



Board of Trustees Meeting

Miller Administration Building - Betty Hess Lampros Boardroom - 319

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Friday, April 17, 2026 | 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

VISION

We will be a leader in transforming lives by meeting all students where they are, challenging and guiding them to achieve their goals academically and in life.

MISSION

We transform lives and communities by educating students of all identities and backgrounds. We nurture student success through a supportive environment, individualized pathways, meaningful personal connections with faculty and staff, teaching and experiential learning, research, and civic engagement.

Trustee Members

Keith Titus, Chair

Lori Belnap Perhson, Vice Chair

Casey Hill

Matt Dixon

Tammy Gallegos

Brent Bishop

Mia Foster

Ally Isom - Zoom

Monet Maggelet - Zoom

Excused:

Brad Wilson

Attendees

Leslie Durham, Interim President

Brent Horn, Interim Provost

Ali Threet, Interim VP for Student Access and Success

Betsy Mennell, VP for University Advancement

Mark Halverson, VP for Administrative Services

Christine Hashimoto, General Counsel
Steven Richardson, Director for Strategic Initiatives
Jason Frances, Faculty Senate Chair/Professor, Health Science Librarian
Bryan Magaña, Executive Director for Marketing Communications
Kevin Wallace, Wildcat Design and Print Manager
TJ Bliss, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Savannah Evans, Executive Assistant
Aubrey Jenkins Lord, Administrative Associate

ZOOM

Craig Trewet, NAC President
Kalijah Robinson

Excused:

Marc Gangwer, Staff Advisory Chair/Financial Aid Director

Agenda Items

Call to Order and Identification of Any Potential or Perceived Conflicts of Interest

Vice Chair Pehrson called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. She welcomed all in attendance, including those on Zoom. Vice Chair Pehrson then asked for the identification of any potential or perceived conflicts of interest after reviewing the agenda. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes (March 18, 2026)

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 18, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting.

Action: Trustee Casey Hill moved to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes from March 18, 2026, with a second by Trustee Bishop. The motion passed unanimously.

Information

Recognition of Outgoing Trustee, Mia Foster, WSUSA President

President Durham recognized that this would be Trustee Mia Foster's last Board of Trustees meeting and thanked her for being a campus leader. Vice Chair Pehrson recognized the work Trustee Foster provided to WSU's students.

National Advisory Council Liaison Report

National Advisory Council (NAC) Chair Craig Trewet provided an update after announcing his personal career move to Blue Origin. He highlighted the university's positive momentum under President Durham, noting enthusiasm for the new men's basketball coach, ongoing facility improvements, and progress in strategic planning. A major focal point of the NAC meeting was an insightful AI panel, which inspired the creation of a dedicated AI working group to guide classroom integration and skill evolution for students and staff. Chair Trewet also shared inspiring stories from a student panel that showcased the profound impact of scholarships on entrepreneurs and future medical professionals. Additionally, the council discussed NIL (Name, Image, and Likeness) strategies, emphasizing the importance of recruiting local talent to remain competitive. The segment concluded with a collaborative discussion regarding the "I went to Weber" marketing campaign, strategizing how to source diverse alumni stories that highlight the transformative, personal influence of WSU's faculty and staff.

Special Topic: Olympic Opportunities

VP for Administrative Services Mark Halverson updated the Board on WSU's strategic opportunities for the upcoming Winter Olympics, noting that most events and athlete housing will be highly centralized in Salt Lake City. To ensure Ogden remains involved, WSU is aggressively pursuing funding for a \$25-\$50 million state-of-the-art aerodynamics center and wind tunnel to test Team USA's equipment, which would deeply integrate the university's academic, nutrition, and manufacturing programs. Additionally, the university is exploring alternative avenues for participation, such as hosting specific alpine teams, serving as a country house or practice facility, and providing student volunteers or health science personnel. These initiatives could pave the way for a brand new sports engineering program, ensuring WSU students and faculty directly benefit from the Olympic presence.

Graduation Update

University Events Manager Kelsey Call conducted a live demonstration of the graduation hooding process, mapping out where participants will stand and how to properly fold the hood to display the award colors. She also reviewed staging logistics, including how the colleges will handle invitations for the handshaking line to keep the podium area clear. Finally, members were reminded of an upcoming graduation rehearsal on the 23rd to finalize seating, walking paths, and stage roles.

Weber State University Reports

President's Report

Interim President Leslie Durham highlighted the university's current phase of steady transition, sustained tradition, and strategic forward motion. She introduced the university's new General

Counsel, Christine Hashimoto, who shared her background representing state agencies and universities in employment litigation. Director for Strategic Initiatives Steven Richardson then provided an update on the Presidential Leadership Fellows program, announcing the selection of an impressive class of 18 incoming fellows from varying academic and personal backgrounds. The board also took time to acknowledge key leadership transitions, including the incoming Staff Advisory Chair, Kevin Wallace, the new student body president, Emmett Busby, and the re-election of Jason Francis as Faculty Senate Chair. President Durham promoted the upcoming "Piano Legends" concert organized by Eugene Yang, illustrating the profound, long-term impact of Weber State's faculty on alumni success.

Alumni Association

Trustee Matt Dixon provided a brief update highlighting ongoing efforts to celebrate and support the Weber State University community. He announced the latest recipients of the annual H. Aldous Dixon Awards, recognizing outstanding faculty and staff members who make a significant difference on campus. This year, the association honored Dr. Blake Nielsen from the Department of Professional Sales and Kaori Takimura from the Department of English, Language, and Literature. Trustee Dixon also promoted the upcoming Alumni Golf Classic scheduled for June. He noted that the tournament is extremely close to reaching its \$75,000 fundraising goal, with all proceeds going directly toward student scholarships.

Faculty Senate Report

Faculty Senate Chair Jason Francis referred to his written report, which highlights the incoming senators, executive committee members, and the new chair and vice chair. When asked about the overall mood among the faculty, he noted a strong sense of resiliency and engagement throughout the school year. He noted significant excitement and interest in the ongoing presidential search and the future of the university's leadership. Chair Francis concluded by noting his involvement in the faculty-staff experience pillar and expressed confidence that the university is on the right path, based on his colleagues' ideas.

Staff Advisory Council

The incoming Staff Advisory Chair, Kevin Wallace, announced that the council elections have officially concluded. Five new members will join the council, with three from Administrative Services and two from the SAS division. Also, a new non-voting member from the asset team has been added to the board to provide further perspective. The board praised this progress, noting that aligning these efforts with the faculty and staff experience pillar will be highly beneficial for the university.

Weber State University Student Association Report

Trustee Mia Foster, the outgoing WSUSA president, introduces the incoming WSUSA executive team. As she prepared to graduate early as a first-generation college student, she reflected on her year-long tenure as a deeply rewarding "roller coaster." Trustee Foster encouraged the Board to prioritize student retention and satisfaction within leadership programs to help future students have positive experiences. Finally, she announced that she is a finalist for a student board position with UBHE and expressed a lifelong commitment to advocating for higher education.

Strategic Plan Update

Interim President Durham announced that WSU is collaborating with the presidents of Ogden Technical College and Davis Technical College to develop a cross-institution strategic plan for vertical integration. This partnership aims to enhance regional collaboration through shared services, joint program development, and optimized space utilization across campuses. The university's internal strategic planning process is entering a temporary "quiet phase" as the spring semester concludes and faculty members depart for the summer. Planning committees have collected extensive data, including hundreds of stakeholder surveys, and are currently extracting key themes and goals to present to the incoming university leadership. Although the committees are not currently meeting while the data is being analyzed, they will reconvene once the new leadership is in place to refine and finalize these strategies. Overall, the collected feedback reflects a strong sense of optimism and resiliency, highlighting both the institution's current successes and clear opportunities for future growth.

Upcoming Events

The upcoming events were reviewed in the packet without discussion.

Academic Policy Committee

Action Items: Committee Chair Tammy Gallegos

Curricular Items

a. New Emphasis

- i. Physical Education Teaching and Coaching (non-licensure)

b. New Undergraduate Certificates

- i. Mammography Certificate of Proficiency
- ii. Personal Training Certificate of Proficiency
- iii. Computed Tomography Certificate of Proficiency

c. New Degree Program

- i. Associate of Science in Exercise & Sport Science

Action: Vice Chair Pehrson moved to approve the curricular items, with a second from Trustee Matt Dixon. The motion passed unanimously.

The following items were noted for information:

- a. Consultation in the Presidential Approval of Tenure
- b. Weber State University Charter Academy Mid-Year Update
- c. Academic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, March 18, 2026

Administrative Unit Change: Anthropology, Geography, & Sociology

Action: Trustee Tammy Gallegos moved to approve the Administrative Unit Change: Anthropology, Geography, & Sociology, with a second from Trustee Brent Bishop. The motion passed unanimously.

Curricular Item: New Post-baccalaureate Certificate: Certificate of Eligibility Renewal in Nuclear Medicine

Provost Horn clarified that this item was mistakenly included on the agenda and is not ready for the Board of Trustees' review.

Business Committee

Action Items: Trustee Dixon

- a. Monthly Investment Report (February 2026)
- b. Campus Master Plan Review & Development Updates

Action: Vice Chair Pehrson moved to approve the Monthly Investment Report (February 2026) and the Campus Master Plan Review & Development Updates, with a second from Trustee Gallegos. The motion passed unanimously.

The following items were noted for information.

- a. Financial Reports (February 2026)
- b. Construction Report
- c. Athletic Report
- d. Endowment Earning Usage
- e. Business Committee Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2026

Announcements/Observations

The trustees held a brief discussion regarding the use of AI in higher education. The possibility of reviewing how AI is being used at WSU could be explored during the Trustees' Retreat, including ways to ensure it aligns with the university's vision and mission.

Adjourned

With all agenda items completed and the business finished, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.