

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 25, 2018

4 p.m. – SC 213c, Utah Valley University

Board of Trustee Members Present

Elaine Dalton, Chair
Karen Acerson
James Clarke
Marc Reynolds
Rick Nielsen
Jack Sunderlage, Second Vice Chair
Jill Taylor
Paul Thompson
R. Duff Thompson, First Vice Chair

Others Present

Nina Barnes (Regent)
Steven Clark
Braley Dodson
Robin Ebmeyer
Vince Otoupal
Barb Smith
Scott Trotter
Stephen Whyte

UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President
Karen Clemes, General Counsel
Scott Cooksey, Vice President, Development and Alumni
Nathan Gerber, PACE President
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
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 and discussed the potential of holding the Awards of Excellence Dinner on April 16, 2019. It was noted that the President's Office would follow-up to confirm this date.

I. ACTION

1. Academic Program Approval

The Trustees were presented with a proposal to create a certificate of completion in general education. This would provide a formal recognition of general education courses completed at UVU and will help ensure that these earned credits can translate easily to other schools in the western states. This certificate does not establish any new courses or requirements but is simply placed on the transcript upon completion of the required general education competencies. The Trustees discussed the transfer of course credit between schools currently and asked for additional clarification on how this certificate would be beneficial. The Trustees were then presented with a proposal to create a minor in Spanish for the professions, translation, and interpreting. It was explained that this minor would be oriented toward professionals and those seeking practical skills in the language. This would be a unique program to UVU, and research suggests there will be strong market demand. The Trustees asked clarifying questions about the title of the minor and nature of the program. Subsequently, Trustee Paul Thompson motioned to approve the addition of a certificate of completion in general education and a minor in Spanish for the professions, translation, and interpreting. Trustee R. Duff Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

2. Policies

The Trustees were presented with a request to approve Policy 335 Staff Grievances as a temporary emergency policy. It was noted that the previous grievance policy had been deleted as policies 162 and 165 were revised and themselves approved as temporary emergencies earlier in the year. This temporary iteration of the grievance policy closely mirrors a temporary staff grievance procedure that President's Council approved last year. The policy is currently in stage 2 of the regular policy process. Trustee Jill Taylor motioned to approve Policy 335 Staff Grievances as a temporary emergency. Trustee Karen Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

The Trustees were then presented with a request to approve Policy 652 Care and Use of Vertebrate Animals in Research and Administration as a temporary emergency policy. It was explained that the policy will allow professors and students to work with animals in research activities and complies with federal regulations surrounding animal research. The temporary emergency will be implemented immediately to ensure compliance

within existing studies, but the policy is also currently in the regular drafting process. The Trustees discussed push-back to university research on animals. Trustee Rick Nielsen motioned to approve Policy 652 Care and Use of Vertebrate Animals in Research and Administration as a temporary emergency. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

Finally, the Trustees were presented with a request to approve Policy 705 Unmanned Aircraft Systems as a regular process policy. It was noted that because of Trustee comments, the policy had been revised from an iteration brought forward earlier in the year. The changes to the policy were discussed, among them the implementation of fines and language additions which ensure compliance with Utah privacy laws. Rationale was given for not giving UVU the ability to apprehend drones in adverse situations. After discussion of recent drone activity on campus, Trustee (Duff) Thompson motioned to approve Policy 705 Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Trustee Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

3. Student Center Remodel and Bond Issuance

The Trustees were presented with a proposal to approve the issuance of bonds for \$25 million to renovate the Sorensen Student Center. They were told that the university will not increase student fees to finance the bonds; instead, the university will retire its Series 2004 bonds and maintain the current student fee structure. The Trustees were provided with an overview of the remodel which will be financed through the bonds. There will not be a monolithic renovation project, but instead small, specific projects will be undertaken like bathroom remodels, the Ragan Theater refresh, and dining area expansion. It was noted that because markets will impact the ability to purchase with the bonds, the project will be guided by a focus on increasing space capacity rather than on aesthetic/cosmetic enhancements. Discussion followed about the timeframe for construction, the involvement of Student Government in planning conversations, and the process of approval from the Regents. Trustee Jack Sunderlage motioned to approve the expansion and remodel of the Sorensen Student Center and the issuance of bonds for \$25 million to be repaid with student fees. Trustee (Duff) Thompson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

4. Student Housing Development

Chair Dalton informed the Trustees that a decision had been made to table discussion of student housing to a future meeting.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Marc Reynolds motioned to enter Executive Session to strategically discuss litigation that is pending or reasonably imminent. Trustee Karen Acerson seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar which consisted of the minutes of September 20, 2018; the August 2018 Investment Reports; and, the 2017-18 Auxiliary & Service Enterprise Report.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Committee Reports

The Trustees were provided with a report on the activities of the Audit Committee from Audit Chair (Duff) Thompson. They were informed that the Audit Committee adopted an internal audit charter that will be ratified by the full Board at the November Trustee meeting. The Trustees were also briefed on the strong work of the IT department to keep UVU and its information systems safe. Finance and Facilities Chair Sunderlage informed the Trustees that the Finance and Facilities committee would meet in November and a report would follow at the November Trustee meeting.

2. Athletics Report

The Trustees were provided with a report on the Athletics department by Vince Otoupal, Associate Vice President – Director of Athletics. The report began with a focus on the commitment of athletics staff and coaches to ensure the academic success of UVU’s student athletes, to be a positive presence in the community, and to ensure every opportunity for competitive success for UVU’s teams. Attention was given to statistics that demonstrate UVU’s championship record, coaching recognition, and graduation rate. The Trustees were also told of the athletic department’s commitment to compliance on a local and national level. Emphasis was placed on the growth of UVU’s athletics program, fan attendance, and the budgetary realities (both positive and negative) which face the program. The Trustees were exposed to the media efforts surrounding UVU’s teams and shown a rendering of a student-athlete academic success center that is a goal of the program. Throughout the report, the Trustees raised questions about attendance, coaches, women’s programs, marketing efforts, budgetary constraints, and efforts to support athletes in a holistic manner.

3. President’s Report

President Astrid S. Tuminez provided the Trustees with a report on the activities of the President’s Office in the last month. On the heels of a murder at the University of Utah, the Trustees were apprised by Robin Ebmeyer, Director of Emergency Management and Safety, of UVU’s own efforts to prevent incidents of violence on campus, to help students displaying aggressive behaviors, and to triage in the event that a violent situation does occur. President Tuminez then offered her thanks to the Trustees for their attendance at the Scholarship Ball and spoke to the fundraising successes of the evening, particularly the First Generation Fund. She spoke to her recent legislative interactions and the changes to the USHE tuition structure that will present challenges moving forward. President Tuminez then noted the team building she was doing with her leadership team and revealed the new direction she is pivoting to with regard to the university’s core themes and culture. She concluded by noting her engagements with the community at various speaking events and the development of a Digital Transformation Task Force that will help evaluate the strategic direction of the university’s information systems and technological footprint.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting.