



Board of Trustees Meeting

WSU Davis Campus – Davis Stewart Center - Boardroom – 201

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Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Trustee Members:

Karla Bergeson, Chair

Keith Titus, Vice Chair

Brent Bishop

Casey Hill

Monet Maggelet (Zoom)

Don Salazar

Tammy Gallegos

Matt Dixon

Lori Belnap Pherson

Mia Foster

Attendees

Brad Mortensen, President

Andrea Easter-Pilcher, Interim Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mark Halverson, Interim Vice President for Information Technology

Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access and Success

Norm Tarbox, Senior Vice President for Administrative Services

Stephanie Hollist, Board Secretary & General Counsel

Jason Francis, Faculty Senate Chair, Professor/Health Sciences Librarian

Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Savannah Evans, Executive Assistant

Sherri Cox, IT Office Coordinator

John Kowalewski, Executive Director, Marketing & Communications

Kayla Morgan, Associate Athletics Director & Senior Woman Administrator

Alex Babilis, Office of Equal Opportunity, Executive Director and Title IX Coordinator

Will Pridemore, Associate Athletic Director for Student Athlete Support Services
Tim Crompton, Associate Vice President for Athletics, Intercollegiate Athletic Director
Sydney Carlson, NUAHEC Program Administrator
Brinley Beus, NUAHEC Executive Program Manager
Frederick Henderson, MHA, NUAHEC Director
Shaun Adamson, Professor, Education Librarian
Diana Meiser, Associate Professor, Engineering, Applied Science & Technology Librarian
Fox 13 News (Zoom)
Bryan Magaña, Director of Public Relations (Zoom)
Shanel Robinette, Accounts Receivable Specialist (Zoom)

Call to Order

Karla Bergeson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. She welcomed all in attendance, including guests on Zoom. Chair Bergeson then asked for the identification of any potential or perceived conflicts of interest after reviewing the agenda. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

Agenda Items

Swearing in of New Trustee

Mia Foster, Weber State University Student Association President, took the oath of office administered by Stephanie Hollist, General Counsel & Board Secretary.

Appointment of Nomination Committee

It was reviewed that per the Board of Trustee bylaws, the board chair, upon recommendation of the president, appoints a nomination committee consisting of members of the board, the president, and members of the President's advisory council. In addition to Brad Mortensen, President, the chair appointed Matt Dixon, Trustee, Tammy Gallegos, Trustee, Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement, Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access and Success, and General Counsel Hollist to be members of this committee.

Board of Trustees Action Items

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - April 17, 2025

Meeting minutes from the April 17, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed without discussion.

Action: Upon a motion to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes from April 17, 2025, by Brent Bishop, Trustee, with a second by Trustee Gallegos, passed unanimously.

Board of Trustees Information Items

College Liaison Report:

Ogden-Weber Technical College

Lori Belnap Pehrson, Trustee, shared an overview of Ogden-Weber Technical College, including highlights, mission, and goals. Trustee Pehrson also highlighted Ogden-Weber Technical College's enrollment for this year was up 24%, and they were able to exceed their fiscal year 2024 high yield performance targets, completion targets, and access targets.

Davis Technical College

Casey Hill, Trustee, shared an overview of Davis Technical College, including highlights, its vision, and goals. He also highlighted their program with the Utah State Prison, where individuals who are in the prison system can participate in earning a certificate. Trustee Hill also noted that he would like to stay with the assignment to work with Davis Technical College.

Faculty Presentation:

Jason Francis, Faculty Senate Chair, Professor/Health Sciences Librarian, presented on Incorporating Information Literacy into Northern Utah Area Health Education Centers Medical Scholar Program: Collaborative Efforts Between WSU Librarians, HTHS Faculty, and Local School Districts. Professor Francis discussed how this program offers an early college experience, as well as job experience, by providing an opportunity for students to come onto campus for classes and to be able to shadow Intermountain Healthcare workers. All students who participate and successfully complete this program earn a Certificate of Completion and a Letter of Accomplishment.

Special topic: Title IX/Discrimination/Harassment

Tim Crompton, Associate Vice President for Athletics, Intercollegiate Athletic Director, introduced presenters Will Pridemore, Associate Athletic Director for Student Athlete Support Services, Kayla Morgan, Associate Athletics Director & Senior Woman Administrator, and Alex Babilis, Office of Equal Opportunity, Executive Director and Title IX Coordinator, and acknowledged their level of dedication and attentiveness to Title IX and the support they provide to their student athletes.

