

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 16, 2019

5:45 p.m. – CB 508, Utah Valley University

Board of Trustee Members Present

Elaine Dalton, Chair
Karen Acerson
James Clarke
Rick Nielsen
Marc Reynolds
Jack Sunderlage, Second Vice Chair
Paul Thompson

Others Present

Jeff Johnson

UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President
Karen Clemes, General Counsel
Justin Jones, Chief of Staff, Secretary to the Board
Linda Makin, Vice President, Planning, Budgets, and HR
Cameron Martin, Vice President, University Relations
Jeff Olson, Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Belinda Otukolo Saltiban, CIDO
Kyle Reyes, Vice President, Student Affairs
Craig Thulin, Faculty Senate President
Katie Zabriskie, Executive Communication Officer

I. ACTION

1. Mission Statement Revision

The Trustees were asked to approve a newly articulated mission statement and values/action commitments for the university which clarified and streamlined the existing statement. They were provided with a review of the revision process, including the timeframe and the constituents consulted. The grievances with the process were noted as were the concerns articulated by the faculty about specific terminology, including the phrase community college. The negative disposition towards this term was explained in terms of public perception and connotation. The Trustees engaged in a lengthy, thoughtful conversation about the university's dual mission, the need to protect and support this identity, the desire to promote and clarify the robust role of UVU as an educational institution of choice in the Valley, and how UVU moves forward with this new mission statement as its guide. After confirming the language of the mission statement, Trustee Paul Thompson motioned to approve adoption of "Utah Valley University is an integrated university and community college that educates every student for success in work and life through excellence in engaged teaching, services, and scholarship" as the new mission statement and the adoption of the action commitments and values as discussed. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting.