AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Utah State University
Teleconference
(Dial 855-878-0222, Code 1076708)

April 3, 2020

11:00 a.m. Regular Meeting via Teleconference

11:05 a.m. Closed Session via Teleconference

11:30 a.m. Regular Meeting continued via Teleconference
    • Chair’s Report
    • Consent Agenda
    • Action Agenda
1. **Information Items**
   
a. Commencement Rescheduled
   
b. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on April 29, 2020
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT
August 28 – 29, 2020

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 28, 2020
6:00 p.m.  Dignitary Dinner at David B. Haight Center

Saturday, August 29, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast in Taggart Student Center, Walnut Room
8:00 a.m.  Assemble in Taggart Student Center Hallway
8:30 a.m.  Processional to Dee Glen Smith Spectrum
9:00 a.m.  Commencement Ceremony in Dee Glen Smith Spectrum
12:00 noon Jon M. Huntsman School of Business Convocation in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum
12:00 noon S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources Convocation in the Chase Fine Arts Center, Newel and Jean Daines Concert Hall
12:30 p.m. Integrated Studies Bachelor’s Degrees and Associate Degrees Convocation in the Chase Fine Arts Center, Morgan Theatre
2:00 p.m.  Caine College of the Arts Convocation in the Chase Fine Arts Center, Newel and Jean Daines Concert Hall
2:00 p.m.  College of Humanities and Social Sciences Convocation in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum
4:00 p.m.  College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Convocation in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum
4:00 p.m.  College of Science Convocation in the Chase Fine Arts Center, Newel and Jean Daines Concert Hall
6:00 p.m.  Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services Convocation in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum
6:00 p.m.  College of Engineering Convocation in the Chase Fine Arts Center, Newel and Jean Daines Concert Hall

Statewide Campus events to be scheduled the first half of September.
CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2020
2. Minutes from the Closed Session held on March 13, 2020
MEMBERS PRESENT
Jody K. Burnett Chair
Kent K. Alder Vice Chair
Sami I. Ahmed
Laurel Cannon Alder
John Y. Ferry
Gina Gagon
David H. Huntsman
Wayne L. Niederhauser
David A. Petersen
Jacey Skinner
Terryl Warner

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT
Neil N. Abercrombie Vice President, Government Relations
Paul Barr Vice Provost
Noelle E. Cockett President
David T. Cowley Vice President, Business and Finance
Teresa Denton Staff Assistant
Francis D. Galey Executive Vice President and Provost
Mica A. McKinney General Counsel and Vice President, Legal Affairs
James D. Morales Vice President, Student Affairs
Sydney M. Peterson Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Robert W. Wagner Vice President, Academic and Instructional Services
Matthew T. White Vice President, University Advancement

OTHERS PRESENT
Parker Fawson Professor/Endowed Chair, School of Teacher Education and Leadership and Director of the Center for the School of the Future
David Forbush Adjunct Assistant Professor, Special Education and Rehabilitation Department; Associate Director, Center for Persons with Disabilities and Associate Director of the Center for the School of the Future

Chair Burnett called the meeting to order and welcomed those present and those joining by telephone. Because of the COVID-19 virus pandemic and the mandate by the President of the United States, this Board of Trustees meeting was changed to a teleconference to minimize social contact in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus.

Action: Trustee Kent Alder 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 Laurel Cannon Alder seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chair Burnett reopened the Regular Meeting at 1:50 p.m.

I. CHAIR’S REPORT

A. Discussion Items

1. Commencement Schedule and Attendance Forms (Appendix A)

   Because of the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the Utah System of Higher Education will decide on April 1 whether to hold commencement ceremonies at state institutions. Board of Trustees members were asked to return forms showing which commencement events they would like to attend to Teresa Denton in case commencement ceremonies are held.

2. Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule (Appendix B)

   Members of the Board of Trustees received the revised Board of Trustees meeting schedule. The next meeting on April 3 will be a teleconference to discuss promotion and tenure requests. The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be on April 29 in conjunction with commencement ceremonies.

B. Information Items

1. New Parking Permits

   Utah State University parking permits for 2020-2021 will be mailed to members of the Board of Trustees.

2. Next Board of Trustees Meeting

   The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held via teleconference on April 3, 2020.

II. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Information Items

President Noelle Cockett updated the Board of Trustees on the precautions USU is taking following the COVID-19 virus being declared a pandemic. On Wednesday morning, March 11, the priority was to keep classes going while preventing the virus from coming to campus. President Cockett organized a task force which recommended placing restrictions on non-university essential travel and canceling all university events for the next two weeks.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 11, the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) Council of Presidents recommended that all state institutions move classes to an online
format. President Cockett held an emergency Executive Committee meeting presenting the Council of Presidents’ recommendation anticipating a start date of March 23. College deans were willing to move in that direction and USUSA President Sami Ahmed agreed.

On Thursday, March 12, Utah Governor Gary Herbert held a press conference to encourage citizens of the state to reduce social interaction in large, moderate, and even small groups. The goal was to flatten the infection curve and avoid overwhelming the health care facilities in the state. President Cockett realized that USU could not wait until March 23 to implement online courses. After consulting with the Executive Committee, the decision was made to cancel classes Friday, Monday, and Tuesday (March 13, 16, and 17) to allow professors time to prepare courses to be taught online beginning on Wednesday, March 18. Realizing that not all classes would be able to change to an online format, Executive Vice President and Provost Francis Galey asked deans to provide lists of courses that would be ready with minimal effort, courses that would take a bit more time, courses that would take a lot of work, and courses that would be difficult to convert to an online format.

President Cockett confirmed that the university would remain open while asking employees to limit interactions and to not gather in groups. Residence halls have canceled events and activities but will remain open. In general, students and their parents have been very understanding although some senior students are disappointed that their last months on campus have changed drastically.

1. **Student Commendation** (Appendix C)

   Trustee Ahmed stated that the student commendation was awarded to Jenny Patino. Unfortunately, Jenny broke her collarbone which required surgery to repair. She was not be able to attend the meeting.

B. **Reports from Vice Presidents**

1. **Legislative Session Summary**

   President Cockett explained that before the beginning of the legislative session she met with Vice President Neil Abercrombie to identify USU’s priorities and to place them in categories of high, medium, and low priorities. With the close of the legislative session yesterday, Vice President Abercrombie had completed all the high and medium priorities and was working on the low priorities. This is a testament to Vice President Abercrombie’s ability to work with legislators and demonstrates how much legislators respect him.

   Vice President Abercrombie said the state of Utah is in a good financial position to handle the pandemic. The state has four rainy-day funds. However, if President Donald Trump moves the income tax deadline back as anticipated, the state would do the same which would impact funds available for next year.

   Vice President Abercrombie reviewed the outcome of some of USU’s legislative priorities.

   USHE received approximately $90M including a 2.5% compensation increase with
full health benefits for employees. The state of Utah looks at different ways to fund higher education. In the past, the legislature has used per-person units which means headcount. Several institutions, including USU, prefer shifting to performance-based funding looking at output or completion which means the number of degrees awarded. The legislature fully funded USHE’s proposal for performance-based funding and partially funding headcount growth.

USU’s request for state funding for the Mehdi Heravi Global Teaching and Learning Center was one of four capital facilities projects funded by the state legislature. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints also committed financial support for this project. In the final hours of the legislative session, the legislators cautioned that the possibility of a financial recession due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic may impact some capital facilities funding. If a financial downturn is more aggressive than anticipated, capital facilities funding may be reconsidered.

The state partnered with USU on an initiative to improve rural online access. This was a three-year pilot program to train individuals in rural counties to access the global marketplace. After two years of the pilot program, over 85 new jobs were created. The Salt Lake Tribune reported that this program has made a great impact on people in rural areas working from home for companies around the nation. The state legislature continued this program with $850,000 in ongoing support.

USU’s Sustainable Electrified Transportation Center (SELECT) was named a finalist for National Science Foundation funding. The state legislature appropriated $3M to match a contribution by Rocky Mountain Power.

A bill proposing to combine the career tech system and USHE passed the legislature. This combines the eight USHE institutions and the eight tech colleges under one governing board. The roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees will not change significantly.

USU basketball senior Sam Merrill was presented to the legislature and received a standing ovation. The NCAA’s cancelation of the national basketball tournament was a big disappointment to USU and the senior basketball players.

C. Recent Events

2. Plant and Animal Genome Conference – San Diego, California, January 11-14, 2020
3. Capital Council of Presidents Call – January 15, 2020
5. Center for Anticipatory Intelligence Dinner with Former US Secretary of Defense, General James Mattis – Salt Lake City, January 20, 2020
6. Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield Community Board Meeting – Salt Lake City, January 21, 2020
8. Sunrise Session – Salt Lake City, January 23, 2020
9. Year of Woman Ambassadors – Salt Lake City, January 23, 2020
11. Board of Regents – University of Utah, January 24, 2020
12. USHE Student Safety Forum – University of Utah, January 24, 2020
13. Pre-game Basketball Reception – January 25, 2020
16. Legislative Session – Salt Lake City – January 27 - March 12, 2020
18. Mountain West Board of Directors Executive Committee Call – January 29, 2020
19. 2020 Sundance Film Festival Women’s Leadership Celebration Luncheon – Salt Lake City, January 30, 2020
20. Mountain West Board of Directors Committee Call – January 31, 2020
21. Men’s Basketball – USU at San Diego State – February 1, 2020
22. Capital Council of Presidents Call – February 3, 2020
23. Governance Transition Workgroup Call – February 3, 2020
24. Present at Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 5, 2020
25. Legislative Spouses Luncheon – Salt Lake City, February 5, 2020
27. Remarks at College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Deans Leadership Council – February 6, 2020
28. Welcome Remarks at Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research – February 7, 2020
29. Regents Affordability Task Force Call – February 7, 2020
30. Mountain West Board of Directors Executive Committee Call – February 7, 2020
31. Men’s Basketball – Boise State at USU – February 8, 2020
32. Present at Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Salt Lake City, February 10, 2020
33. Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors – Salt Lake City, February 11, 2020
34. Capital Council of Presidents Call – February 11, 2020
35. Present at USUSA Executive Council – February 11, 2020
37. USU/WSU Intern Seminar Lunch – Salt Lake City, February 12, 2020
38. Regents Transfer Council Meeting – Salt Lake City, February 14, 2020
39. Board of Regents Lunch Meeting – Salt Lake City, February 14, 2020
40. Men’s Basketball – USU at Fresno State – February 15, 2020
41. Remarks at Posters on the Hill – Salt Lake City, February 18, 2020
42. Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities Winter Board Meeting – Washington, D.C., February 18-19, 2020
43. Stater’s Council – February 25, 2020
44. Men’s Basketball – Wyoming at USU – February 19, 2020
45. Pi Kappa Alpha Founders Day Celebration – February 22, 2020
46. Capitol Council of Presidents Call – February 24, 2020
47. Men’s Basketball – San Jose State at USU – February 25, 2020
48. Aggie Ice Cream at the Capitol – Salt Lake City, February 26, 2020
49. Mountain West Board of Directors Executive Committee Call – February 28, 2020
50. Remarks at Utah Farm Bureau Women's Conference – West Valley City, February 28, 2020
51. Men’s Basketball – USU at New Mexico – February 29, 2020
52. Mountain West Women’s and Men’s Basketball Tournament – Las Vegas, Nevada, March 1-7, 2020
53. Capitol Council of Presidents Call – March 2, 2020
54. Council of Presidents – Salt Lake City, March 3, 2020
55. Mountain West Board of Directors Meeting – Las Vegas, Nevada, March 3, 2020
56. Board of Regents’ Audit Committee Call – March 5, 2020
57. Capitol Council of Presidents Call – March 9, 2020
58. Present at Truth & Tuition – March 11, 2020
59. Welcome Remarks at Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art Reception – March 11, 2020
60. Remarks at LEAP Gala – March 11, 2020
61. Remarks at Research Landscapes – March 12, 2020
62. USU Foundation Board Dinner – March 12, 2020
63. USU Foundation Board Meeting – March 13, 2020
64. USU Board of Trustees – March 13, 2020
65. Founders Day and Old Main Society – March 13, 2020

D. Upcoming Events

1. Employee Recognition Luncheon – March 16, 2020
2. Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee for Legislative Update – March 16, 2020
3. Remarks at Research Landscapes – March 17, 2020
4. Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission – Salt Lake City, March 18, 2020
5. Introduce Keynote at Voting Rights Symposium – March 19, 2020
6. Board of Regents – Salt Lake City, March 26-27, 2020
7. Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce Giant in Our City Gala – Salt Lake City, March 26, 2020
8. USU Board of Trustees Telephone Conference Meeting – April 3, 2020

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Burnett stated that the Board of Trustees members received the following agenda items for review.

A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2020 (Appendix D)

B. Minutes from the Closed Session held on January 10, 2020 (Appendix E)

C. Academic Proposals

1. Department of Applied Economics, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, proposes discontinuing the Bachelor of Science Environmental and Natural Resources Economics degree [Resolution 20-03-01] (Appendix F)
2. Department of Applied Economics, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, proposes changing the Agricultural Economics Minor to Applied Economics Minor [Resolution 20-03-02] (Appendix G)
3. School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, proposes creating a new emphasis in the Technology Systems
4. School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, proposes offering a Non-formal and Community-based Education Minor [Resolution 20-03-04] (Appendix I)

5. School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, proposes offering a Ph.D. in Career and Technical Education [Resolution 20-03-05] (Appendix J)

6. School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, proposes redefining Career and Technical Education programs at three statewide campuses [Resolution 20-03-06] (Appendix K)

7. School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, proposes restructuring the School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education [Resolution 20-03-07] (Appendix L)

8. Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, proposes changing the name of several distance teacher certification programs [Resolution 20-03-08] (Appendix M)

9. Departments of History, Languages, Philosophy and Communication Studies and Political Science, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, proposes creating a Minor in Middle East Studies [Resolution 20-03-09] (Appendix N)

10. Departments of History and Political Science, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, proposes creating a Certificate of Proficiency in Global Peacebuilding [Resolution 20-03-10] (Appendix O)

11. Department of Biology, College of Science, proposes adding a Human Biology emphasis to the existing Bachelor of Arts in Biology [Resolution 20-03-11] (Appendix P)

D. Proposal to Accept Revisions to Standards of Conduct – Faculty Responsibilities to Student and Standards of Conduct – Professional Obligations Policy 403 [Resolution 20-03-12] (Appendix Q)

E. Proposal to Revise Policy 321 Respectful Workplace [Resolution 20-03-13] (Appendix R)

**Action:** Trustee John Ferry moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee David Huntsman seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

### IV. ACTION AGENDA

A. Retire USU Eastern Student Code [Resolution 20-03-14] (Appendix S)

Vice President Mica McKinney explained that with the addition of USU Eastern to USU’s system, USU Eastern has continued to use their own student code which has created some issues. This resolution will retire the USU Eastern student code and will clarify that the USU student code governs all USU students on all USU campuses.

**Action:** Trustee Kent Alder moved to approve the Proposal to Retire the USU Eastern Student Code. Trustee Terryl Warner seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.
B. Center for the School of the Future Charter School Authorizations [Resolution 20-03-15] (Appendix T)

Professor Parker Fawson, director of the Center for the School of the Future, explained that the Center for the School of the Future (CSF) requests Board of Trustees members' approval to allow the CSF to authorize charter schools in the state. Every charter school must be authorized.

Vice President Abercrombie clarified that the state legislature passed a bill allowing USHE to authorize charter schools. Some charter schools in Utah have struggled and have turned to USU for help because of the great reputation of the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services. This new mission would be difficult to accomplish without additional support staff. The legislature has appropriated $250,000 of ongoing funds for this effort.

There are approximately 135 publicly funded charter schools in Utah servicing 80,000 students. Nationally, 13 states allow their systems of higher education to authorize publicly-funded charter schools. Across those 13 states, an average of 25% of charter schools are authorized by institutions of higher education. The CSF would hire university students through internships to help develop policy and practice guides. Through the land-grant mission, USU is uniquely positioned professionally and geographically to oversee charter schools throughout the state. Utah law and code allows the authorizing entity to receive up to 3% of a charter school’s state-funded revenue for three years and up to 1% of revenue after that time period to help offset cost.

CSF would not only be able to authorize charter schools but would also be able to give expertise to help increase student outcomes and to help the schools become more effective in preparing students to enter careers and university studies.

Action: Trustee Kent Alder moved to approve the Proposal for the Center for the School of the Future Charter School Authorizations. Trustee Terryl Warner seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

C. Real Property Acquisition – Blanding [Resolution 20-03-16] (Appendix U)

Vice President David Cowley stated that USU was planning to seek legislative approval to build a new building in Blanding. However, an opportunity to purchase the vacant ShopKo building became available. The building is much larger than the planned construction and would facilitate the heavy equipment and welding programs and, in the future, the auto mechanics program. The state legislature changed the wording to allow USU to either construct a new building or purchase and renovate a building. The legislature also funded the full cost of operating and maintenance. Appraisal of the building supported the $500,000 purchase price. No issues were found after environmental and engineering assessments. This request will be forwarded to the Board of Regents following approval by the Board of Trustees.

Vice President Abercrombie added that in rural areas, large buildings often sit empty with no potential buyers, so the community supports USU purchasing the building.
Action: Trustee John Ferry moved to approve the Real Property Acquisition in Blanding. Trustee Jacey Skinner seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

D. Real Property Acquisition in Wellsville [Resolution 20-03-17] (Appendix V)

Vice President Cowley said the five-acre property in Wellsville is adjacent to agricultural land USU already owns and uses to produce crops for the Caine Dairy. USU would use the land to produce more crops. The land is appraised at $130,000; however, there is another buyer who is interested in purchasing the property. The landowner would prefer that USU purchase the land so USU’s negotiated purchase price is $143,000. The College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences supports this purchase and would like to continue acquiring ground in this area.

Action: Trustee Kent Alder moved to approve the Real Property Acquisition in Wellsville. Trustee John Ferry seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

E. Proposal to Create Tuition and Fee Tables for the Southeast Technical Education Programs of Utah State University [Resolution 20-03-18] (Appendix W)

President Cockett with USUSA President Sami Ahmed’s help created a student tuition committee. This committee met in February and proposed a tuition increase. This proposal went to the USUSA Executive Council. The Truth in Tuition meeting was held on March 11, 2020.

Tuition at the main campus and regional campuses is approximately $3,500 per semester. Tuition at USU Eastern in Price and Blanding is what the College of Eastern Utah was charging for tuition plus yearly increases. Both campuses charged the same amount that was charged to tech educational centers and charged for lower division classes (1000-2000 level courses). If students were taking upper division classes, they would then go by the main and regional campuses’ tuition table. When the tuition plateau was added to the equation, students became very confused and could not predict how much tuition they would have to pay.

Some students from Moab would drive to Blanding to take lower division courses in order to pay the lower tuition rate. Also, the Moab campus is starting to offer tech education courses and could not charge their regular tuition rate to students taking tech education courses.

Tech education is equivalent to the courses taught at the Bridgerland Applied Technology College. Students in the technology colleges pay membership hours which are calculated at $2.25 per membership hour. Approximately 10 membership hours equal one credit making tuition approximately $250 per credit. Tuition for tech education classes at Price, Blanding, and Moab campuses is higher than at technology colleges. USHE Interim Commissioner David Woolstenhulme helped submit a request to the state legislature to allow institutions to lower tuition charged for those classes to match the tuition charged for the same courses at technology colleges. The state legislature provides 90% match on tech classes allowing USU to lower tuition.

Action: Motion combined with Item F below.
F. Proposal to Modify the Tuition Structures for Students at the Price, Blanding, and Moab Campuses [Resolution 20-03-19] (Appendix X)

Vice President Cowley explained that this proposal allows similar tuition rates as charged on the main and other statewide campuses to be charged in Price, Blanding, and Moab. Students with 65 credits or less will be charged at a lower tuition rate for academic classes not including tech education classes. Students with more than 65 credits will be charged at a higher tuition rate regardless of what courses they take. Students should complete their lower-level classes (1000-2000 level) within 60 credits of enrolling at USU. This new tuition structure is easier for students to understand without hidden costs. The tuition plateau is calculated based on the number of credits taken in any semester.

USU campuses will have three levels of tuition: (1) tuition for tech education is listed in a table and is easily calculated, (2) tuition for 65 or less credits is listed in a second table, and (3) tuition for over 65 credits is listed in a third table.

Action: Trustee Laurel Cannon Alder moved to approve both the Proposal to Create the Tuition and Fee Tables for the Southeast Technical Education Program of Utah State University and the Proposal to Modify the Tuition Structures for Students at the Price, Blanding, and Moab Campuses. Trustee David Huntsman seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

G. Proposal from Utah State University for Tuition Rate Increases [Resolution 20-03-20] (Appendix Y)

Tuition rate increases for USU are different for each of the three tuition tables. No increase is requested for the tech education table. A 3.5% increase is requested for the 65 credits or less table. A 2.8% increase is requested for the over 65 table.

The state legislature does not fund salary increases due to promotions, 25% of the state-directed salary compensation increase, or state-directed increases in risk management premiums. Tuition increases will be used to fund these areas. Need-based scholarships do not receive additional funds. As tuition increases, need-based scholarships are reduced. Tuition increases will add $205,000 to these scholarships to keep them at their current number.

Trustee Ahmed explained that students do not understand what is funded and what is not funded by the state legislature. After explaining what is not funded, the students understood and had no complaints. The tuition increase is the minimum amount needed by the university and does not include enhancement of safety features on campus.

Action: Trustee Sami Ahmed moved to approve the Proposal from Utah State University for Tuition Rate Increases. Trustee John Ferry seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

H. Proposal to Modify and/or Implement New Student Fees at Utah State University [Resolution 20-03-21] (Appendix Z)
Trustee Ahmed explained the student fee increases.

The library proposed a $1.50 increase of which the $1 increase would go to open educational resources for students and the $0.50 would go to video streaming services for some courses. The Student Fee Board approved the increase of $1 for open educational resources but did not approve the $0.50 increase for video streaming services. The Student Fee Board members thought a better method to fund video streaming services would be with course fees.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) requested a $0.49 increase to meet federal requirements over the threshold of $35,000 or go to an hourly basis for graduate students assisting with psychological counseling. The Student Fee Board approved this increase.

Health and Fee Services requested an increase of $2.97 to add an additional psychologist in the Health Services Office for student mental health treatment. The Student Fee Board approved this request.

Several changes to the Fee Policy were approved including aligning USU Eastern with the main campus fee board policy so the Price and Blanding campuses match the fees of the rest of the statewide campuses. There was no increase requested for statewide campuses.

Action: Trustee Kent Alder moved to approve the Proposal to Modify and/or Implement New Student Fees at Utah State University. Trustee John Ferry seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

I. Proposal to Modify the Approved Uses of Existing Differential Tuition for Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services [Resolution 20-03-22] (Appendix AA)

President Cockett stated that the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services established differential tuition in 2016 to cover seven primary areas. Since 2016, they have a more accurate estimate of their differential tuition needs across all seven areas and have enough funding from differential tuition to extend allocations to two more areas – digital engagement and clinical interdisciplinary support – without impacting funding of the original seven areas.

Digital engagement means getting more information to students in a digital format. Clinical interdisciplinary support opened the Sorenson Legacy Foundation Center for Clinical Excellence. Students are eager and asking to be able to do clinical work and an appropriate procedure for tracking students and patients does not exist. These funds would allocate money toward a coordinator that would focus on tracking students and patients through their clinical experience.

Action: Trustee Sami Ahmed moved to approve the Proposal to Modify the Approved Uses of Existing Differential Tuition for Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services. Trustee Laurel Cannon Alder seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

J. Faculty and Staff Adjustments [Resolution 20-03-23] (Appendix BB)
The Jon M. Huntsman School of Business recruited Susan Madsen to become the inaugural Karen Huntsman Chair. She will be awarded tenure and have an Extension assignment to do outreach. Vice President for Extension and Agriculture, Ken White, is prepared to offer Extension resources to Susan and provide staffing, access to centers, scheduling, marketing, and communication.

Action: Trustee David Huntsman moved to approve the Faculty and Staff Adjustments. Trustee John Ferry seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

V. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Report of Investments for September 2019 (Appendix CC)
B. Report of Investments for October 2019 (Appendix DD)
C. Report of Investments for November 2019 (Appendix EE)
D. Revised Policy 502 Naming University Facilities, Organizations, and Programs (Appendix FF)

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

Action: Trustee Sami Ahmed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kent Alder seconded the motion; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Jody K. Burnett, Chair

Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary
(Minutes taken by Teresa Denton)

Date Approved
Minutes of the Closed Session of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held via teleconference commencing at 1:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Jody K. Burnett Chair
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UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT
Noelle E. Cockett President
Francis D. Galey Executive Vice President and Provost
Mica McKinney Vice President, Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Sydney M. Peterson Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Chair Burnett conducted the meeting. Personnel and legal issues were discussed.

Action: Trustee Kent Alder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sami Ahmed seconded the motion; the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Jody K. Burnett, Chair

Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary

(Minutes taken by Sydney Peterson)

Date Approved
ACTION AGENDA

A. Tenure and Promotion 2020
ITEM FOR ACTION

RE: Tenure and Promotion Decisions 2020

The attached tenure and promotion decisions effective 01 July 2020 are submitted for the Trustees’ consideration. They have received the appropriate administrative review and approval.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Candidates for promotion and/or tenure were evaluated by faculty committees, Department Heads, and College Deans. Recommendations were then forwarded to the President for further consideration. After review by the President, Executive Vice President and Provost, Interim Vice President for Research, Interim Vice President for Statewide Campuses, Vice President for Extension and Agriculture, and eight faculty members, seventy faculty are recommended for promotion and/or tenure to become effective 01 July 2020.

The candidates include: 1) twenty-seven assistant professors promoted to associate professor with tenure; 2) twenty-four associate professors promoted to professor; 3) one extension assistant professor promoted to extension associate professor with tenure; 4) one extension associate professor promoted to extension professor; 5) two assistant librarians promoted to associate librarian with tenure; 6) one associate librarian promoted to librarian; 7) one research assistant professor promoted to research associate professor; 8) one clinical assistant professor promoted to clinical associate professor; 9) three professional practice assistant professors promoted to professional practice associate professor; 10) five lecturers promoted to senior lecturer; and 11) four senior lecturers promoted to principal lecturer.

RECOMMENDATION

The President and Provost recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the decisions for promotion and/or tenure effective 01 July 2020.
RESOLUTION
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, The attached list of tenure/promotion decisions for 01 July 2020 are recommended by the President and Provost to the Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the USU Board of Trustees hereby approve the recommendations of the President and Provost.

RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE USU BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


Date