Associate Athletic Director Morgan and Associate Athletic Director Pridemore focused on Title IX compliance in athletics in three key areas: participation opportunities, financial aid, and other benefits.

Executive Director Babilis provided Title IX and Equal Opportunity updates with reminders that all employees, including trustees, are considered responsible employees and must report known or suspected policy violations. WSU has also partnered with local technical colleges to provide shared services, including policy support, investigators, and hearing officers. As of January 2025, Title IX regulations have reverted to the 2020 standards.

HB 265 Preliminary Strategic Reinvestment Plan Update:

President Mortensen discussed that WSU would be submitting its preliminary strategic reinvestment plan on May 23, 2025. The plan was provided to the Board of Trustees with a list of the items considered for budget cuts and for reallocations of those funds.

Weber State University Reports

President's Report:

President Mortensen recognized Norm Tarbox, Senior Vice President for Administrative Services, who is retiring after 23 years and thanked him for his service.

President Mortensen also noted that the Carnegie classifications have changed for WSU.

Alumni Report:

Trustee Dixon announced that there will be 11 new board members who will be participating in an orientation in July 2025. He also noted the Alumni Association's annual golf tournament will be taking place June 6, 2025, with a goal to reach \$70,000 for scholarship funding.

Staff Advisory Council Report:

No Staff Advisory Council report was given.

Weber State University Student Association (WSUSA) President's Report:

Mia Foster, Trustee and new Weber State University Student Association President introduced herself, shared the names and positions of the new WSUSA leadership team, and announced their theme for this year, "The Weber We Want."

Academic Policy Committee

Action Items: Trustee Pehrson, Committee Chair

- a. Policy Updates
 1. PPM 4-1, Graduation Standards
 2. PPM 4-2a, Modifying Programs or Courses in the Catalog

3. PPM 4-9a, Course Syllabus
4. PPM 8-5, Emeritus Rank
5. PPM 8-11, Evaluation of Faculty Members

Action: Upon a motion by Keith Titus, Vice Chair, to approve all policy proposals, with a second by Trustee Pehrson, the motion passed unanimously.

b. New Degree Programs

1. Occupational Therapy Assistant (BS)
2. Applied Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (BAS)
3. Sound Production/Recording (BAS)

Action: Upon a motion by Brent Bishop, Trustee, to approve all proposed new degree programs, with a second by Trustee Gallegos, the motion passed unanimously.

c. New Undergraduate Certificates

1. Early Childhood Educator
2. Middle School Mathematics Endorsement Pathway
3. Secondary Mathematics Endorsement Pathway
4. Special Education Mathematics Endorsement Pathway
5. Social Media & Data Analytics Certificate of Proficiency
6. Spanish for Healthcare Certificate of Proficiency

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Bishop to approve all proposed new undergraduate certificates, with a second by Don Salazar, Trustee, the motion passed unanimously.

d. New Graduate Certificates

1. Materials Science and Engineering Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
2. Model-based Systems Engineering (MBSE) Systems Architect Post Baccalaureate Certificate
3. Supply Chain Management Post Baccalaureate Certificate
4. Technologist in Blood Banking Post Baccalaureate Certificate

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Salazar to approve all proposed new graduate certificates. With a second by Lori Belnap Pehrson, Trustee, the motion passed unanimously.

Business Committee

Action Items: Trustee Bishop, Committee Chair

- a. Monthly Investment Report
- b. Quarterly Investment Report
- c. PPM Updates
 - i. PPM 2-2, Authorization of Gifts
 - ii. PPM 5-44, Access Control Lock, and Key Policy
 - iii. Purchase of Yellowstone Field Station Property

Action: Upon a motion by Trustee Perhson to approve all policy proposals, with a second by Casey Hill, Trustee, the motion passed unanimously.

Information

- a. Business Committee Meeting Minutes April 17, 2025
- b. FY26 Base Budget
- c. Financial Report (March 2025)
- d. Retirement Committee Report
- e. Special Topic: Startup Ogden

Adjourned:

With all agenda items completed and the business finished, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.