

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 14, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)	Bassam Salem
Christian Gardner (Chair)	Randy Shumway
Maria Garciaz	Glenn Seninger
David Parkin	Jim Sorenson
J. Steve Price	Taylor VanderToolen

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Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer
Paul Brooks	Professor, Geology & Geophysics
Richard Brown	Dean, College of Engineering
John Creer	Chief Real Estate Officer
Gretchen Dietrich	Director, Marcia & John Museum of Fine Arts
Michael Good	Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Chase Hagood	Dean, Undergraduate Studies
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Jason Perry	Vice President for Government Relations
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Lauren Savage	Vice President, Huntsman Cancer Foundation
Laura Snow	Senior Advisor
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Mary Ann Villarreal	Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Rebecca Walsh	Associate Director of Communications, Marketing and Communication
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Kim Wirthlin	President and COO, Huntsman Cancer Foundation
Shawn Wood	Manager, PR/Communications
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President for Institutional Advancement
Zhou Yu	Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Studies

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Amy Choate-Nielsen	Manager PR/Communication, Academic Affairs
Rebecca Paulson	Director, Real Estate Transactions
Keith Marmer	Chief Innovation and Economic Engagement Officer
Lisa Rigtrup	President, Staff Council

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Shawn Newell	Board Member, Utah Board of Higher Education
Jennifer Price-Wallin	Community member, representative of the John & Marcia Price Family Foundation
Garrett Price	Community member, representative of the John & Marcia Price Family Foundation

Abukar Hassan	ASUU Candidate
Ravi Kaur	ASUU Candidate
Parker Madsen	ASUU Candidate
Jack O'Leary	ASUU Candidate
Chloe Shewell	ASUU Candidate
Yovanni Valdez	ASUU Candidate
Muskan Walia	ASUU Candidate

CALL TO ORDERInformation: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:09 AM in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance.

Chair Gardner extended a special welcome to Dr. Mitzi Montoya, SVPA/Provost to her first Board of Trustees meeting and Shawn Newell board member from the Utah Board of Higher Education.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the December 13th Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters and Sabbatical Requests (Appendix I)

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – Monthly Comparison (Gifts) Report (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – University Leases (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Report of Investments Portfolio for the Months of November and December (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Faculty Awards (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Fleet Services Annual Report for FY22 (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Academic Unit – Division of Quantitative Analysis of Markets and Organizations (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Book Arts in Art BFA (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Emphasis Name Change – Educational Psychology Med & PhD (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Certificate – Education in Health Professions (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Minor – Educational Psychology (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Program Discontinuation – BS Athletic Training (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 2.15 – Revise Policy – 5-403 Additional Compensation (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 2.16 – Revise Policy – 7-001 Policy for Research Misconduct (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 2.17 – Namings – Ambulatory Care Center – Express Recovery Services, INC (Appendix XVI)

Action (Consent): 2.18 – Namings – The Guy Wilson Studio (Appendix XVII)

Action (Consent): 2.19 – Namings – The Kathryn F. Kirk Center for Comprehensive Cancer Care and Women’s Cancers at Huntsman Cancer Institute (Appendix XVIII)

Action (Consent): 2.20 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space on Level 3 of the Huntsman Cancer Hospital (Appendix XIX)

Action (Consent): 2.21 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Space on Level 1 of the Redwood Health Center (Appendix XX)

Action (Consent): 2.22 – Capital Facilities Projects – Approval to Remodel Existing Space on Level 2 of the Jordan Health Center (Appendix XXI)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by Randy Shumway, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

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

ACTION AGENDA

Action: 3.01 – Family & Consumer Studies Department Restructure

Dr. Zhou Yu, Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Studies, introduced the proposed department restructure.

The Department of Family and Consumer Studies (FCS) is a multidisciplinary department within the College of Social and Behavioral Science (CSBS). The mission of the FCS department is to communicate, integrate, advance, and apply knowledge regarding human development and family relationships across the life span and within community, national, and international contexts.

For many years, the FCS department offered two majors: Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) and Consumer and Community Studies (CCS). The HDFS major had two emphases: Early Childhood Education, and Child Life, while the CCS major had one emphasis: Financial Planning. In 2018, in an attempt to simplify their major structure, the department combined the two majors into a single major named "Family, Community, and Human Development" maintaining the same three emphases. At the time, it was also voted by FCS faculty that the department was to be renamed to the "Department of Family, Community, and Human Development." While the major consolidation was approved, the department name change was not. The names of minors were not changed either. As a result, currently, the department has one major and two minors, and the minor names are different from the major name.

Current structure of majors and minors since Fall 2018:

Department: Family & Consumer Studies

One Major: Family, Community and Human Development

Three emphases:

Child Life

Early Childhood Education

Financial Planning (optional Financial Counseling track)

Two minors:

Human Development and Family Studies

Consumer and Community Studies

One certificate: Financial Planning

In an attempt to address the issue of declining FCS majors, the department leadership team did a thorough review of the undergraduate curriculum in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. While the team acknowledges that many factors may have contributed to the decline of FCS majors, they recognize a need for structural consistency and to bring the major name back to HDFS, in line with commonly used major names at similar programs at other U.S. universities, including Utah State University, for both name recognition and articulation purposes. However, they also recognize that the Financial Planning emphasis and the Financial Counseling track do not fit well under the HDFS major name. Students who are interested in the area of Financial Planning and Counseling have a difficult time discovering this study area under either FCHD or HDFS. As such, the proposal is to separate out the Financial Planning emphasis and Financial Counseling track from HDFS to form a second major titled "Financial Planning

and Counseling" (FPC), which is another well-established major name at other universities. Below are details of how the department would like to organize programs.

Department: Family & Consumer Studies

Two majors:

Human Development and Family Studies

Financial Planning and Counseling Childhood Healthcare

Emphasis:

Financial Planning Emphasis

Early Childhood Education Emphasis

Two minors:

Human Development and Family Studies

Financial Planning and Counseling

One Certificate:

Financial Planning

Why have both a Financial Planning and Counseling minor as well as a financial planning certificate is a valid question. To clarify: the certificate is focused on the curriculum required for someone to sit for the CFP® exam; furthermore, the certificate already exists and has a professional education counterpart. The minor will be a good option for students with an interest in this area but not necessarily interested in becoming a CFP® and wanting more flexibility in curriculum. Students who chose specific courses in the minor would be eligible to sit for the AFCPE® Exam at a discounted fee. The AFCPE® exam is needed to become an Accredited Financial Counselor®.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposed restructure and associated name changes.

Motion to approve the item 3.01 by David Parkin, second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

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

Action: 3.02 – General Education and Baccalaureate Degree Requirements

Chase Hagood, Dean, Undergraduate Studies, and Karen Paisley, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies, introduced the general education and baccalaureate degree requirement changes.

General Education is the University's curriculum that serves every undergraduate student. It consists of the General Education Core and Breadth Area (GE) requirements, articulated by Utah Code R470 and administered by the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), and the Baccalaureate Degree (BD) requirements developed by the U.

This curriculum is centrally assessed by the Office of Undergraduate Studies in keeping with the expectations of the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Growing enrollments, feedback from students and advisors, and public scrutiny from USHE and NWCCU have highlighted the issues which, in turn, prompted the General Education Curriculum Committee to think holistically about the future of the GE and BD curriculum at the U. Their focused work in the Spring of 2022 resulted in the proposal which seeks to ensure the following:

1. The requirement structure facilitates clear and efficient curricular pathways for all students.
2. Content around equity, diversity, and inclusion is available early on and at all levels of the undergraduate curriculum.
3. Transfer students are not disadvantaged – no matter when they arrive at or depart from the U.
4. Requirements support development of inquiry skills specific to and appropriate for each academic discipline.
5. All students have access to experiential learning opportunities, which are linked to deeper learning, higher persistence, and completion rates, as well as enhanced pathways from college to career.
6. The U is precisely aligned with Utah Code R470.
7. Holistic assessment of the GE and BD curriculum using the GE learning outcomes is possible, supports quality improvement, and meets the expectations of NWCCU. From our perspectives, we believe the following to be true:
 - The proposal is timely. Though General Education frameworks require stability for students, staff, and faculty to achieve clarity and success—the current system, designed in 1998, must see revision to meet the needs of 21st-century U students. Here at the U, our current structure values quantity over quality in the GE requirements. We know a shift away from this approach can counter the powerful situational factors that stymie the success of many student populations like first generation, low-income, minoritized, transfer, and returning students. We also know from student success literature and recent examples of curricular reform efforts throughout American higher education that an unclear and credit-heavy set of GE requirements influences decision-making for potential students when they weigh their financial options within a state’s public higher education system. Delaying students’ pathways through general education and into majors is not beneficial for students and it is not beneficial for the institution.
 - The proposal is judicious and precise with recommendations. The GECC is the representative governance body empowered and entrusted to provide the institution their guidance in this space. Its members have our gratitude for work well done.
 - The proposal advances the institution’s ability to innovate in undergraduate education including in the space of experiential learning. The GECC did so ahead of the findings of the Boyer 2030 Report: The Equity/Excellence Imperative (released after the GECC crafted its proposal)—advocating for many of the same tenets found in the GECC’s work. • The proposal positions the U in a clearer state of compliance, alignment, and partnership with USHE and our USHE sister institutions while maintaining (and likely enhancing) the U’s unique flagship status within the system of public higher education in Utah—a shared commitment of our President and Trustees in the Six Commitments of the University of Utah.
 - The proposal does not jeopardize funding for departments, programs, or colleges/schools regarding General Education no matter the future budget model as they will be “held harmless” during the transition to the future budget state.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposal.

Motion to approve the item 3.02 by Katie Eccles, second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

As additional clarifying questions were answered the Board, as a whole, charged its Academic and Student Performance Subcommittee to partner and work with University leaders to develop a robust General Education program and content structure.

Motion to approve the charge by Katie Eccles, second by Jim Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

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Action: 3.03 – Namings – Research & Education Building for Applied Science

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, introduced the proposed naming.

The ALSAM Foundation commits \$10 million to name the new Research & Education Building for the Applied Sciences in honor of L.S. Skaggs. The specific naming opportunity will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at an upcoming meeting for formal approval. This gift will be paid in full by June 2023.

Motion to approve the item 3.03 by Randy Shumway, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

Action: 3.04 – Namings - College of Engineering

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and Richard Brown, Dean, College of Engineering, introduced the proposed namings.

In recognition of a \$50 million commitment from the John and Marcia Price Family Foundation, the University would like to name the following two areas in their honor.

- *The John and Marcia Price College of Engineering (academic unit)*
- *The John and Marcia Price Computing and Engineering Building*

This gift is a five-year pledge that will be fulfilled by December 2026.

VP Woodbury and Dean Brown then introduced another proposed naming:

- *The J. Steven Price and Jennifer Price-Wallin College of Engineering Parking Structure*

The John and Marcia Price Family Foundation commits \$2.5 million to support the design and construction of a new College of Engineering parking structure. This gift is a five-year pledge that will be fulfilled by December 2026.

Both Trustee Steve Price and Jennifer Price-Wallin commented on the naming.

Motion to approve the item 3.04 by Jim Sorenson, second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

Recuse - J. Steve Price

Action: 3.05 – Namings - Marcia and John Price Executive Director

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and Gretchen Dietrich, Executive Director, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, introduced the proposed naming.

Marcia and John Price Executive Director - The John and Marcia Price Family Foundation commits \$5 million to establish an endowment to support the Executive Director position at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts. This gift is a ten-year pledge that will be fulfilled by December 2031.

