

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 14, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Christian Gardner (Chair)	J. Steve Price
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)	Bassam Salem
Maria Garciaz	Randy Shumway
Jack O'Leary	Jim Sorenson
David Parkin	

EXCUSED

Glenn Seninger

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Administrative Services
Amy Choate-Nielsen	Director, PR/Communications, Academic Affairs
Brett Clark	Professor, Department of Sociology, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Megan Cortez	Administrative Officer, PR/Communications
John Creer	Chief Real Estate Officer
Philip Dennison	Department Chair, Department of Geography, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Michael Good	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Charmelle Green	Deputy Athletic Director/COO
Chase Hagood	Dean, Undergraduate Studies
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Teresa Kehl	Special Assistant to the President
Jeff Labrum	Chief Operating Officer
Lori McDonald	Vice President, Student Affairs
Mitzi Montoya	Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Rob Patton	Executive Communication Manager
Sarah Projansky	Associate Vice President for Faculty
Taylor Randall	President
Laura Snow	Senior Advisor
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Rebecca Walsh	Associate Director of Communications, Marketing and Communication
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Shawn Wood	Manager, PR/Communications

OTHERS ATTENDING

Amanda Gilbert	KUTV2
Julie Hartley	Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education
Jamie Sorenson	Vice-president, U Alumni Board of Governors

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES and OTHERS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM

Robin Burr	Chief Design and Construction Officer
Shanti Deemyad	President, Academic Senate
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Allison Nicholson	Special Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer
Reese Vedder	Associate Director, Naming Recognition & Compliance

CALL TO ORDERInformation: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:05AM in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Dumke room. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused Trustees Glenn Seninger who was unable to attend and introduced Jamie Sorenson, vice president of the U Alumni Board of Governors, representing Glenn today.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the October 10th Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix I)

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – University Leases and Capital Improvement Projects (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – Report of Investments Portfolio for the Month of September (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Naming – Derek Sakata, MD and Cindy Sumarauw, DDS, Innovation Office in the HELIX Building (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Naming – John A. Reed, Cpi, USMC, 1983 – 1987, Wellness Room in the HELIX Building (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Naming – Drs. Josh and Susan Zimmerman Recording Studio in the HELIX Building (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Naming – Minoshima-Anzai Radiology and Imaging Sciences Library in the HELIX Building (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Naming – George S. Eccles Conference Room in the Orrin G. Hatch Center (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Naming – Marriner S. Eccles Conference Room in the Orrin G. Hatch Center (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – New Academic Unit – School of Environmental, Society and Sustainability (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Emphases – Metallurgical Engineering/Material Science and Engineering (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Name Change – Biological Anthropology Emphasis (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 2.15 – Program Discontinue – Three QAMO Emphases (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 2.16 – Deleting Outdated Policy/Regulations (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 2.17 – Revision – Policy 4-004 University of Utah Information Security Policy (Appendix XVI)

Action (Consent): 2.18 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix XVII)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by Jim Sorenson, second by David Parkin. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Jack O’Leary, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

Background materials are included in the Appendices (as noted above) and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ACTION AGENDA

Action: 3.01 – Naming – Russell M. Nelson Global Health Pavilion in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for University Advancement, presented the proposed naming.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: In recognition of a \$14,000,000 gift from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the University of Utah would like to name the Global Health Pavilion in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in honor of Russell M. Nelson. A fully executed gift agreement is in place, and the gift has been fully paid.

Motion to approve the item 3.01 by Randy Shumway, second by David Parkin. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, Jack O’Leary, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

Action: 3.02 – Spencer F. Eccles Locker Room in Rice-Eccles Stadium

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for University Advancement, presented the proposed naming.

George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation: In recognition of a \$2,500,000 gift from the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the home team locker room in

Rice-Eccles Stadium in honor of Spencer F. Eccles. A fully executed gift agreement is in place, and the gift will be paid in full by December 31, 2025.

Motion to approve the item 3.02 by Jack O’Leary second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, Jack O’Leary, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

Action: 3.03 – Sponsorship Naming – University of Utah Ballpark

Charmelle Green, Deputy Athletic Director/COO, presented the proposed sponsorship naming

In recognition of a sponsorship commitment of \$15 million from America First Credit Union to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in support of the new Baseball Stadium--the University of Utah would like to name the new facility, the America First Ballpark, for a term of ten years commencing upon the opening of the facility in 2025.

Trustee Katie Eccles asked University/Trustees to review policy/guidelines with regards to namings and more specifically sponsorship(s) and develop a policy/guidelines to follow with future sponsorships.

Motion to approve the item 3.03 by Jack O’Leary second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, Jack O’Leary, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

Action: 3.04 – USHE Goals

President Randall and SVPAA Mitzi Montoya introduced the U’s performance funding target goals to be submitted to the Utah System of Higher Education. Chair Christian Gardner facilitated the discussion. Prior to today’s meeting Trustees had opportunities to meet with administration to review, discuss and better understand the goals, as well as USHE’s performance funding metrics.

University of Utah Institutional Goals:

- Timely completion, defined as percentage of students completing a degree within six years. Proposed metric is 66.4%
- High-yield awards, defined as percentage of degrees awarded at all levels that map to a 4 or 5 stay rated job. Proposed metric is 81.6%

Several additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposed institutional goals.

Motion to approve the item 3.04 by David Parkin second by Jack O’Leary. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, Jack O’Leary, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVIII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

UNIVERSITY FOCUS

Report: 2.01 – University Focus – Student Affairs Update

Chair Gardner apologized to Dr. Lori McDonald, VP Student Affairs, noting that in the interest of time the update will be postponed and invited her to present at a future meeting. In the meantime, Dr. McDonald provided the board with an annual report detailing the impact of Student Affairs on the student experience.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XIX with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 5.01 – Current Events

Chair Gardner did not have a report this month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report: 6.01 – Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community, Distinguished Visitors and Research

President Randall, referred Trustees to the written report included in the agenda materials and highlighted some of the noteworthy accomplishments listed, stating that many remarkable things are happening at the University of Utah.

A copy of the items is included as Appendix XX with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Report: 7.01 – Academic Affairs Report

In a written report to the Board, Dr. Montoya noted the following:

University Innovation Alliance convened on U campus

Members of the University Innovation Alliance gathered at the U to focus on conversations about academic recovery, transfer student success, and supporting student parents and caregivers. The U hosted more than a dozen peer institutions for the three-day convening to discuss best practices and research-based interventions, and to strategize how to implement new thinking that will lead to better college graduation rates.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/u-hosts-peer-institutions-for-fall-convening/>

Associate Provost for Strategic Academic Initiatives is named

Martell Teasley has been named associate provost for strategic academic initiatives. Teasley, who served as dean of the College of Social Work from 2017-2022 and interim senior vice president for academic

affairs from 2022-2023, will begin his position Jan. 1, 2024. As associate provost, Teasley will provide leadership and support across the U to explore innovative ways to better align academic units in the promotion and advancement of academic excellence. He will play an essential role in organizing voices across the campus community in examining the future of the university in order to promote continued academic program development, efficiency and excellence.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/announcements/associate-provost-named-to-oversee-strategic-academic-initiatives/>

Point of the Mountain scholarship is announced

Students in the Alpine, Nebo or Provo school districts may be eligible for the newly created Point of the Mountain scholarship. The scholarship offers \$15,000 per year toward tuition and mandatory fees and an additional \$13,700 for the students first year of on-campus housing. Students must have a 4.0 GPA and apply by Dec. 1.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/students/university-of-utah-announces-new-scholarship-for-utah-county-students/>

On-campus housing guaranteed for first year students in fall 2024

Incoming first-year students who apply for housing at the University of Utah by the May 3 deadline will have a bed guaranteed on campus. The news comes as part of the U's plan to address housing demand and increasing enrollment numbers of the university. Guarantees are not room-type or community-specific for the 2024-2025 academic year. Once students have paid their enrollment deposit fee to the U, they can apply for housing.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/university-of-utah-announces-guaranteed-housing-for-first-year-students-admitted-in-fall-2024/>

Utah law ranks No. 10 on PreLaw magazine list of best value law schools

PreLaw magazine recently ranked S.J. Quinney College of Law no. 10 on its list of best value law schools. Each law school is ranked based on bar exam performance, overall education cost, and graduate employment rates.

<https://bluetoad.com/publication/frame.php?i=803307&p=20&pn=&ver=html5&view=issueViewer>

Utah bionic leg named to Time's list of best inventions

TIME has selected the Utah Bionic Leg as one of the best inventions of 2023, naming it in its "Experimental" category. With its suite of motors, sensors, and controllers, the robotic prosthesis can better replicate the biomechanics of the human knee, ankle, and toe, giving it the potential to improve the mobility and quality-of-life of millions of people living with amputation worldwide. The Utah Bionic Leg was developed by Tommaso Lenzi, associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and his students in the HGN Lab for Bionic Engineering.

<https://www.price.utah.edu/2023/10/24/utah-bionic-leg-named-to-times-list-of-the-best-inventions-of-2023>

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXI with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Report: 7.02 – Health Sciences Report

In a written report to the Board, Dr. Good noted the following:

Medical School Alum Confirmed as Next NIH Director

- Monica Bertagnoli, MD, a 1985 graduate of the University of Utah Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the 16th director of the National Institutes of Health. Bertagnoli is the first Utah-trained medical doctor, and first surgeon, to hold the post.

Population Health Center Opens

- In partnership with the state, University of Utah opened the University of Utah Population Health Center near Rose Park. The center represents a new, financially sustainable model of integrated physical, mental, and oral care tailored for vulnerable populations. Housed under one roof, the center includes:
 - Intensive Outpatient Clinic for high-risk Medicaid patients.
 - Newcomer Health Clinic for refugees, asylum seekers, and parolees.
 - Rose Park Dental Clinic for insured, underinsured, and Medicaid patients. Dental students and attending faculty work alongside practicing clinician dentists.
 - Rose Park Primary Care Clinic for insured, underinsured, and Medicaid patients. Medical students provide all aspects of care in a highly supervised environment.

National Communications Initiative to Confront Mental Health Crisis

- The Huntsman Mental Health Institute and the Ad Council unveiled the “Love, Your Mind” campaign to create a more open, accepting, and proactive society when it comes to mental health. The campaign promotes LoveYourMindToday.org, a new website that helps individuals explore specific emotions and scenarios that can affect their mental health, along with suggesting self-care strategies and coping practices.

Research Milestones

- Anna Docherty, PhD, associate professor of psychiatry, is corresponding author for a new study that identified 12 DNA variants, or variations in the human genetic code, associated with risk of attempting suicide. The research highlights genetic links between suicide and factors that influence physical and behavioral health—including impulsivity, smoking, chronic pain, ADHD, pulmonary conditions, and heart disease. The study received coverages in 160 media outlets with a potential reach of 92 million including US News & World Report, KSL Newsradio, Inside Precision Medicine.

Awards, Grants & Recognition

- Mark Paul, executive director for the Center for Medical Innovation, received the 2023 BioUtah Life Sciences Award for Executive of the Year. The award recognizes Paul for advancing technologies for the treatment of hemorrhagic and ischemic stroke, and a 32-year record of accomplishment in the medical device industry.

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ASUU UPDATE

Report: 8.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Jack O’Leary referred Trustees to his written report and shared an update on ASUU’s current plans and activities.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXIII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 9.01 – Academic Senate Report

Shanti Deemyad, Academic Senate President, referred Trustees to Academic Senate written report and shared an update.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXVI with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information 10.01 – Graduate Council Review – Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Information: 10.02 – Graduate Council Review – Master of Science for Secondary School Teachers Program

Information: 10.03 – UUHC Financial Pulse

Chair Gardner referenced the Graduate Council Reviews and UUHC Financial Pulse and invited questions. None were raised.

A copy of the reports is included as Appendix XXV – XXVII respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Gardner called for a motion to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing two separate issues, both permitted under the provisions of the state’s Open Meetings Act law.

- Discuss the character, professional competence, physical or mental health of an individual
- Discuss the deployment of security personnel, devices or systems

Motion to move into closed session by Randy Shumway second by Jim Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, Jack O'Leary, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Gardner recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 11:25a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 12, 2023.

Motion to approve by Randy Shumway second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Jack O'Leary, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 12 December 2023