

# UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 15, 2019

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

## Board of Trustee Members Present

R. Duff Thompson, Chair  
Karen Acerson  
Taylor Bell  
James Clarke, First Vice Chair  
Elaine Dalton  
Dru Huffaker  
Rick Nielsen  
Scott Smith  
Paul Thompson  
Jill Taylor, Second Vice Chair

## UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President  
Anne Arendt, Faculty Senate 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  
Kyle Reyes, Vice President, Student Affairs  
Wayne Vaught, Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Stephen Whyte, AVP for University Relations  
Katie Zabriskie, Executive Communication Officer

## Guests

Wendy Athens  
David Connelly  
Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner USHE

Chair R. Duff Thompson welcomed those in attendance to the August 2019 Board of Trustee meeting and addressed matters of housekeeping.

## I. INFORMATION

### 1. Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered to Scott Smith who joined the Board as its newest trustee. Time was given to Trustee Smith for a few words of introduction.

### 2. Chair's Report

Chair Thompson began by reviewing the updated composition of the Board of Trustee committees to reflect recent changes to the membership of the Board. Each chair spoke briefly on his/her respective committee. The Honorary Awards committee received the Board's nod to begin the award review process for the 2020 commencement ceremony.

Chair Thompson then moved to a review of the dates of importance. Of note were plans for the September 2019 retreat at Canyon Park, the Alumni Awards banquet at which former trustee Jack Sunderlage would be honored, the Presidential Lecture featuring Kim Scott, and the Scholarship Ball. The trustees discussed the various scholarship luncheons hosted in the spring and how trustees might attend in support in the absence of a university-wide scholarship luncheon.

## II. ACTION

### 1. Requisitions

The Trustees were asked to approve the annual standing purchase orders which exceeded the \$1 million threshold. These included requests for payment to Verba for the resale of new textbooks, Apple for the resale of computers, and Rocky Mountain Power for electricity for campus. Trustee Karen Acerson motioned to approve the payment of \$1,900,000 to Verba; \$2,400,000 to Apple, and \$3,000,000 to Rocky Mountain Power. Trustee Rick Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

The Trustees were then asked to approve a requisition to use donated funds to purchase turf to replace the grass on UVU's baseball field. The vendor would be determined through the RFP process and installation would begin in

2020. Trustee Acerson motioned to approve the requisition in the amount of \$1 million for the purchase of turf to replace the grass on UVU's baseball field. Trustee James Clarke seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

### III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Trustees were asked to review the Consent Calendar, which consisted of the minutes of June 18, 2019, and the April, May and June 2019 Investment Reports. Trustee Taylor Bell motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Trustee Nielsen seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

### IV. INFORMATION

#### **1. Trustee Engaged Learning Award Update**

As requested at the June 2019 meeting, VP Scott Cooksey provided the Trustees with a memorandum explaining the history and technicalities of the Trustee Engaged Learning Award and the applicants/projects to date. The memo also noted the future efforts that will take place to increase attention to the award and boost applicant submissions as well as possible fellowship designation and longitudinal efforts to maintain contact with past recipients.

#### **2. Committee Update**

At the request of Academic Affairs committee chair Trustee Paul Thompson, the Trustees were provided with a presentation on the efforts to date and future plans surrounding online learning. Of focus during the presentation were the need to provide learner-centered delivery of academic curricula through flexible modalities, the impact of mixed delivery methods on persistence and speed of degree attainment, the current relationship of UVU students and colleges/schools to online course delivery, the position of UVU in the national conversation/delivery of online courses and programs, and the manner in which online courses are developed and their success. The Trustees engaged in thoughtful conversation and questioning following the presentation and were in agreement about the need to aggressively and enthusiastically pursue flexible modalities and online learning.

#### **3. President's Report**

President Tuminez provided a report on the university since the June 2019 meeting. She began by discussing recent events on campus to begin the new semester and reviewed dates of importance in the coming months. She then moved into an update on efforts on campus that corresponded to the university's commitments to exceptional care, accountability, and results including the CARE initiative, employee survey, and recent student and faculty successes. Of note in the latter were the success of UVU's students at Skills USA and the regional endurance racing competition. President Tuminez then gave asked VP for Student Affairs Kyle Reyes to present the university's Vision 2030 initiative for meeting the educational needs of both its service region and the state of Utah over the next 10 years. This presentation included an overview of growth in the state and Utah County, a review of the integrated dual-mission educational model and its benefits, and the proposed areas of focus for the Vision 2030 initiative. It was emphasized that the Vision 2030 initiative is in DRAFT form and will continue to be refined in the coming months, with the final version being voted upon by the Trustees at a future meeting. The Trustees engaged in subsequent discussion of the criticism of UVU's dual mission, tuition for community college offerings, the value of a UVU education, subsidization of USHE institutions by the legislature, and national trends in success of transfers from community college to university. The Trustees indicated their excitement surrounding Vision 2030 and their desire to see the initiative fully enfolded.

Chair D. Thompson adjourned the meeting.