Motion to approve the item 3.05 by Katie Eccles, second by Randy Shumway. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

Recuse – J. Steve Price

Action: 3.06 – Namings - Alice Sheets Marriott Dean of Libraries

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, introduced the proposed naming.

Alice Sheets Marriott Dean of Libraries - The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation committed \$5 million to support the J. Willard Marriott Library in 2017. \$3 million of this gift was directed to fund an endowment to support the library's ongoing needs. In honor of the \$3 million commitment, the University of Utah would like to establish the Alice Sheets Marriott Dean of Libraries. This gift is paid in full.

Motion to approve the item 3.06 by J. Steve Price, second by Jim Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

Action: 3.07 – Namings - The Kathryn F. Kirk Center for Comprehensive Cancer Care and Women's Cancers at Huntsman Cancer Institute

Heidi Woodbury, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Kim Wirthlin, President and COO Huntsman Cancer Foundation, and Loren Savage, Vice President Huntsman Cancer Foundation, introduced the proposed namings.

- The Sigma Chi International Fraternity – In recognition of a \$20 million commitment from the Sigma Chi International Fraternity, the University of Utah would like to name the following areas in their honor.
 - The Sigma Chi International Fraternity First Floor (level one lobby)
 - The Sigma Chi International Fraternity Outdoor Deck (level seven outdoor deck)
 - The Sigma Chi International Fraternity Bridge of Hope (level one bridge)
- The Karen and Scott Smith Women's Center Second Floor - In recognition of a \$20 million commitment from Karen and Scott Smith, the University of Utah would like to name the lobby on level two in their honor. This gift is paid in full.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Fourth Floor - In recognition of a \$15 million commitment from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the University of Utah would like to name the lobby on level four in their honor.
- The doTERRA International Fifth Floor - In recognition of a \$5 million commitment from doTERRA International, the University of Utah would like to name the lobby on level five in their honor.
- The Chris and Erynn Lansing Arrival Lobby - In recognition of a \$2.5 million commitment from Chris and Erynn Lansing, the University of Utah would like to name the arrival lobby in their honor.
- Ashley and Neil Hafer - In recognition of a \$1 million commitment from Ashley and Neil Hafer, the University of Utah would like to name the following areas in their honor.
 - The Ashley and Neil Hafer Waiting Area (level three reception and waiting area)
 - The Ashley and Neil Hafer Nurses Station (level five nurse station)
 - A gift of hope in honor of Dianne White Hafer. Given by Ashley and Neil Hafer (level three pre/post one)
 - A gift of hope in honor of Owen Van Buren Hafer. Given by Ashley and Neil Hafer (level three pre/post two)
- The Daniel Edward Kimball Waiting Area donated by Dan's friends and family - In recognition of a \$500,000 commitment from the Bullen families and others, the University of Utah would like to name the waiting area on level one in their honor.
- The Katherine Smith Fields Fourth Floor Waiting Area - In recognition of a \$500,000 commitment from Jill and Boyd Smith, the University of Utah would like to name the waiting area on level four in their honor. This gift is paid in full.

Motion to approve the item 3.07 by Bassam Salem, second by J. Steve Price. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 4.01 – Current Events

Chair Christian Gardner noted:

- In November, Chair Gardner attended a meeting with the Governor, who raised concern about tuition costs. The Governor acknowledged that tuition at Utah schools is lower when compared to national peers but suggested more could be done to lower costs as inflation continues to affect many Utahns.

Following additional discussion of the Governor's proposal to freeze tuition rates for the 2023-24 academic year, Trustees recommended in their November 8th meeting that U leadership engage an outside consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of expenditures, propose operating efficiencies across campus and identify areas of potential cost savings.

President Randall asked Cathy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer to follow up and discuss the current bid for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to find a consultant.

- Goal
 - Target is \$30 million in ongoing savings from across the University in the next 5-6 years (roughly the equivalent of a 1% tuition increase)
 - Savings would be diverted into faculty and staff salaries
 - University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics are not included in the scope of work for this RFP
- Request for Proposal – Timing
 - Cathy Anderson noted the RFP is almost finalized and hope to have a consultant named by June
 - Selection committee will include representatives from administration, faculty and Board of Trustees
- April 2 – 4, AGB National Conference on Trusteeship, will be held in San Diego. - Contact Chris or Karen if you would like to attend.
The conference format is designed to intentionally connect you to the people, resources, and ideas you need to transcend significant governance and leadership challenges.
- General Commencement will be held in person on Thursday, May 4th and most of the college convocations will be held on Friday, May 5th.
- Convocation sign-up sheet was circulated – ideally would like to have at least one trustee at each Convocation – Karen will follow up with more details as we get closer to commencement and convocations.
- Utah Board of Higher Education policy gives trustees the responsibility to review and recommend the institutional requests to adjust tuition and general fees. Part of the required review process is the trustees' participation / representation at the annual Truth in Tuition meeting on Tuesday, March 7th. Karen will share meeting details as the date approaches.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report: 5.01 – Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community, Distinguished Visitors and Research

President Randall referred to the written report included in the agenda materials and highlighted some of the noteworthy accomplishments listed, stating that many remarkable things are happening at the University of Utah.

Great Salt Lake STRIKE Team – Paul Brooks, professor in the Department of Geology and Geophysics, gave an update on these efforts.

- Strike teams includes 22 representatives from the U, Utah State University and state government.

- A group was formed following a visit this summer to the Eccles Wildlife Center in Farmington, Utah this past summer with university and state officials.
- Goal is to bring the best science about the Great Salt Lake and provide lawmakers with tools to make informed decisions about managing the lake.
- Initial report was released last week – included in today’s handouts.

Report: 5.02 – Current Events and Updates

President Randall noted the following:

- Founders Day 2023 – March 1st –Trustee Seninger noted that the Founders Day celebration will be held at the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, reviewed the list of honorees and encouraged the trustees to be part of the annual celebration.
- Legislature
 - This is the fourth week of the Legislative Session. President Randall, VP Jason Perry, Dr. Good and others have made several trips to the Capitol for presentations and meetings
 - Of note, this afternoon both houses of the legislature will honor Arnie Ferrin – former U of U basketball star and Athletics Director. Arnie led the U to a 1944 NCAA championship and a 1947 NIT championship, earned two NBA titles with the Minneapolis Lakers and was general manager of the Utah Stars. He was the only four-time All-American in the history Utah men’s basketball.
- Commencement
 - General Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 4th, at which time we will award honorary degrees. These remarkable individuals will be announced at the March 14th Board meeting.
 - Trustee VanderToolen announced Tim Shriver, Special Olympics International Chair and co-creator of The Dignity Index, will be this year’s keynote speaker at the University’s General Commencement.
- Ryan Christiansen, Executive Director Stena Center of Financial Technology noted:
 - Unique cross-disciplinary center
 - Hybrid academics, research, and labs with schools of computer science, business and law
 - Venture fund and incubator to speed commercialization from student and technology projects
 - Off campus programs including incubator to facilitate center of excellence
 - Kick-off event with \$65 million announcement – engagement with government, industry, faculty

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

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Report: 6.01 – Academic Affairs Report

In a written report to the Board, Dr. Mitzi Montoya noted the following:

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary visits campus

U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm “swooped” in to visit the University of Utah as part of a post-State of the Union tour to highlight President Joe Biden’s energy and climate initiatives. The Department of Energy supports the Utah FORGE project at the U, which is finding ways to make geothermal energy more affordable. While at the U, Granholm announced a funding opportunity for up to \$74 million for new pilot projects to advance enhanced geothermal systems.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/uncategorized/u-s-secretary-of-energy-visits-u-tours-geothermal-facility/>

Interim Dean of the College of Education is Announced

Associate Dean Frankie Santos Laanan has accepted an offer to serve as interim dean of the College of Education beginning on Feb. 16. Laanan, a professor in the Departments of Education, Culture and Society, and Educational Leadership and Policy, joined the U as the inaugural associate dean for faculty and student affairs in the College of Education in 2021. Laanan will serve as interim dean until a new dean is appointed. It is expected that a national search for a dean will begin in the upcoming months.

U Explores Policies and Research Responding to ChatGPT

Multiple researchers at the U, in partnership with the Center for Teaching Excellence, are working on developing and revising policies for Artificial Intelligence generative tools like ChatGPT. The CTE created an AI generative tools resource page with guidance for new pedagogical approaches, suggestions for assignment design, and more. One basic policy is that students should seek guidance from their instructors before using AI tools and clearly state the use of the interface within their work.

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/chatgpt-message-to-faculty/>

Board of Trustees to Approve Faculty Awards on Consent Agenda

Nine faculty award winners are on the consent agenda today to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The award winners include professors and associate professors in anthropology; parks, recreation and tourism; English; mathematics; education; educational psychology and more. All faculty award winners will be honored at the 2023 Commencement exercises.

U Undergraduate Degrees Provide Potential for Financial Security

An analysis of data gathered from the U.S. Census Bureau linked to the University of Utah shows that all undergraduate degrees offered at the U have the potential to offer financial security for students, including in the areas of education, humanities and visual and performing arts. Pew Research data shows that every bachelor degree offered at the U leads to a five-year post-graduation median salary that is considered

middle-income in the state of Utah. Research also shows that graduates with degrees in the humanities and fine arts are 10 times more likely to report high overall wellbeing in their lives.

Report: 6.02 – Health Sciences Report

In a written report to the Board, Dr. Mike Good noted the following:

HS Academics

- The Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library will begin an earthquake renovation this spring. This is a three-year project to make the 1971 building safer and more functional for faculty, staff, students, and clinicians. LP Studios Architects was hired to design and manage the project.

University of Utah Medical Group (UUMG)

- Destination Care received a Southwest Airlines medical transportation grant that will give 200 patients free airfare to receive care at U of U Health. Through this special community program, Southwest provides complimentary round-trip tickets to nonprofit hospitals and medical transportation organizations, lessening the financial burden on patients and their families requiring travel for specialized lifesaving or life-changing medical care.

Awards, Grants & Recognition

- Eric Schmidt, professor of medicinal chemistry, is among the 506 newly-elected Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Schmidt's research focuses on how marine animals and their symbiotic microbes make potent chemical compounds that can potentially be used as treatments for pain, infections, or other diseases.
- Brigitte Smith, MD, MHPE, associate professor of vascular surgery and vice chair of Education for the Department of Surgery, was selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education from 2023-2029.
- Tom Varghese, MD, MS, professor of surgery, was named President-Elect of the Society of University Surgeons. Varghese is only the second thoracic surgeon to be named to this position in the history of the organization.

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

ASUU UPDATE

Report: 7.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Taylor VanderToolen referred Trustees to his written report and shared an update on ASUU's current plans and activities.

Trustee VanderToolen introduced the candidates running for 2023-2024 ASUU President and Vice Presidents positions. Each of the three tickets running for office gave brief overviews of their platforms and goals. Elections will be held February 21 – February 24, with election results to be announced on February 27.

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

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 8.01 – Academic Senate Report

Chair Gardner referred Trustees to Dr. Sonia Salari's written report since she was unable to attend.

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

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information 9.01 – Graduate Council Review – Chemical Engineering

Information: 9.02 – Graduate Council Review – Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Information: 9.0 – Graduate Council Review – Professional Master of Science and Technology Program

Chair Gardner referenced the Graduate Council Reviews and invited questions. None were raised.

A copy of the Graduate Council Review is included as Appendix XXVIII – XXX respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Christian Gardner recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 10:59 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 14, 2023.

Motion to approve by Randy Shumway second by Christian Gardner. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson, and Taylor VanderToolen

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 14 March 2023