

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2014

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Julie Barrett  
Phillip W. Clinger (Vice Chair)  
Lisa E. Eccles  
Christian Gardner

David Huntsman  
Michele Mattsson (Chair)  
Taft Price  
Justin Spangler

TRUSTEES EXCUSED

H. David Burton  
Cristina Ortega

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stephen Alder	President, Academic Senate
Jonathon Bates	Director, Real Estate Administration
Lisa Bouillon	Executive Assistant
Arnie B. Combe	Vice President, Administrative Services
Steve Corbato	Interim Chief Information Officer
Fred C. Esplin	Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Brynn Fronk	Assistant to the First Lady of the University of Utah
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Vivian S. Lee	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Laura Marks	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Liz McCoy	Retired, Executive Assistant to the President
John K. Morris	Vice President and General Counsel
John E. Nixon	Chief Business Officer
Maria O'Mara	Director, Communications
Mike Martineau	Associate Director, Office of Budget and Institutional Analysis
Thomas Parks	Vice President, Research
Michael G. Perez	Associate Vice President, Administrative Services - Facilities
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
David W. Pershing	President
Patricia A. Ross	Chief Strategy Officer, Secretary to the University
Laura Snow	Special Assistant to Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Barbara H. Snyder	Vice President, Student Affairs
William Warren	Chief Marketing and Communications Officer
Ruth V. Watkins	Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Karen West	Executive Assistant to Chief Strategy Officer
Henry White	Dean, College of Science
Gordon N. Wilson	Assistant Vice President, Auxiliary Services

**CALL TO ORDER**

Information: 1.01 - Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:07 AM. Chair Michele Mattsson welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. She excused Trustee H. David Burton who was out of town and Trustee Cristina Ortega who had a work conflict.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

### Information: 2.01 - Current Events and Announcements

Chair Mattsson mentioned a few upcoming events, highlighting the October 23<sup>rd</sup> 100 Years of Shared Governance and the upcoming Stanford Football game. The Chair also mentioned that for optimal viewing of BoardDocs, it is best to use Mozilla FireFox or Chrome internet browsers. Chair Mattsson thanked the Trustees for their continued support for the U Future Scholarship which was a Trustee initiative and helps students at the 'U' complete their education.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Action: 3.01 – Resolution of Appreciation

President Pershing presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Elizabeth (Liz) McCoy who retired as Executive Assistant to the President. President Pershing thanked Liz for her over 30 years of service to the University and congratulated Liz on her retirement.

Copies of the resolution are included as Appendix I with the official minutes of this meeting and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

### Information: 3.02 – Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community, Distinguished Visitors and Research

President David W. Pershing noted the written report in the agenda materials and recognized the School of Business for their ranking among the 50 Great Affordable Colleges in the West by Great Value Colleges and School of Business top 25 ranking for the entrepreneurship for the fourth straight year by the Princeton Review. He highlighted the Becker's Hospital Review that published its list of "150 Hospital and Health System CFOs to Know" where our own Gordon Crabtree was listed. Also recognized were doctors at University Hospital who successfully performed an aortic valve replacement through the leg vein for the first time in Utah. President Pershing also mentioned the upcoming ground breaking for the Lassonde Studios and that Former Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, will give the keynote address at the annual World Leaders Lecture forum held at the 'U' on Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

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

### Information: 3.03 – Enrollment Report

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins and Associate Director of Office of Budget and Institutional Analysis, Mike Martineau presented information on student enrollment. Watkins explained that while enrollment is down about 1.8 percent the overall freshmen headcount increased by 1.1%. It was also noted that both under-represented freshmen and non-resident freshmen numbers continue to increase. The University of Utah continues to enroll high-performing students. This year's incoming class raised the ACT median to 24.7, a half point increase, the highest on record and the average GPA also raised to 3.57.

### Information: 3.04 – Current Events

President Pershing reminded Trustees of the NAC meetings later this month. He also mentioned that the dedication for the Student Life Center will be held on February 26, 2015. Chair Mattson noted that she was able to attend the Engineering Day on Campus, which was held on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a great event with a lot of young future engineers in attendance.

## COLLEGE FOCUS

### Information: 4.01 – College Focus

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins introduced Dean Henry White who gave a report on the College of Science. Dean White reported that the College of Science consists of four departments. Over the past few years the college has seen a growth in faculty due in part to the USTAR initiative. Dean White highlighted some of the remarkable faculty in the college including six members of the National Academy of Sciences, nine American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellows, twenty three distinguished professors, and ten Rosenblatt Prize recipients. The college has seen an increase in enrollment over the past four years, and continues to be top producers of Science Majors, particularly in Chemistry and Physics. Dean White mentioned the college faces challenges in declining state support, low federal funding rates for research, poor physical infrastructure in college departments, retention of top-ranked researchers, and funding of education programs. Other challenges the college faces are 36 percent of college freshman aspire to major in the STEM fields but less than 9 percent graduate with a STEM degree. Currently the University of Utah has the lowest support for graduate teaching assistants in the PAC 12 schools. The Dean noted that the college needs additional funding for graduate teaching assistants to be competitive in the PAC 12. The college has hired Dr. Jordan Gerton, Director for Center for Science and Mathematics Education (CSME) to help increase student retention, increase graduation rates and help K-12 STEM education programs. Going forward, the College of Science will strategically think about research funding, engage the alumni base for development funds, and on the educational front work to improve undergraduate retention by increasing teaching assistants and advising. They will continue to grow their graduate program.

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

## SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

### Report 5.01 – Health Sciences Report

Senior Vice President Vivian Lee reported the new chair of Radiology, Satoshi Minoshima, will begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Minoshima comes to the University of Utah from the University of Washington in Seattle. He is internationally recognized for his research with Alzheimer's. Dr. Lee mentioned the Farmington ground breaking, which was well attended and a great event.

### Report 5.02 – Academic Affairs Report

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins mentioned that the Transformative Excellence Program which focuses on interdisciplinary faculty recruitment is going well and the first new hires have joined the University of Utah. First of these clusters is the Consortium for Families and Health Research lead out of psychology and social behavior sciences with partners in Health Sciences and the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Dr. Watkins mentioned that through the help of an anonymous donor, the University has begun the Presidential Scholars Program, which will help retain top faculty. Dr. Watkins has also been meeting with students to get their input on the Orson Spencer Hall renovation project. Discussions are going well, and she will have input from the student assembly in late October.

## ACADEMIC REPORT

### Report 6.01 – Academic Senate Report

Academic Senate President Steve Alder noted that on October 23<sup>rd</sup> the University will be celebrating 100 years of Shared Governance and highlighted the upcoming events. He was also pleased to announce results of an Academic Senate Ad Hoc committee that looked into textbook savings for students.

## GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 7.01 – Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Trustees (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 7.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters October 2014 (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 7.03 – Sponsored Projects Report for the Month of August 2014 (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 7.04 – Monthly Comparison Report (Gifts) for the Month of August 2014 (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 7.05 – Proposed Revisions of Policy 6-317 and 6-405 Academic Visitors (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 7.06 – Revision to Policy 7-100 (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 7.07 – Human Resources Policy Revisions (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 7.08 – Report of Investment Portfolio- for the Month of August 2014 (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 7.09 – Quarterly Report for Construction Projects (\$50,000 to \$250,000) for the Period of July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014 (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 7.10 – Approval of the Report of Auxiliary Enterprises Financial Operations (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 7.11 – Property Exchange and Purchase- Farmington Ambulatory Care Center (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 7.12 – Capital Facilities Projects- Approval to Remodel Space in the University Hospital (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 7.13 – Capital Facilities Projects- Approval to Remodel Existing Space in the Research Administration Building (Appendix XVI)

Chair Mattsson introduced the General Consent Calendar and asked for questions or comments. There were no questions or concerns raised by the Trustees

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Julie Barrett, second by Phil Clinger. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Julie Barrett, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa E. Eccles, Christian Gardner, David Huntsman, Michele Mattsson, Taft Price, and Justin Spangler

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

## ACTION AGENDA

Note – Items 8.01 and 8.02 were voted on as group with results noted under item 8.02

Action 8.01 – Revised Naming of Facilities for the George S. Eccles Student Life Center

Vice President Fred Esplin introduced the naming of the MAC Gym. The S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney Foundation generously contributed \$118,000 in support of the George S. Eccles Student Life Center. In recognition of this gift, the University named the MAC Gym in honor of Stephen and June Nebeker.

A copy of the proposal is included as Appendix XVII, respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Action 8.02 – Naming of Facilities in the Huntsman Cancer Hospital

Vice President Fred Esplin introduced the naming of the Okland Foundation Waiting Room. Okland Construction and the Okland Family Foundation generously contributed \$334,320 in support of the Huntsman Cancer Hospital. In recognition of this gift, the University named the Okland Family Foundation Waiting Room on the fifth floor of the Huntsman Cancer Hospital

**Motion to approve items 8.01 and 8.02 by Lisa Eccles, second by David Huntsman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Julie Barrett, Phillip W. Clinger, Lisa E. Eccles, Christian Gardner, David Huntsman, Michele Mattsson, Taft E. Price, and Justin Spangler

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

Note – Items 8.03 and 8.04 were voted on as group with results noted under item 8.04

Action 8.03 – Capital Facilities Projects- Approval to Design and Complete Renovations of Space in the 525 East 100 South Building

Chief Business Officer John Nixon presented background information on the proposed project which will provide new clinical space for the relocation of the UNI Adult Behavioral Clinic and the office space renovation to facilitate the relocation of Perinatal Education, Risk Management, Health Informatics, Nursing Informatics and EPE/Value Engineering out of the Hospital and School of Medicine to allow for the decanting of Building 521. The project will also address ADA and code compliance issues that were discovered through the building acquisition.

The proposed total project budget is \$3,200,000 of which the University of Utah Research Foundation will fund \$2,500,000 and \$700,000 will be funded from hospital departmental funds.

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

Action 8.04 – Property Acquisition- Approval to Purchase Property Located at 181 East 6100 South in Murray, Utah

Chief Business Officer John Nixon presented background information on the proposed acquisition of 181 East 6100 South, Murray, Utah that will provide the potential for up to 64 additional surface parking stalls directly adjacent to the Mid-Valley Health Clinic. The additional parking will allow for the potential relocation of additional clinical services to this location.

The proposed purchase price is \$767,500 which Health Sciences will fund from cash reserves associated with the Mid-Valley Health Campus. Additionally the two (2) year lease back component of the purchase agreement with Washington Federal will allow \$118,962.50 to be returned through rental revenues.

**Motion to approve items 8.03 and 8.04 by Phil Clinger, second by Christian Gardner. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Julie Barrett, Phillip W. Clinger, Lisa E. Eccles, Christian Gardner, David Huntsman, Michele Mattsson, Taft E. Price, and Justin Spangler

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

### INFORMATION ITEMS

Information 9.01 – Graduate Council Review- Department of Physics and Astronomy (Appendix XXI)

Information 9.02 – Graduate Council Review- Department of Languages and Literature (Appendix XXII)

Chair Mattson introduced the Graduate Council Reviews. There were no questions or concerns raised by the Trustees.

Copies of the Graduate Council Reviews are included as Appendices, respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

### ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Michele Mattsson recommended approval to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 10:27 a.m. the October 14, 2014 open meeting of the Board of Trustees voted to adjourn.

The next scheduled meeting will be held November 11, 2014.

**Motion to approve by Taft Price, second by David Huntsman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved**  
Aye: Julie Barrett, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa E. Eccles, Christian Gardner, David Huntsman, Michele Mattsson, Taft Price, and Justin Spangler

Signed by:

Date approved: