

REGULAR MEETING
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Utah State University, Douglas D. Anderson Executive Boardroom, Huntsman Hall, Logan, Utah
May 6, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held in the Douglas D. Anderson Executive Boardroom, Huntsman Hall, commencing at 9:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald W. Jibson Chair
Scott R. Watterson Vice Chair
Jody K. Burnett
Mark K. Holland
Karen H. Huntsman
Susan D. Johnson
J. Scott Nixon
Frank Peczuh, Jr.
Lane L. Thomas
Ashley Waddoups

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht President
Neil Abercrombie Director, Government Relations
John C. Allen Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Jodi Bailey Chief Audit Executive
Carolyn Brittain Staff Assistant
Noelle E. Cockett Executive Vice President and Provost
David T. Cowley Vice President for Business and Finance
Amanda Davis President-Elect, Professional Employees Association
Robert R. Gillies Professor, Department of Plants, Soils and Climate
Trisha Hunsaker Vice President, Classified Employees Association
Paul G. Johnson Head, Department of Plants, Soils and Climate
Mica McKinney General Counsel
Mark McLellan Vice President, Research and Dean of Graduate Studies
Deb Megill Classified Employees Association
James D. Morales Vice President for Student Affairs
Joe Peterson Chancellor, USU Eastern
Sydney M. Peterson Chief of Staff and Board of Trustees Secretary
Ken White Vice President of Agriculture and Education, Dean, College of
Agriculture and Applied Science
Larry M. Walther Acting Dean, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business and Head,
School of Accountancy
Vincent Wickwar President-Elect, Faculty Senate
Tim Vitale Director, Public Relations

OTHERS PRESENT

Kevin Opsahl *The Herald Journal*
Teresa Theurer Utah State Board of Regents

Chair Jibson called the regular meeting to order noting that this is an exciting time of year on campus.

Larry Walther, Acting Dean, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, welcomed the Trustees and thanked them for all they do. This beautiful building “Huntsman Hall” was graciously funded by 70 percent private donations. He acknowledged Jon M. and Karen H. Huntsman for their generous support.

I. CHAIR’S REPORT

A. Letter of Commendation and Appreciation to Trevor Sean Olsen

Chair Jibson shared his gratitude and respect for outgoing Trustee Olsen and read his Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation (Appendix A). President Albrecht added his praise and noted that he will always treasure their friendship.

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

Chair Jibson called the Regular Meeting back to order at 10:02 a.m. by once again welcoming those in attendance and thanking those participating in the meeting.

B. USUSA Report – Ashley Waddoups

Recently elected Student Body President Waddoups introduced Lizie Allen and read her Resolution of Commendation. Lizie was praised for her caring and involvement at USU. She is an example of how you can give back and make a difference in the lives of people at a university (Appendix B). Waddoups highlighted some USUSA events including the Robins Awards ceremony, the Earth Day Initiative, and A-Week.

C. Alumni Association Report – Lane L. Thomas

Trustee Thomas referenced the Alumni Association’s Annual Report. He mentioned that several successful events including their Alumni Hall of Honor, help raise money and increase involvement. Upcoming events include Homecoming with a football game against Air Force, and locally hosted events for incoming freshman. He noted the Association’s work with Michael Glauser, Director of the Jeffrey D. Clark Center for Entrepreneurship at Utah State University and author of *Main Street Entrepreneur*, about his nation-wide bike tour in which he met with local entrepreneurs.

D. Department of Public Safety Annual 2015 Annual Report

The Department of Public Safety 2015 Annual Report can be found at:
<http://www.usu.edu/trustees/agenda/2016/pdf/dps-2015.pdf>

E. Commencement Schedule

Chair Jibson mentioned that this is a time to celebrate the achievements of our students. He expressed his appreciation to the leadership on campus for all of the work they do. He thanked the Trustees for their participation in the regional campus ceremonies. The Regional Campus System is phenomenal; it is a highlight to see the successes of so many nontraditional students.

F. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2016, via conference call.

G. Action Item: Oath of Office for Ashley Waddoups

Chair Jibson issued the Oath of Office to the newly elected student body president, Ashley Waddoups.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Information Items

President Albrecht mentioned a few updates from the President's report on recent events. There were 21 events held in the President's home in April (including faculty, alumni and student events), Vice President McLellan's team held their annual Research Gala, and Dean Craig Jessop was awarded one of the four 2016 Governor's Leadership in the Arts awards.

B. Student Resolution of Commendation to Lizie Allen

Trustee Waddoups shared Ms. Allen's letter as part of the USUSA report.

B. Recent Events

1. USU Foundation Board Meeting – March 5, 2016
2. Mountain West Basketball Tournament – Las Vegas, Nevada, March 7-12, 2016
3. Mountain West Board of Directors Meeting – Las Vegas, Nevada, March 11, 2016
4. Council of Presidents – Salt Lake City, March 15, 2016
5. Remarks at Huntsman Hall Dedication Ceremony, Ribbon Cutting and Reception – March 16, 2016
6. Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield Community Board Meeting – Salt Lake City March 17, 2016
7. Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors – Salt Lake City, March 22, 2016
8. Remarks at Employee Recognition Luncheon – March 23, 2016
9. Inaugural Professor Lecture, Kristine Miller – President's Home, March 23, 2016
10. Legislative Appreciation Dinner – President's Home, March 24, 2016

11. Student Advisory Council Breakfast – President’s Home, March 29, 2016
12. Board of Regents – Dixie State University, St. George, April 1, 2016
13. Caine College of the Arts Awards Celebration and Donor Recognition – April 1, 2016
14. K-16 Alliance – April 4, 2016
15. Remarks at R. Fareed Zakaria, Dean of College of Humanities and Social Sciences Guest Lecture and Dinner – April 5, 2016
16. Aggie Football Banquet – April 6, 2017
17. Remarks at Diversity Awards Luncheon – President’s Home, April 7, 2016
18. Remarks at USU Retirement Dinner – April 7, 2016
19. USU Board of Trustees Teleconference Meeting – April 8, 2016
20. Aggie Auction Dinner – April 8, 2016

C. Upcoming Events

1. Remarks at Alumni Hall of Honor Luncheon – April 9, 2016
2. Merlin Olsen Fund Dinner – April 9, 2016
3. Utah Campus Compact Awards Luncheon – President’s Home, April 11, 2016
4. Remarks at Research Gala – April 11, 2016
5. Seely-Hinckley Scholarship Luncheon – April 12, 2016
6. Remarks at Salt Lake Chamber Giant in Our City – Salt Lake City, April 12, 2016
7. NCAA President Mark Emmert Visit to Utah State University – April 13-14, 2016
8. Present at Robins Awards – April 16, 2016
9. Remarks at Emeriti Luncheon – April 18, 2016
10. USUSA Incoming/Outgoing Officers Breakfast – President’s Home, April 19, 2016
11. Aggie Passport Reception, President’s Home – April 20, 2016
12. USU-Southwest Commencement – Nephi, April 21, 2016
13. Remarks at Sunrise Session – Presenter: Student IGNITE Research Presenters Salt Lake City, April 22, 2016
14. USU-Brigham City Commencement – Brigham City, April 22, 2016
15. USU-Tooele Commencement – Tooele, April 23, 2016
16. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Executive Committee Meeting Portland, Oregon, April 25-26, 2016
17. NCAA Board of Directors Meeting – Indianapolis, Indiana, April 27-28, 2016
18. USU-Moab Commencement – Moab, April 28, 2016
19. USU-Blanding Commencement – Blanding, April 29, 2016
20. USU Eastern Commencement – Price, April 30, 2016
21. USU-Uintah Basin Commencement – Vernal, April 30, 2016
22. Council of Presidents – Salt Lake City, May 3, 2016
23. Utah Campus Compact – Salt Lake City, May 3, 2016
24. Governor’s Medal Luncheon – Salt Lake City, May 5, 2016
25. USU Board of Trustees – May 6, 2016
26. USU Graduate Commencement and Hooding Ceremony – May 6, 2016
27. President’s Commencement Dinner – May 6, 2016
28. USU Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony – May 7, 2016

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes from the Executive Session held on April 8, 2016
2. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2016
3. Certificate of Treasurer - 2015-12 - December – Resolution 16-05-01 (Appendix C)
4. Certificate of Treasurer - 2016-01 - January – Resolution 16-05-02 (Appendix D)
5. Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards - 2016-02 - February – Resolution 16-05-03 (Appendix E)
6. Contract/Grant Proposals and Awards - 2016-03 - March – Resolution 16-05-04 (Appendix F)
7. Delegation/Administrative Reports - 2016/01/22 to 2016/02/19 – Resolution 16-05-05 (Appendix G)
8. Delegation/Administrative Reports - 2016/02/19 to 2016/03/25 – Resolution 16-05-06 (Appendix H)
9. Faculty and Staff Adjustments – Resolution 16-05-07 (Appendix I)
10. Report of Investments - 2015-12 - December – Resolution 16-05-08 (Appendix J)
11. Report of Investments - 2016-01 - January – Resolution 16-05-09 (Appendix K)
12. USU Policy 305 Discrimination Complaints – Resolution 16-05-10 (Appendix L)
13. USU Policy 337 Safety and Health – Resolution 16-05-11 (Appendix M)
14. USU Policy 339 Sexual Harassment – Resolution 16-05-12 (Appendix N)
15. USU Policy 350 Educational Benefits – Resolution 16-05-13 (Appendix O)
16. USU Policy 402.10.1 Apportionment of Elected Faculty Positions
Resolution 16-05-14 (Appendix P)
17. USU Student Code of Policies and Procedures – Resolution 16-05-15 (Appendix Q)
18. Acceptance of Written Reports
 - Advancement/Alumni (Appendix R)
 - Athletics (Appendix S)
 - Business and Finance (Appendix T)
 - Classified Employees Association (Appendix U)
 - Executive Vice President and Provost (Appendix V)
 - Extension and College of Agriculture (Appendix W)
 - Faculty Senate (Appendix X)
 - Innovation and Commercialization (Appendix Y)
 - Professional Employees Association (Appendix Z)
 - Public Relations and Marketing (Appendix AA)
 - Research and Graduate Studies (Appendix BB)
 - Student Services (Appendix CC)
 - USU Eastern (Appendix DD)
 - USUSA (Appendix EE)

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

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

IV. ACTION AGENDA

1. Proposal from the Department of Plants, Soils and Climate in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Climate Science – Resolution 16-05-16 (Appendix FF)

Provost Cockett introduced the proposal to offer a bachelor's degree in Climate Science adding that it would be the first such degree in Utah and the Intermountain West. The program will emphasize the study of the behavior of weather and climate, and applications to the important practical problems of climate prediction and weather forecasting for natural resources. Master's and Ph.D. programs in this area are in place.

Dean White from the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences further explained that as the state's only land-grant institution and home of the State Climate Office, this is the logical place to offer this major. The combination of faculty expertise, the addition of two new faculty members (Fall 2016), and student desire will make this a strong program. A sharing of six core courses with the National Central University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences in Taiwan will afford students the opportunity to study in Taiwan as part of their curriculum. Job opportunities for graduates will be in the insurance industry, military, food production, energy industry, as well as, state, local, federal and world governmental positions.

Action: Trustee Burnett moved the approval of Resolution 16-05-16 the proposal for the Department of Plants, Soils and Climate to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Climate Science. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

2. Proposal from the Department of Management in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business to transfer the Minor in Business from the Dean's office to the Management Department – Resolution 16-05-17 (Appendix GG)

Provost Cockett explained that for years the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business has offered a minor in Business for non-business majors. This request is for a logical relocation of the administrative home for the program and that the curriculum be streamlined to put focus back on core classes. The request will move the program from the Dean's office to the Management Department where they are better able to track students and curriculum. In summary, the move will enable the minor to better serve the non-Huntsman school majors.

