

The Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT)
Board of Trustees Meeting
Special Meeting Via Conference Call
DATE: 18 December 2015
TIME: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Office of the UCAT President
2801 Ashton Blvd
Lehi, UT 84043

(Anchor location for electronic access)

MINUTES

Board of Trustees Present

Tom Bingham, Chair – TATC*
Michael Madsen, 1st Vice Chair – BATC*
Jim Evans, 2nd Vice Chair – MATC*
Michael Jensen – DATC*
Stephen Wade – DXATC*
Steve Moore – OWATC*
Jerry Taylor – SWATC*
Mike Angus – UBATC*
Richard Tranter – Salt Lake Community College*
Brian Florang – Snow College*
Dale Cox – Union Apprenticeship*
Brad Tanner – Non-Union Apprenticeship*
Jim Olsen – Governor’s Appointee Business/Industry*
Val Hale – Governor’s Office of Economic Development*
Jessellie Anderson – State Board of Regents*
Barbara Corry – Utah State Board of Education*

Excused

n/a

UCAT Administration

Robert Brems – President
Tyler Brinkerhoff – Vice President, Finance & Admin Services
Jared Haines – Vice President, Student Services & Instruction
Elsa Zweifel – Director, Public Relations*
Kristin Smith – Executive Assistant/Board Secretary
Doug Richards – UCAT Legal Counsel

Others Present

Chad Campbell, BATC President**
Michael Bouwhuis, DATC President*
Brennan Wood, SWATC President**
Scott Snelson, TATC President*
Aaron Weight, UBATC President*
Annie Knox, Salt Lake Tribune*

*Attended via Conference Call

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I. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEM

Appointment of New UCAT President or Continuation of Search Process

Chair Bingham stated that since the last board meeting, he has contacted the three remaining finalists for the UCAT president position to inquire about their continued interest in the position. All three candidates are still interested.

Chair Bingham also informed the Board that he received a phone call from Senate President Wayne Neiderhauser late Wednesday night. President Neiderhauser informed Chair Bingham that the Senate Republicans had caucused earlier in the day, and requested that the UCAT board delay any further action on the UCAT presidential search until after the legislative session, and re-open the process at that time. When questioned by trustees about the reasons behind this request, Chair Bingham stated that President Neiderhauser did not give any reason other than it was requested by the Republican Caucus. Chair Bingham believes there may be a bill regarding UCAT governance that has not been made public yet.

Trustee Wade would like to move forward in the process since the Governor's budget did not allow for any additional funding for the UCAT campuses. He would like a clean slate and finish the process that the board has started.

Motion to appoint Russell Galt as the new UCAT President.

Motion: Stephen Wade; Second: Mike Jensen

Discussion: Trustee Hale cautioned that this is a big request from the Senate, and voting now would not send a good message. Trustees Evans, Moore, and Olsen agreed with Trustee Hale. Trustee Jensen disagreed, stating that the board has a duty to finish the process, and the Senate then has an opportunity to say no. They will have their opportunity to weigh in, but doing so now is premature and not part of our charter.

Jim Olsen made a substitute motion that the Board delay any further action in the selection of a UCAT president until after the legislative general session adjourns.

Motion: Jim Olsen; Second: Jim Evans

Discussion: Trustee Jensen had a question regarding substitute motions which was answered by Chair Bingham. Trustee Tanner clarified with Chair Bingham regarding the Senate's awareness of President Brems' willingness to delay his retirement until after the legislative session ends. Trustee Madsen said that it is a wise decision to halt all decisions and be extremely cautious about how the Board proceeds. He stated that the Board does not want it to appear that they are disregarding the Senate and what they have requested. That would be very concerning.

Trustee Wade stated that UCAT has seen a lot of negative feedback. His impression from the Senate is that they have lost confidence in the Board, and we need help getting things in order. He asked Chair Bingham if we state who we want to appoint, but put it on hold until after the session ends, if he thinks the Senate would be okay with that? Chair Bingham stated that he believed it would be inconsistent with their request even if the implementation was delayed because they asked the board to stop and postpone the entire process until after the session. There were a few additional comments and reasons from trustees in favor of halting the search process and complying with what the Senate has asked.

There was a call for question, which cuts off debate.

Call: Michael Madsen
Voting: Unanimous

A roll call vote was conducted on the substitute motion:

Tom Bingham – yes
Michael Madsen – yes
Jim Evans – yes
Michael Jensen – no
Stephen Wade – no
Steven Moore – yes
Jerry Taylor – yes
Mike Angus – yes
Brian Florang – absent for vote
Richard Tranter – yes
Dale Cox – yes
Brad Tanner – yes
Val Hale – yes
Jim Olsen – yes

Motion passed 11-2

Adjourn

Motion: Michael Madsen; Second: Jerry Taylor
Voting: Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.