

Trustees Present: Jodi Hart Wilson, Eric Schmutz, Michael Wankier, Derral Eves, Lance Hatch, Carson Brown, Colter Bennett, Sydney Nakken, Caytee Wankier, Marilee Eyre, Beverly Burgess **Others Present:** Mindy Benson, Jon Anderson, Mary Pearson, Tiger Funk, Stuart Jones, Doug Knuth, Daneka Soubervielle, Jared Tippetts, Bailey Bowthorpe, Mary Jo Anderson, Tessa Douglas, Jake Jonson, Tony Oliver, Jeffery Miller, Jean Boreen, Cody Bremner, James Sage, Camille Thomas, Katya Konkle, John Lisonbee, Kelly Goonan, Matt Zufelt

Online Attendees: Julie Hartley (Zoom)

Welcome and Call to Order by Chair Jodi Hart Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm. The chair recognized Carson Brown for his amazing contributions to the Board of Trustees.

Oath of Office: Trustee Colter Bennett

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve by Trustee Lance Hatch, Trustee Colter Bennett seconded the motion. Vote unanimous

R401: New Program- Integrative Health Sciences (B.S.)

Dean Tony Oliver thanked Dr. Cody Bremner and Chair Wilson for meeting together and reviewing the USHE peer comments that came in. Interdisciplinary opportunity across campus including courses already offered on campus. Chair Wilson and Trustee Nakken asked about if there is a need or recognized degree. We believe graduates will be prepared and competitive for entry level healthcare positions. Multi-phase approach to bring in

Chair Wilson asked in the future we do follow ups for the new programs the trustees approve to see how successful they are and what the student experience and outcomes have been. Discussion about capacity and faculty availability in the future. Dr. Bremner explained how the student advisors were involved in the task force put together

Trustee Lance Hatch made the motion to approve. Second by Trustee Caytee Wankier. Vote was unanimous.

R401: New Program- Bachelor of Science in Data Science (B.S.)

*Dean Jeff Miller walked through the new programs in his college and explained the need and faculty requirements for each program. If there is significant growth in these areas, new faculty. MS in software development would require additional faculty. There are two open searches. If we are unable to hire, we will push the start date to spring or fall of 2025. Trustee Mike Wankier asked about whether we already have the funding for two additional lines. If you don't get the faculty, if the funds carry over.

R401: New Program- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (B.S.)

*Emphasis in electromagnetic engineering technology. Additional faculty may be needed. Significant growth will be seen, but can be managed.

R401: New Program- Bachelor of Science in Financial Technology (B.S.)

*This program is a joint effort between the school of business and the computer science department. There is only one new class that is going to be offered in this program; the rest will be already pre-existing classes. No additional faculty needed.

R401: New Program- Bachelor of Science in Software Development (B.S.)

*No additional faculty needed. This program will be similar to a computer science degree without some of the upper division mathematical courses. This program is expected to have high growth as well.

Trustee Marilee Eyre made a motion to approve the four B.S. programs with a caveat that there will be a report back with feasibility for an online by the October Board of Trustees. Second from Trustee Derral Eves. Vote was unanimous.

R401: New Program- Master of Science in Software Development (M.S.)

*Additional faculty will be needed for this masters. Computer science is overloaded; use of adjunct professors. Additional classes and additional faculty needed. Searches are happening now; start date in 2025. Funding has been secured. This program will be fully online

Trustee Eves asked about data regarding how many students are working full time while going to school at the bachelor's and master's degree level.

Trustee Sydney Nakken made the motion to approve the MS Program second by Lance Hatch.

Vote approved by Lance Hatch, Sydney Nakken, Caytee Wankier, Beverly Burgess, Marilee Eyre. Opposed, Michael Wankier and Jodi Hart Wilson.

R401- New Program- Social Work (MSW)

Dean Pamela Powell walked through each new program and explained the difference between each, including the difference in credits between each of them. Trustee Lance Hatch said it is a huge demand for social workers. Job placement is high for students who graduate from these programs. The internship and practicum experience will take place on campus and in the community. Michael Wankier asked about faculty workload.

R401- New Program: Advanced Standing Social Work (MSW)

The MSW starts fall 2025. We have someone new coming in this fall that will have capacity to take some on next fall.

R401- New Program: Marriage and Family Therapy (MMFT)

There is a large need for these services in Utah. Marilee Eyre we have a specific need in rural Utah.

**Trustee Lance Hatch moved to approve the three master's programs second by Marilee Eyre. Vote was unanimous.

Policy 5.27 Non-Discrimination / Anti-Harassment

Process adjustments, updates to definitions, etc.

The main reason for updating these policies is because we redid some of the structural reorganization in the university, some who were mandatory reporters ended their positions. Anybody who directly serves students in any capacity is now a mandatory reporter. Office name change was also included.

Trustee Caytee Wankier made the motion to approve Policy 5.27, second by Trustee Sydney Nakken. Approved unanimously.

Policy 5.6 Sexual Misconduct

Tessa Douglas - anybody who directly works with students in student affairs become mandatory reporters.

Chair asked about mandatory reporters, how do they know? Tessa said it is through training. Required annual training via outreach from their office. Creating an in house training in the summer of this year.

Trustee Michael Wankier moved to approve 5.60, second by Trustee Lance Hatch. Vote was unanimous.

Policy 6.2 Academic Officers

Provost Jon Anderson says the associate Dean's in all of the colleges will stand in place of the Dean of the colleges when not present. Language in policy has been changed to reflect this change.

Trustee Caytee Wankier made the motion to approve Policy 6.2 Academic Officers, second by Trustee Beverly Burgess. Vote was unanimous.

Policy 6.33 Academic Misconduct

Provost Jon Anderson explained the new version of policy 6.33 Academic misconduct. The faculty senate was heavily involved in this process. This new policy delineates between academic integrity and the role of the student affairs office. Creates a role for an Academic Integrity Specialist faculty member (working in the Provost office).

Trustee Marilee Eyre made the motion to approve Policy 6.33 Academic Misconduct, second by Trustee Eric Schmutz. Vote was unanimous.

Policy 11.1 SUUSA Constitution

The chair determined that more information is needed and tabled this item until the next meeting.

Policy 11.8 General Student Fee Advisory Board

VP Jared Tippets realized there were some amendments needed to be made. Adjusted the makeup of the board. Removed one step in the review process. 2 step process where students removed the fees, to one step. Chair Wilson asked about what 2/3rds means

without a specific number. Jared explains that this is due to student absences at voting meetings.

Trustee Marilee Eyre made the motion to approve Policy 11.8, second Trustee Eric Schmutz. Vote was unanimous.

Policy 5.40 Alcoholic Beverages

Daneka brings policy in line with procedure on campus and state statute. Allows the president to have a designee who can approve alcoholic beverages on campus.

Trustee Lance Hatch made motion to approve Policy 5.4, Trustee Beverly Burgess seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Campus Master Plan Review

Tiger Funk reviewed the SUU campus master plan. Per USHE policy 706, the trustees must approve the plan. There was a campus committee who went through the process. He reviewed the executive summary of the plan. The strategic plan and the master plan work together and are integrated and relate back to the three central themes of People, Purpose, and Place. Any member of campus can propose campus ideas to SUU through an input portal. We will begin to launch this over the summer and up and running in the fall semester. This master plan will be updated annually. Trustees were complimentary of the integration between the strategic plan and master plans.

Trustee Caytee Wankier made the motion to approve the Campus Master plan. Second by Trustee Sydney Nakken. Vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

FY24 Technology Fee

Requesting a \$8 program fee per online credit specific to online students. Small incentive to encourage students who are face to face to take face to face classes. Trustee Colter Bennett shared his thoughts, and asked the Provost questions about how the \$8 number was determined.

Motion to approve the FY24 Technology Fee by Trustee Michael Wankier, second by Trustee Eric Schmutz. Vote was unanimous.

R401- Notification Items (New Program & Name Change)

Assistant provost Camille Thomas shared that this is the first post-master's degree. This certificate meets industry demand with leadership and administration. New program will be our first post masters certificate.

Dean Jean Boreen shared that the college of Humanities and Social Sciences will change its "social composite education" to "social studies education" to reflect changes throughout the state.

Vote to approve was unanimous.

Early Retirement

Provost Jon Anderson explains that these individuals are requesting early retirement; some due to health issues, and other life circumstances.

Vote to approve was unanimous.

Investment Reports: December 2023, February 2024, March 2024

VP Mary Pearson said investment reports are going well. We have grown our investments to \$15 million in a year. She is projecting by the end of the summer, if funds are reallocated, we can increase investment by another 2 million.

Vote to approve was unanimous.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Academic Program Portfolio

This portfolio is a collection of SUU's academic programs. It includes all majors, the number of students inside the programs, and how much they are growing. This is a first reading of this proposal and is for information only. It will go out for a peer review and be back for the Trustee's final approval.

Motion to approve consent Items by Trustee Sydney Nakken, second by Trustee Michael Wankier. Vote was unanimous.

REPORTS

Marilee Eyre: Head Start & College of Education & Human Development

Marilee Eyre shared SUU's Headstart 2022-2023 Annual Report and highlighted the great 20 functioning Head Start classes throughout our region and shows the growth in the region. This year, 200 head start students will enter kindergarten, which is fantastic. Marilee also shared an update from the Beverly Taylor Sorenson College of Education &

Human Development and the practical and real world experience all the students are receiving through instruction.

Michael Wankier: School of Business & Athletics

School of Business - Two words: transition and growth that describe the School of Business right now. MBA enrollment is currently 877 students. This is a significant program, incredible growth over a short period of time.

Athletics: Finishing up seasons. Football season is coming up. Proactive approach with compliance such as NIL and the transfer portal.

Faculty Senate

President Kelly Goonan said we had 30 faculty nominated for president elect, 2 faculty went through the election process. The biggest reasons why were applying, going on sabbatical or needs within their department or program. Dr. Chris Monson from Chemistry is the President Elect. Shared the work of the faculty senate over the last few months on various issues etc.

Staff Association

Staff Association President John Lisonbee shared that the Staff Association had elections and Ashleigh Zimmerman from Student Affairs was elected as the president-elect. Shared an update of staff association happenings and the engagement of staff.

President's Update

President Benson acknowledged the great groundbreaking for the Music Center earlier today. She also shared about the recent swatting incident that had locked down campus a few weeks ago. As challenging and stressful, it was a good opportunity for us to learn from our processes and see opportunities to change. We had an amazing response from all surrounding counties law enforcement and we were very grateful. We had a debrief on campus with actionable items. Two deans searches underway - the Provost had wonderful committees who vetted the candidates very well with great pools for both searches. Offers were extended and accepted - stay tuned it will be announced soon. Losing Maureen to a new Kansas City, Jake Johnson to chair the committee to replace her.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Colter Bennett. Second by Trustee Michael Wankier. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.