Action: Trustee Holland moved the approval of Resolution 16-05-17 the proposal to relocate administration for the minor in Business to the Department of Management. Trustee Nixon seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

3. Proposal from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering to remove all the emphases in the current Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering – Resolution 16-05-18 (Appendix HH)

Provost Cockett explained that the reasoning behind this request is two-fold. First, the area of Electrical Engineering is rapidly evolving so the emphasis areas are continually changing. Going forward there will not be a need to discontinue and create new emphases. Second, employers are not interested in graduate level emphases. Students will be able to take multiple sub-disciplines and, thus, be more desirable.

Action: Trustee Burnett moved the approval of Resolution 16-05-18 the proposal to remove all emphases in the current Ph.D. program in Electrical Engineering. Trustee Huntsman seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

4. Proposal from the Department of English in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to offer a Bachelor's degree in English Teaching Composite – Resolution 16-05-19 (Appendix II)

Provost Cockett related that currently graduates aiming to be English teachers are completing an English major (42 credits) plus an English minor (at least 18 credits.) This composite of English and teaching with 61 required credits will put more emphasis on pedagogy instead of waiting to focus on teaching with a minor.

Dean John Allen, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, added that the English faculty believe students are not being prepared as teachers in the depth that they should. Beth Foley, Dean, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, further explained that composite degrees are intended to provide students with more teaching and mentoring before they take on a class on their own. Students will better understand what it takes to be a teacher during their education. Composites will remove overlap of course content and better integrate pedagogy courses. Other majors will be requesting similar changes.

Action: Trustee Nixon moved the approval of Resolution 16-05-19 the proposal to off a Bachelor's degree in English Teaching Composite. Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

5. Proposal from the Department of Watershed Sciences in the S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to change the title of the Bachelor of Science degree in Watershed and Earth Systems to Management and Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems – Resolution 16-05-20 (Appendix JJ)

Provost Cockett communicated that this proposal for a name change will more clearly convey the nature of the program to prospective students and employers. The new title, Management and Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems, better represents the content, skills, and abilities of students in the program. The program prepares students to manage and restore water systems across whole ecosystems.

Action: Trustee Gillmor moved the approval of Resolution 16-05-20 the proposal for the Department of Watershed Sciences to rename the Bachelor's degree in Watershed and Earth Systems to Management and Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chair Jibson thanked Provost Cockett and those involved in the preparation of these action items. Trustee Nixon added his appreciation for the work and desire to make changes and not maintain status quo.

6. Student Fee and Housing Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 – Resolution 16-05-21 (Appendix KK)

Vice President Cowley explained that this request is seeking approval to proceed to the next step to offer bonds in association with the purchase of Blue Square. Repayment funds will come from on-campus housing rental revenue. The bonds are ready to go and will take advantage of a current favorable rate environment.

Action: Trustee Johnson moved the approval of Resolution 16-05-21 the proposal to issues Student Fee and Housing Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2016. Trustee Gillmor seconded the motion. Trustee Nixon formally abstained from the vote due to the possibility of a perceived conflict of interest. The other Trustees voted in the affirmative.

7. Research Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 – Resolution 16-05-22 (Appendix LL)

Vice President Cowley explained that these bonds are for the funding of the approved Phase II construction at the Space Dynamics Laboratory (SDL). Piper Jaffray has been selected to be the underwriter. Repayment will come back via direct or indirect costs built into grants. SDL has considered their contracts/overhead and feel they will continue to be very competitive. They will save money by owning and not leasing space. Vice President Mark McLellan added that the Foundation has had an extraordinary year and growth ahead looks good. There has been land allocated for a second build in the foreseeable future.

Action: Trustee Johnson moved the approval of Resolution 16-05-22 the proposal to issue Research Revenue Bonds, Series 2016. Trustee Holland seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chair Jibson expressed his appreciation for Vice President Cowley.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Ronald W. Jibson, Chair

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

Date Approved