# **EXECUTIVE SESSION** UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES **DECEMBER 1, 2006**

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held in the Old Main Champ Hall Room 136 as a Telephone Conference Call at 9:35 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard L. Shipley

Chairman (By telephone)

R. Brent Nyman

Vice Chairman

David P. Cook

(By telephone)

Robert L. Foley

(By telephone)

Douglas S. Foxley

(By telephone)

David Johnson  ${\rm I\hspace{-.1em}I\hspace{-.1em}I}$ 

(By telephone)

Richard L. Nelson

(By telephone)

Suzanne Pierce-Moore

(By telephone)

Noah A. Riley

Kellie S. Wood

(By telephone)

## UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht

President

W. Glenn Ford

Vice President for Business and Finance (Item concerning Early

Retirement)

Craig J. Simper

General Counsel (By telephone)

Sydney M. Peterson

Chief of Staff

Lee H. Burke

Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees Secretary

Items discussed were personnel, litigation, and collective bargaining.

The Executive Session adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Richard L. Shipley, Chairman

January 12, 2007

Date Approved

## REGULAR MEETING UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECEMBER 1, 2006

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(By telephone) Kellie S. Wood

# UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht President

Vice President for Business and Finance W. Glenn Ford

Vice President and CIO for Information Technology M. Kay Jeppesen

Vice President for Strategic Ventures and Economic Development Ned M. Weinshenker

David T. Cowley Associate Vice President for Financial Services/Controller

Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services Dwight E. Davis

General Counsel (By telephone) Craig J. Simper

Chief of Staff Sydney M. Peterson

Executive Director of Public Relations and Marketing John DeVilbiss

Executive Director of Administration Lori Selby

Assistant to the President for Development/Director of Corporate and Kent Clark

**Foundations** 

Chief Audit Executive Jodi Bailey

Director of Human Resources BrandE Faupell President of Faculty Senate John M. Kras

Vice President of the Classified Employees Association Karen Hoffman Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees Secretary Lee H. Burke

Mira G. Thatcher Secretary Chairman Shipley conducted the meeting and welcomed those present.

### I. Chairman's Report

## A. Date of the Next Board of Trustees Meetings

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on January 12, 2007,in Salt Lake City at the Wells Fargo Building. Trustees are also invited to a Sunrise Session breakfast hosted by University Advancement that morning.

### B. Committee Reports

#### Audit Committee

Audit Committee Chairman Cook reported that the Audit Committee held a meeting on November 27, 2006, and received auditor reports for USU as well as for the Research Foundation (Appendix A). The committee approved the reports.

## 2. Athletics Committee

Athletics Committee Chairman Nyman said the Athletics Committee will hold an Athletics Committee meeting on January 12.

## II. President's Report

#### A. Noah Riley's Editorial in *The USU Statesman*

President Albrecht expressed appreciation to Trustee Riley for the article he wrote for *The USU Statesman*, titled "It's a Great Day to be an Aggie" (Appendix B). He said it was a great article about the positive experiences Trustee Riley has had as a student and with ASUSU.

## B. <u>USTAR Update</u>

President Albrecht stated that the State Legislature will provide \$60 million funding to USU for a USTAR building when USU provides a match of \$10 million. President Albrecht and Vice President Weinshenker met this week with Chairman of the Governing Board for USTAR, Dinesh Patel; Vice Chairman Scott Anderson; and Executive Director Ted McAleer to present our plan.

Vice President Weinshenker credited Vice President Miller with the proposal to use Building 620 at the Innovation Campus as the \$10 million match. It is currently occupied by the Space Dynamics Laboratory, which is vacating the building. An additional building will be constructed adjacent to the east end of that building, and the complex will become USTAR Biological Innovations Research Institute. According to Vice President Weinshenker, Building 620 was constructed for \$7.4 million and a preliminary appraisal came in at \$7.6 million. Additional infrastructure will be needed as well as laboratories. The cost of the infrastructure, which is already in place, will contribute to bringing the amount to \$10 million or more. Vice President Jeppesen said that the infrastructure for the Grand Avenue at the Innovation Campus cost \$3 million to \$4 million. President Albrecht said the value of the building, the additions, and the current infrastructure will probably surpass the \$10 million requirement.

Vice President Weinshenker said that Chairman Patel and Vice Chairman Anderson seemed positive about this approach which will move the USTAR initiative forward rapidly.

President Albrecht added that if the proposal is endorsed by the full USTAR Authority Board and by the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, we will move immediately rather than waiting two or three years. This is a very positive approach.

(Note: Subsequently, the full Governing Board has approved the concept but concurrence by the State Legislature's Executive Appropriations Committee is needed. In addition, DFCM is proposing and paying for a more thorough appraisal.)

#### C. Regional Campus/Distance Education

President Albrecht said that the Regional Campus Advisory Board met on November 29. Everyone is excited about the progress being made concerning the Regional Campuses. The budget request to the Legislature was discussed. President Albrecht met with Governor Huntsman two weeks ago about the regional campuses as well as partnerships with Weber State, Snow College, and CEU. Governor Huntsman has indicated that he will include the request in his budget. We are optimistic about this.

President Albrecht said that partnership opportunities with the oil and gas industries in the Uintah Basin continue to move forward. There will also be gifts from the major gas and oil companies which will help support the building project being proposed for the new location in Vernal. Trustee Foley said things are moving forward and there is a lot of excitement at the Regional Campuses.

