

**UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
January 21, 2019  
4 p.m. – SC 213c, Utah Valley University

**Board of Trustee Members Present**

Elaine Dalton, Chair  
James Clarke  
Marc Reynolds  
Jack Sunderlage, Second Vice Chair  
Jill Taylor  
Paul Thompson

**Others Present**

William Erb  
Braley Dodson  
Stephen Whyte

**UVU Attendees**

Astrid S. Tuminez, President  
Karen Clemes, General Counsel  
Scott Cooksey, Vice President, Development and Alumni  
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  
Val Peterson, Vice President, Finance and Administration  
Kyle Reyes, Vice President, Student Affairs  
Belinda Otukolo Saltiban, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer  
Craig Thulin, Faculty Senate President  
Katie Zabriskie, Executive Communication Officer

At the beginning of the meeting, Trustee Chair Elaine Dalton welcomed all those in attendance, noted those who could not be present, and addressed housekeeping items. She asked for a moment of silence for Trustee R. Duff Thompson and his family who had recently experienced an unexpected and painful loss.

**I. ACTION**

**1. Academic Program Approval**

The Trustees were provided with a review of the most recent meeting of the Academic Affairs committee by Trustee Paul Thompson, as well as an update on the search for a new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Trustees were then presented with several academic programs for adoption. These programs were discussed in two categories – pathways for stackable degree programs and certificates of proficiency (CP) that create an entry to stackable degrees. For each program, the value of the degree was discussed in terms of student educational preparation, local and national industry need, and the particular manner in which UVU will provide instructional resources and engaged learning for these courses. The Trustees engaged in thoughtful questioning about each program, specifically the ability of UVU to financially support the new programs.

In the first category, the Trustees were presented with proposals for the following degree programs: AAS in Web Design and Development, AAS in Digital Audio, AAS in Digital Cinema, Full Stack Web Development Emphasis in Computer Science, MBA Technology Management Emphasis, and Master of Education Higher Education Leadership Emphasis. Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the adoption of the AAS in Web Design and Development, AAS in Digital Audio, AAS in Digital Cinema, Full Stack Web Development Emphasis in Computer Science, MBA Technology Management Emphasis, and Master of Education Higher Education Leadership Emphasis. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

In the second category, the Trustees were presented with proposals for the following CPs: Cabinetry and Woodworking, Art and Design, Aviation Science, Information Systems and Technology, Health, Public and Community Health, Criminal Justice, and Construction Management. Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve the adoption of CPs in Cabinetry and Woodworking, Art and Design, Aviation Science, Information Systems and Technology, Health, Public and Community Health, Criminal Justice, and Construction Management. Trustee Jack Sunderlage seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

Finally, the Trustees were presented with several changes to programs already in existence. These changes included the restructuring of the curriculum for the Environmental Studies Minor and IS Emphasis and name changes to the Automotive Technology, Cinema Studies, Journalism, and Civil Design programs to better reflect the respective focus of the curricula. The Trustees engaged in minimal discussion of these requests. Trustee P. Thompson motioned to approve changes to the name of the Automotive Technology program, the minor in Environmental

Studies, the name of the Cinema Studies program, the name of the Journalism program, and the name of the Civil Design program. Trustee Marc Reynolds seconded. The motion carries without opposition.

## **2. Policies**

The Trustees were presented with a request to approve Policy 361 Leave of Absence in temporary emergency. It was noted that the policy was amended to include paid medical maternity leave and tighten language around FMLA. The addition of paid medical maternity leave to policy is an anomaly in USHE, but it reflects the feedback received from numerous entities on campus and the importance given to it by the administration. Trustee Jill Taylor motioned to approve the amendments to Policy 361 Leave of Absence in temporary emergency. Trustee P. Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## **3. Master Plan Revision**

The Trustees reviewed a proposal to make minor modifications to the university's Master Plan to reflect not only the gift of the Lakemount Manor home by the Bastian family, but also home purchase opportunities in the Sunset Heights neighborhood (south side of 925 South in Orem). After thoughtful discussion of these opportunities, Trustee Sunderlage motioned to approve the updated Master Plan and the forwarding of the plan to the Board of Regents for approval. Trustee Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Reynolds motioned to enter Executive Session to strategically discuss character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and litigation that is pending or reasonably imminent. Trustee Taylor seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar, which consisted of the minutes of November 29, 2018 and the October and November 2018 Investment Reports. Trustee Taylor motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Trustee Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## IV. INFORMATION

### **1. President's Report**

President Astrid S. Tuminez provided the Trustees with an update on the University since the late November 2018 Board meeting. Her report began with a reflection on her first State of the University address and her intention to pivot/reframe the University's mission and commitments to action. She then noted many upcoming events, including her keynote address at the Silicon Slopes Tech Summit, the "Week of Dreams" in which the Noorda Center for the Performing Arts will officially have its ribbon cutting, she will be inaugurated, and Terry Crews will speak as the 2019 Spring Presidential Lecturer among other exciting events. She then related successes at the University, which included faculty scholarship, student scholarship and research, and extracurricular and athletic activities. She also commented on publicity that UVU has received for these successes, including the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* publishing of a "day in the life" of President Tuminez. She noted specific events that transpired, including the opening of Wendy's and the MLK Commemoration. She then closed with a reflection on the changes to university leadership and governance, specifically the make-up of her Cabinet and the new role of the University Executive Council.

### **2. Mental Health at UVU**

Bill Erb, Student Health Services Director, provided the Trustees with an introduction to the initiatives and programs available at UVU to address the mental health needs of students. After an overview of the state of mental health nationally and the impact mental health services have on academic success, the Trustees were introduced to the professional and programmatic resources UVU currently has available and the shortfalls and unmet needs of the Student Health Center. It was specifically noted that UVU has a critical need for 16 additional full-time therapists to

meet the best practice stipulation that there should be a 1 to 1500 ratio of provider to student. Additionally, there are space needs within the Center. The Trustees were informed of the efforts of the Student Health Center to create a system and culture of care that includes therapists, a medical practitioner, and psychological/crisis services, and relies on relationships with other existing centers on campus to increase connection and belonging. The Trustees engaged in thoughtful discussion about mental health on campus and the challenges faced by the Student Health Center to meet demand, giving specific attention to funding sources and opportunities for peer support.

### **3. Legislative Update**

The Trustees were given reference cards for UVU's budgetary priorities for the legislative session. The potential changes to capitol facilities priority designation were discussed. The Trustees were asked to help message the need for increased funding to UVU to help manage growth and reminded of the importance of attending the higher ed Day on the Hill on March 4.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting.