

REGULAR MEETING
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held as a telephone conference call in the Champ Hall Conference Room of Old Main, Room 136, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard L. Shipley	Chairman
R. Brent Nyman	Vice Chairman
David P. Cook	(By telephone)
Robert L. Foley	(By telephone)
Richard L. Nelson	(By telephone)
Suzanne Pierce-Moore	(By telephone)
Noah A. Riley	
Kellie S. Wood	(By telephone)

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Douglas S. Foxley
David Johnson III

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht	President (By telephone)
Raymond T. Coward	Executive Vice President and Provost
Gary A. Chambers	Interim Vice President for Student Services
W. Glenn W. Ford	Vice President for Business and Finance
M. Kay Jeppesen	Vice President and CIO for Information Technology
M. Scott Mietchen	Vice President for University Advancement (By telephone)
Brent C. Miller	Vice President for Research
Ned M. Weinshenker	Vice President for Strategic Ventures and Economic Development
David T. Cowley	Associate Vice President for Financial Services/Controller
Sydney M. Peterson	Chief of Staff
John DeVilbiss	Executive Director of Public Relations and Marketing
Jodi Bailey	Chief Audit Executive
John M. Kras	President of Faculty Senate
Jill J. Ballard	President of the Classified Employees Association

Lee H. Burke
Mira G. Thatcher

Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees Secretary
Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Stephen Beierlein Vice President, Smith Barney Inc.

Chairman Shipley conducted the meeting and welcomed those present.

I. Chairman's Report

A. Date of the Next Board of Trustees Meetings and Workshop

The next Board of Trustees meeting and the Trustees Workshop will be held on Friday, October 20, 2006. Chairman Shipley indicated that there will be a dinner for the Trustees on October 19, and the meetings on October 20 will be held until 3:00 p.m.

B. Dates of the Next Committee Meetings

The Enrollment Committee will meet Thursday evening, October 19.

The Audit Committee will meet on Friday, October 20, at 7:00 a.m.

C. Board of Trustees Committee Assignments for 2006-2007(Draft)

Trustees were given a draft copy of Board of Trustees Committee Assignments for 2006-2007 for their review (Appendix A).

Chairman Shipley asked Trustees to review the revised committee assignments and contact him if they had questions or concerns.

II. President's Report

A. NCAA Certification

President Albrecht reported that Provost Coward is the Chair of the Steering Committee for NCAA certification and is providing strong leadership. Provost Coward said the Steering Committee held its first meeting on September 7, which

was an eight hour teleconference with people in Indianapolis. He said this is a long and arduous process which will not be completed until February 2008. Certification deals with: (1) rules compliance; (2) academic integrity; and (3) student-athlete welfare.

Trustees will receive information and will be asked questions during the process. The NCAA expects the Board of Trustees to be aware of and support the plans. Trustees will receive the final certification report.

Certification occurs once every ten years, and USU certified in 1999. The two areas of concern at that time were gender and minority issues. Provost Coward said USU has made a great deal of progress in the area of gender. He said less progress has been made in the area of minorities, however, every university has problems in that area. He said USU does well in rules compliance, and is among the best in the nation in academic integrity.

B. Enrollment Update

Provost Coward reported that next week is the final week of registration, and enrollment results for Fall Semester are overwhelmingly positive. He reported the following:

- Overall first year student enrollment at Logan increased 23 percent
- Instate first year student enrollment at Logan increased 19 percent
- Out-of-state first year student enrollment at Logan increased 41 percent
- Transfer enrollments at Logan increased 13 percent

Provost Coward stated that if seven more students enroll at Logan, the first year student class would be the largest in five years. This year's overall enrollment will be approximately the same as last year, halting a three-year decline.

Provost Coward reported that regional campus enrollment, as of September 8, is down approximately 800 FTE, which is a decrease of nearly 20 percent. He said by the time enrollment is complete, however, the decrease will be much smaller. Brigham City and Tooele will have modest declines or be approximately the same as last year. Roosevelt and Vernal show a decrease of 30 percent to 40 percent as of this date. The overall decline in FTEs for Logan and the regional campuses will be 5 percent or less. Provost Coward stated that last year at the regional campuses, more than 3,500 students registered the last week. If that occurs this year, there will not be a shortfall. The final numbers will not be available for another week.

Provost Coward said two reasons for the large decline in enrollment at Vernal and Roosevelt are economic problems and an insufficient range of programs offered.

Resources will be reallocated for additional recruitment efforts at the regional campuses. Vice Chairman Nyman stated that USU's role as the land-grant university makes it important to keep enrollment up at the regional campuses. Provost Coward feels that is where the growth will come.

President Albrecht said the progress in increasing enrollment is exciting. It is not just a one-year effort.

C. University Advancement Update

President Albrecht stated that the Lillywhite estate donated \$4.5 million to USU last year. They have recently donated another \$50,000 to the Department of Communicative Disorders and \$50,000 to the President's Scholarship Fund.

The College of Engineering received a gift of \$160,000 this week which will help to build an endowment.

Vice President Mietchen announced that there will be three Sunrise Sessions in Salt Lake City this year. The first will be held on September 28 at the Little America Hotel beginning at 7:30 a.m. Karl White will speak about hearing issues. Vice President Mietchen invited Trustees to attend and bring guests with them.

D. USTAR Update

USU and the UofU made their first presentations to the USTAR Governing Authority on September 7. Vice President Weinshenker reported that USU was well prepared for the presentation, and it was well received by the Governing Authority. USU asked for continuing funding for existing USTAR hires (Krishna Shenai and David York), plus funding for two new programs. He said large teams will be formed for the Biofuel Initiative and Directive Energy Sensors Technology programs. USU requested \$4.6 million for existing and new programs out of an unexpected \$6 million budget, and will request an additional \$1.4 million for other research proposals later this year.

Vice President Weinshenker said that the UofU requested \$9 million for eight major areas. They did not provide specific details about their projects. We worked with the UofU prior to the presentation, and knew we were using a different presentation strategy.

Approval for the funds requested was not given to USU or the UofU by the Governing Authority at this meeting. It is expected that approval for USTAR hires will be given at the October meeting after the Executive Director has been hired.

According to Vice President Weinshenker, USU also requested \$4.2 million for planning a Bio Innovations Research Institute to be built at the Innovation Campus. The USTAR bill allows for a \$70 million building with USU providing \$10 million and the state providing \$60 million. Groundbreaking cannot take place until USU has acquired the \$10 million, however, the bill allows for architectural work prior to obtaining the matching funds. The decision for that funding will also be made in October.

The USTAR bill also allows for \$4 million a year for technology outreach programs. Richard Kendell, Commissioner of Higher Education, made a presentation suggesting five areas in the state for outreach centers: Weber State University for northern Utah, UVSC for Utah County, SUU and Dixie working together for southern Utah, Salt Lake Community College for Salt Lake County, and the Vernal area for eastern Utah (probably at USU facilities). The USTAR Authority Board approved a resolution for five outreach centers. Scott Anderson, by telephone, offered three motions concerning the outreach program: (1) to approve the locations of the five centers (USU's presence at the Uintah Basin was specifically mentioned in Commissioner Kendell's presentation); (2) \$300,000 for software to develop an interactive database of technology at the universities to be utilized by the outreach centers; and (3) hiring a manager to run the outreach center activities (there is not enough money in the \$250,000 administrative costs for USTAR so it was recommended that it come out of the \$4 million outreach funds).

Vice President Weinshenker felt good that Commissioner Kendell's position included the Technology Commercialization Offices of USU and the UofU as vital links in commercialization outreach.

Vice President Miller added that representatives from DFCM attended the meeting and volunteered to prepare an RFP for USTAR facilities for the October Governing Authority meeting. They were authorized to prepare an RFP for two buildings. Former USU Trustee, Dinesh Patel, who was chairing the session, indicated the Authority Board wanted presentations from each of the universities in this session, but did not plan to allocate funds yet. Staff will be in place and funds can be allocated in October.

President Albrecht complimented Vice Presidents Miller and Weinshenker for their presentation to the USTAR Authority Board. He received feedback stating that USU's presentation was positively received, and he felt they took the right approach. He said the USTAR initiative has the potential to change the face of the University in a significant way.

E. Search Update – Human Resources

Vice President Ford reported that the national search for an Associate Vice President for Human Resources is moving forward. Dr. Christine Hult, Associate Dean of the College of HASS, is the chairperson of the search committee. The committee includes members from the Faculty Senate, Professional Employees Association, Classified Employees Association, and from the regional campuses. They interviewed two finalists from the private sector and two from higher education. Vice President Ford will receive the report from the search committee next week.

F. Old Main Society Weekend

President Albrecht said that Old Main Weekend 2006 will be held September 15-16. The Foundation Board will meet on September 15. He said this is an important event for the comprehensive campaign.

Vice President Mietchen added that the Old Main Society event will include an entire weekend of activities. Several college events will be held on Friday, September 15, as well as the Old Main Society reception and dinner. Saturday events are scheduled for the entire day and include tours, Aggie Family Day, the President's pre-game party, and the USU vs UofU football game. Vice President Mietchen expressed appreciation to Provost Coward for getting the colleges involved.

President Albrecht encouraged Trustees to join in the events.

G. Kermit Hall Memorial

A memorial to honor President Kermit Hall will be held at the University at Albany on September 18, 2006. Three representative from USU will travel with Dell Loy and Lynnette Hansen in their private airplane to New York. President Albrecht has been asked to make remarks at the service.

A resolution from the Utah State Board of Regents and a letter of condolence from the first presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as well as letters from other individuals, will be delivered to Mrs. Hall in a private meeting. The Trustees will also send a Resolution with President Albrecht.

H. South Farm Groundbreaking

A ground breaking for new facilities at the south farm will be held on September 29, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. The preliminary work has been completed. Several legislators are expected to attend. President Albrecht invited the Trustees to attend also.

I. Washington, D.C. Trip

President Albrecht and others will be in Washington, D.C., on October 1-4, 2006. Trustee Foxley will join them for scheduled USU events.

J. Roads Scholar Tours/Open Houses

Interim Vice President Chambers said the first recruiting open house is scheduled for October 11. Ten are scheduled, and two of those will include faculty teaching in the high school classroom and meetings with community leaders. The others will be open houses in the evening with participation from all of the colleges.

He stated that areas added to the schedule this year include St. George and the Las Vegas, Nevada; Evanston, Wyoming; and Boise, Idaho. Visits will be made again to Davis County, Salt Lake, Provo, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc. He said recruiting will be very aggressive.

President Albrecht said that USU needs to recruit in Tooele and at the Uintah Basin so that students feel the excitement. Provost Coward said that Vice Provost Menlove is already considering recruiting events at all three regional campuses.

Interim Vice President Chambers said there is a long list of new things the recruiting team will do this year in addition to what was done last year. They hope to stay ahead of the competition.

Interim Vice President Chambers stated that he has a fantastic, energized, excited recruiting team. Through reallocation of resources, he has added extra staff in challenging areas including recruitment, admissions, registration, etc. The team is having great success, and Vice President Chambers is very pleased. Directors have been asked to review the challenges and problems students have – whether in recruiting or processing. An evaluation meeting will be scheduled after the third week of the semester to consider solutions. Interim Vice President Chambers said there has been a tremendous team effort. President Albrecht expressed appreciation to Interim Vice President Chambers and his team and said they are doing a great job.

III. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of the Executive Session Held on August 18, 2006;
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on August 18, 2006;
Resolution 06-9-1 Faculty and Staff Adjustments (Appendix B);
Resolution 06-9-2 Certificate of the Treasurer for the Period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (Appendix C);
Resolution 06-9-3 Preliminary Report of Investments for June 2006 (Appendix D);
Resolution 06-9-4 Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards for July 2006 (Appendix E);
Executive Session, to be held on October 20, 2006, to discuss those items which are permitted by law to be discussed in Executive Session.

Action: Trustee Pierce-Moore moved approval of the Consent Agenda items, and Trustee Riley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

IV. Utah State University Research Foundation Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (Correction/Clarification)

Trustees were given a Resolution to correct/clarify the Utah State University Research Foundation Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (Appendix F) for their consideration.

Dr. Burke explained that this resolution makes a necessary correction to the Articles of Incorporation which were approved by the Trustees at their August 18, 2006, meeting.

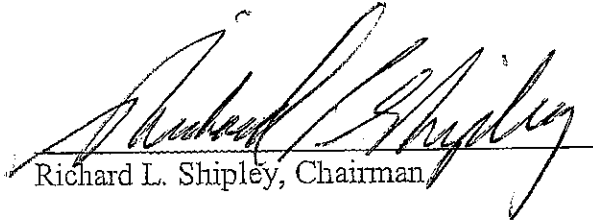
Action: Trustee Foley moved approval of Resolution to 06-9-5 to correct/clarify the Utah State University Research Foundation Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (Appendix F), and Trustee Nyman seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.


V. Coach Stew Morrill Presentation

Vice Chairman Nyman said that Coach Morrill gave a motivational speech at a Zion's Bank luncheon. His speech was energetic, timely, and delightful. He did an outstanding job for the local community.

Action: Trustee Nyman moved that the meeting adjourn, and Trustee Riley seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.


Richard L. Shipley, Chairman


Lee H. Burke, Secretary
(Minutes Taken by Mira G. Thatcher)

October 20, 2006

Date Approved