### D. College Department Meetings

President Albrecht reported that Provost Coward, Chief of Staff Peterson, and he have met with fourteen of the forty-three academic college departments. They are meeting with small groups to discuss facilities, laboratories, space needs, infrastructure needs, and faculty questions and concerns. The visits are going well. President Albrecht said it has been good to communicate more closely with faculty and hear their issues.

### E. Search Update for the Dean of the College of Science

President Albrecht reported that the search for the new dean of the College of Science is underway. There is an exceptional pool of candidates. Ten semi finalists will be interviewed next week. Contact was made with 123 nominated candidates. Several individuals would make outstanding deans of the College of Science. President Albrecht said the decision will be made in a few weeks.

### F. Roads Scholar Tours/Open Houses

President Albrecht reported that recruiting activities continue to go well. The recruiting team is currently in Las Vegas.

President Albrecht reported that preliminary enrollment numbers are increasing and reflect the positive trend in enrollment. Last year at this time there were 169 new Freshmen enrolled for Spring Semester – this year there are 224 enrolled; last year at this time there were 162 new transfer students enrolled for Spring Semester – this year there are 197 transfer students enrolled; last year at this time there were 1,207 applicants for Fall 2007 Freshman class – this year there are 1,634. He said the trend is a 22 percent increase in the Freshman class for next year.

#### G. December 2006 Commencement

Chief of Staff Peterson has mailed packets to the Trustees with information about the December Commencement. She reviewed the schedule of activities including a recognition dinner on December 15, and the procession and ceremony at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum on December 16. Individual names will be read of both graduate and undergraduate students. There will be approximately 500 graduates. She said that the Trustees will be invited to shake hands with the graduates after they receive their diplomas

Candidates for the student speaker will be selected from among the valedictorians currently being considered. Janet Anderson, Clinical Professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences, will be the Commencement speaker. She recently

received the 2006 Excellence in Teaching Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and has received a number of awards on campus.

#### H. University Advancement

#### 1. Sunrise Session

University Advancement is sponsoring a Sunrise Session in Salt Lake City at the Wells Fargo Building in Salt Lake City on Friday, January 12, 2007. Trustees are invited to attend.

## 2. Comprehensive Campaign

USU's comprehensive campaign will be announced on March 2, 2007, in conjunction with Founder's Day. President Albrecht encouraged the Trustees to be there for the announcement. There will be several smaller events in other locations, including Salt Lake City and other areas around the country. There will be a discussion of the goals and expanding the Foundation Board at the Board of Trustees meeting in January.

University Advancement is currently organized under a four-member committee and an eight member committee. President Albrecht said this is working well. Members of the committees are planning the comprehensive campaign kick off events. President Albrecht and Provost Coward meet with them weekly, and President Albrecht said that Assistant to the President for Development, Kent Clark, is doing an exceptional job.

A steering committee will be appointed. The campaign tag line will be "Honoring Tradition, Securing Our Future." President Albrecht said that this campaign is an important step for securing the future of USU.

Chairman Shipley reiterated that the Trustees consider the capital campaign a very high priority. He indicated that the Trustees would like to play a role in the campaign.

## III. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the Executive Session Held October 20, 2006; Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on October 20, 2006; Resolution 06-12-1 Faculty and Staff Adjustments (Appendix C); Resolution 06-12-2 Certificate of the Treasurer for the Period 1 July 2005 to 31 August 2006 (Appendix D);

Resolution 06-12-3 Certificate of the Treasurer for the Period 1 July 2005 to 30 September 2006 (Appendix E);

Resolution 06-12-4 Report of Investments for August 2006 (Appendix F);

Resolution 06-12-5 Report of Investments for September 2006 (Appendix G);

Resolution 06-12-6 Lease Agreement Between USU Uintah Basin Regional Campus and UCAT/UBATC (Appendix H);

Resolution 06-12-7 Review and Approval of the External Audit Reports (Appendix I);

Resolution 06-12-8 Proposal to Revise Policy #378 of the University Policy Manual (Compensation—Overtime for Exempt and Non-exempt Employees) (Appendix J);

Resolution 06-12-9 Proposal to Revise Policy #382 of the University Policy Manual (Compensation–Standard Work Hours and Attendance for Exempt and Non-exempt Employees) (Appendix K);

Resolution 06-12-10 Auxiliary and Service Enterprises Annual Reports (Appendix L);

Resolution 06-12-11 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for September 2006 (Appendix M);

Resolution 06-12-12 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for October 2006 (Appendix N);

Resolution 06-12-13 Recommended Appointment to Fill Utah State University Research Foundation Board Vacancy (Appendix O);

Resolution 06-12-14 Recommendation for Distinguished Service Awards for 2007 (Appendix P);

Resolution 06-12-15 Naming of the Engineering Laboratory Building – The Dean F. Peterson Engineering Laboratory Building (Appendix Q);

Acceptance of the following written reports:

Annual Leased Facilities Report (Appendix R)

Executive Session, to be held on January 12, 2007, to discuss those items which are permitted by law to be discussed in Executive Session.

<u>Action</u>: Trustee Johnson moved approval of the Consent Agenda items, and Trustee Foley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Action: Trustee Cook moved that the Board of Trustees meeting adjourn, and Trustee Foley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Richard L. Shipley, Chairman

Lee H. Burke, Secretary

(Minutes Taken by Mira G. Thatcher)

January 12, 2007

Date Approved