation Members, January 7, 2017
2. Basketball, UNLV at USU, January 7, 2017
3. K-16 Alliance, January 9, 2017
4. Utah System of Higher Education Legislative Preview Luncheon, January 9, 2017
5. Keynote Speaker at Cache Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner, January 10, 2017
6. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Cathy Bullock, President’s Home, January 11, 2017
7. Legislative Preview Dinner with Legislators, Utah Botanical Center, Layton, Utah, January 11, 2017
8. Basketball, USU at Wyoming, January 11, 2017
9. Basketball, USU at San Diego State, January 14, 2017
10. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Anhong Zhou, President’s Home, January 18, 2017
11. Board of Regents, University of Utah, January 20, 2017
12. Pre-game Reception with Legislators and Local Government Officials, January 21, 2017
14. Research/Posters on the Hill, Salt Lake City, January 24 2017
15. Basketball, USU at New Mexico, January 24, 2017
16. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Catalin Buhusi, President’s Home, January 25, 2017
17. Kick-off Speaker at Focus Friday (HSB Leadership Forum), January 7, 2017
18. Basketball, Fresno at USU, January 28, 2017
19. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Ravi Gupta, President’s Home, January 31, 2017
20. Special Council of Presidents-2017 Legislative Session, Salt Lake City, February 1, 2017
21. Basketball, Nevada at USU, February 1, 2017
22. USTAR Governing Authority Board Meeting, Salt Lake City, February 2, 2017
23. Governor’s Rural Partnership Board Legislative Dinner, Salt Lake City, February 2, 2017
24. Legislative Spouses Lunches, Salt Lake City, February 3, 2017
25. Basketball, USU at Boise State, February 4, 2017
27. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Jennifer MacAdam, President’s Home, February 9, 2017
28. President’s Pre-Game Reception – February 11, 2017
29. Basketball, Wyoming at USU, February 11, 2017
30. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Jon Gudmundson, President’s Home, February 13, 2017
32. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Brian Warnick, President’s Home, February 16, 2017
33. Higher Ed Day Luncheon, Salt Lake City, February 17, 2017
34. Special Council of Presidents-2017 Legislative Session, Salt Lake City, February 17, 2017
35. Jordanian Ambassador Dinner, President’s Home, February 17, 2017
36. Basketball, USU at Nevada, February 18, 2017
37. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Brian Nummer, President’s Home, February 22, 2017
38. Basketball, USU at San Jose State, February 22, 2017
40. Special Council of Presidents-2017 Legislative Session, Salt Lake City, March 1, 2017
41. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Sergio Bernal, President’s Home, March 1, 2017
42. Extension Annual Conference, March 1-2, 2017
43. Basketball, USU at UNLV, March 1, 2017
44. USTAR Governing Authority Board Meeting, Salt Lake City, March 2, 2017
45. USU Board of Trustees, March 3, 2017
46. Founders Day, March 3, 2017

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes from the Closed Session held on October 21, 2016
2. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2016
4. Certificate of Treasurer – 2016-08 – August – Resolution 17-01-03 (Appendix F)
6. Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards – 2016-09 September Resolution 17-01-05 (Appendix H)
7. Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards – 2016-10 October Resolution 17-01-06 (Appendix I)
11. Faculty and Staff Adjustments – Resolution 17-01-10 (Appendix M)
16. Utah State University Research Foundation – re-appointment to the Board – Mr. Lynn W. Heninger – Resolution 17-01-15 (Appendix R)
17. Acceptance of Written Reports
   • Advancement/Alumni Relations (Appendix S)
   • Athletics (Appendix T)
   • Business and Finance (Appendix U)
   • Executive Vice President and Provost (Appendix V)
   • Extension and College of Agriculture (Appendix W)
   • Faculty Senate (Appendix X)
   • Public Relations and Marketing (Appendix Y)
   • Research and Graduate Studies (Appendix Z)
   • Staff Employee Association (Appendix AA)
   • Student Services (Appendix BB)
   • USU Eastern (Appendix CC)
   • USUSA (Appendix DD)

Chair Jibson asked if any items on the Consent Agenda needed to be moved to the Action Agenda for discussion. No requests were made.

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

V. ACTION AGENDA

1. Real Property Acquisition – Dayton, ID Resolution 17-01-16 (Appendix EE)

Vice President Cowley presented the proposal. USU is seeking approval to purchase a 43-acre parcel of land in Dayton, Idaho. The purchase is for the appraised value of $300,000 including 42 water shares. The property is linked to a land gift and endowment in Richmond. There has been ongoing research on nut trees on the two properties. It is important to the family that this research continues. The best way to preserve the opportunity to do research is to buy land and continue to do the research over the next few years. The land may not be needed by USU in a few years. There is a strong likelihood that some of the money for the purchase might come back to USU at a later time.
Action: Trustee Thomas moved the approval of Resolution 17-10-16 the proposal for the Real Property Acquisition in Dayton, Idaho. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Interim Provost Smith presented the following 19 academic proposals clustered by purpose. There are many academic proposals this time of year to allow for implementation by Fall semester. The proposals go through many approval processes before they are presented to the Trustees.

Short Template R401 Proposals – these brief format proposals are usually self-explanatory. All short template proposals are put on the Regents’ consent agenda.

1. Name Change Proposals

Interim Provost Smith explained that faculty and departments who have an understanding of the field initiate the changes. Updated names better represent current trends and make the credentials more accurate. Changes are made with students in mind, creating more value to the students. Updated titles better represent their training. Through this process degrees are kept fresh and attractive. Names make a difference when seeking acceptance into graduate schools, especially those out of state.

a. Proposal from the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics to Applied Economics – Resolution 17-01-17 (Appendix FF)

b. Proposal from the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to change the name of the AAS in Business Administration to AAS in Small Business Operations – Resolution 17-01-18 (Appendix GG)

c. Proposal from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to change the name of Literary Studies to Literature – Resolution 17-01-19 (Appendix HH)

d. Proposal from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to change the name of the PhD in Theory and Practice of Professional Communication to PhD in Technical Communication and Rhetoric – Resolution 17-01-20 (Appendix II)

e. Proposal from the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Science to Wildlife Ecology and Management – Resolution 17-01-21 (Appendix JJ)

f. Proposal from the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Rangeland Resources to Rangeland Ecology and Management – Resolution 17-01-22 (Appendix KK)

g. Proposal from the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Forestry to Forest Ecology and Management – Resolution 17-01-23 (Appendix LL)
**Action:** Trustee Watterson moved the approval of Resolutions 17-10-17 through 17-10-23 name change proposals. Trustee Holland seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

2. Minors Proposals

A minor is a coherent collection of related courses that are deemed to be a secondary field of academic concentration or specialization during undergraduate studies.

a. Proposal from the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to offer a Minor in Applied Economics-Small Firm Management – Resolution 17-01-24 (Appendix MM) The minor targets students whose majors are in areas other than business who are interested in starting their own business.

b. Proposal from the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to offer a Minor in Residential Landscape Design – Resolution 17-01-25 (Appendix NN)

c. Proposal from the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services to offer a Minor in Yoga Studies – Resolution 17-01-26 (Appendix OO). This was a wildly popular campus-wide proposal which fits in with the current interest in fitness and stress reduction. Dean Foley has set aside a small room in the new Clinical Services Building for certified instructors to provide this service. Department Head of Kinesiology and Health Science, Dennis Dolny, explained that there is a great need for certified yoga instructors. USU is a Yoga Alliance approved program, following completion of the minor, students with a recommendation from one of the certified instructors are eligible to seek certification. The curriculum has been approved by the certifying arm of the Yoga Alliance.

d. Proposal from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to offer a Minor in Native American Studies – Resolution 17-01-27 (Appendix PP). This proposal is a very appropriate credential for Utah State University given our direct engagement with the Native American community and student population in Blanding. Trustee Gillmor noted that no other southern Utah universities offer this program and it fills a statewide need.

**Action:** Trustee Thomas moved the approval of Resolutions 17-10-24 through 17-10-27 proposal regarding Minor changes. Trustee Burnett seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.
3. Emphases and Specializations Proposals

An emphasis (undergraduate degree) or specialization (graduate degree) is a collection of courses within a degree program that gives students a specific focus in a particular sub-area related to the core of courses required for the degree.

a. Proposal from the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to add five emphases to the Major in Management and Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems – Resolution 17-01-28 (Appendix QQ). Students will now be able to demonstrate expertise and training in very narrow areas within aquatic ecosystems.

b. Proposal from the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to offer a Forest Ecology Specialization for the Master of Science and PhD in Ecology – Resolution 17-01-29 (Appendix RR). This specialization will distinguish it from the Forestry degree.

c. Proposal from the Colleges of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Engineering, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, and the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to create a Climate Adaptation Science Specialization – Resolution 17-01-30 (Appendix SS). This proposal stems from a $2.7 million National Science Foundation grant which USU received to provide graduate training in climate science. This cross disciplinary proposal spans six colleges and can be acquired across many master and doctoral fields.

Action: Trustee Burnett moved the approval of Resolutions 17-10-28 through 17-10-30 proposal regarding Minor changes. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

4. Graduate Certificates Proposals

A graduate certificate includes a small number of courses in a narrow field. It can usually be added to a broader range of students than just in the particular department for a single graduate degree. It provides a credential for a graduate student who may want to combine different areas of expertise.

a. Proposal from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to offer a Graduate Certificate in Archiving and Public Programming – Resolution 17-01-31 (Appendix TT). This proposal is for a valuable credential for students in areas such as history and anthropology where it is very useful for them to distribute information on a broad public basis and interact with the media.

b. Proposal from the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to offer a Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science (GIS) – Resolution 17-01-32 (Appendix UU). There is a great need for understanding GIS.
Action: Trustee Johnson moved the approval of Resolutions 17-10-31 and 17-10-32 the proposals to offer these two graduate certificates. Trustee Gillmor seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

5. Other Proposals

a. Proposal from the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources, Department of Environment and Society to move the complete academic oversight of the Bachelor of Science in Geography to the Department of Environment and Society, discontinuing the physical geography emphasis in the Bachelor of Science in Geography, and changing the name of the emphasis in Geographical Analysis and Bioregional Planning to Geographic Information Science – Resolution 17-01-32 (Appendix VV)

Action: Trustee Holland moved the approval of Resolution 17-10-32 the proposal to move the complete academic oversight of the Bachelor of Science in Geography to the Department of Environment and Society, to discontinue the physical geography emphasis in the Bachelor of Science in Geography, and to also change the name of the emphasis in Geographical Analysis and Bioregional Planning to Geographic Information Science. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

B. Full Template R401 Proposals

1. Proposal from the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Resolution 17-01-33 (Appendix WW)

Dennis Dolny, Head, Department of Kinesiology and Health Science, and Carole Grady, Director, Nursing Program and Assistant Department Head, attended to answer questions about the proposal. Dr. Grady was previously the Dean of Nursing and Interim Provost at Dixie State University. There is a projected increased need for registered nurses. Currently, there are only two USHE institutions offering a pre-licensure Bachelor's degree for those planning to become registered nurses: Southern Utah University and the University of Utah. Weber State University offers a RN to BSN model. USU’s program will start with two-years of pre-nursing and general education courses; then, following admittance into the program, two years of content focused on specific nursing related issues. The program is structured to prepare graduates to pass the state licensure exam. There will be three full-time and two part-time faculty in place for the first year of the program. Availability to complete the clinicals associated with nursing programs has been a constraint. Affiliations with Logan Regional Hospital, Cache Valley Hospital, Bear River Health Department, and the Sunshine Terrace Foundation are in place to make clinical spots available.
Action: Trustee Watterson moved the approval of Resolution 17-10-33 the proposal to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Trustee Nixon seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.


Dean Ken White explained that this is a great example of a multi-department/multi-college offering. There is clear justification for the need. The four MPH, tracks including Public Health Nutrition, Health Education and Promotion, Veterinary Public Health, and Applied Biostatistics and Epidemiology, share a common public health curriculum core. Graduates prepare for careers in health care professions; academic institutions; local, state, and federal health agencies; private industry; and non-profit organizations. Professional accreditation will be sought through the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Action: Trustee Nixon moved the approval of Resolution 17-10-34 the proposal to offer a Master in Public Health. Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

VI. STRATEGIC AGENDA – USU Emergency Management

Captain Steve Milne, Interim USU Police Chief, and Judy Crocket, Emergency Management Coordinator

The Police Department and Emergency Management work in multiple areas to be ready for various scenarios that might occur by planning, training, and participating in exercises with and without community agencies. Planning includes: Emergency Operation Plan; Emergency Support Functions; Annexes such as Infectious Disease, Critical Incident Hotline and Family Reunification; and business continuity planning. Training includes the basic CERT training including monthly refreshers, active shooter, fire drills, earthquake drills, and a Rescue Task Force (RTF). CERT members are trained in: disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism, and team organization. The goal is to have at least one team of five to seven members in each building. Inter-agency cooperation throughout the valley is understood. Code Blue emergency alerts are in place and delivered via email, voice, text, and social media to students and staff via their supplied contact information. The University has developed resources available to faculty, staff, and students. They plan to make incoming freshman aware of these resources which can be found at: https://studentconduct.usu.edu/sid/index. Topics covered include indicators of distress (what to look for, on-and off-campus resources), campus protocol (who to contact); Students of Concern (Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT)); and an active shooter training including a video, which may be found at: https://dps.usu.edu/emergency/active-shooter.
Chair Jibson closed the meeting noting that the Trustees cannot thank the Administration enough for all that they do.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Ronald W. Jibson, Chair

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

March 3, 2017
Date Approved