

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 7, 2024

4:00pm Gateway Building

Board of Trustee Members Present

Rick Nielsen, Chair
Jeanette Bennett, Second Vice Chair
Paul Thompson
Blake Modersitzki
Andrea Clarke
Noel Vallejo
Kara North
Mimi Barney
Jeremy Hafen

Others Present

Geoff Landward, USHE Commissioner
Nathan Savage, UVU Foundation Chair

UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President
Wayne Vaught, Provost & Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Kat Brown, Deputy Provost
Kyle Reyes, Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Christina Baum, Vice President, Digital Transformation
Jim Mortensen, Vice President, Finance
Marilyn Meyer, Vice President, People & Culture
Steve Anderson, Associate Vice President, Administration & Strategic Relations
Alexis Palmer, Associate Vice President, Student Affairs
Kara Schneck, Vice President of Marketing and Communications and Chief of Staff
Clark Collings, General Counsel
Rasha Qudisat, Chief Engagement & Effectiveness Officer
Nikki Scott, PACE President
Wioleta Fedeczko, Faculty Senate President
Laurie Sharp, Associate Provost
Jenny Christensen, Legal Secretary
Jake Allen, Presidential Intern

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rick Nielsen welcomed those in attendance at the November 7, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. He recognized Geoff Landward the Commissioner of the Utah System of Higher Education and welcomed President Tuminez.

II. INFORMATION

1. President's Report

President Tuminez began her report by highlighting the exceptional game-changing scholarship ball. She expressed the need to focus on the EverGREEN campaign and invited Vice President Kyle Reyes to provide the Board with an update on the current campaign standings.

2. EverGREEN Update

Vice President Kyle Reyes began by updating the Board on current donor relationships and the growing network of donor meetings that will take place over the next six months. He followed with an announcement of DeanU, a new program which will help Deans' abilities to amplify the story of UVU. He followed that by outlining changes in the endowment's financial investment strategy. After, Vice President Reyes addressed alumni and employee giving and finished with an update of the progress of the EverGREEN campaign.

President then thanked the Board and others for contributions to EverGREEN and pivoted to discuss her efforts to engage with the student body. She highlighted the Talk with Tuminez: Student Edition, the Presidential 100, the deepfakes election research presentation, and the women's soccer WAC Championship. She also highlighted recent faculty recognitions and the success of various university departments. She closed by extending an invitation for everyone to attend the Presidential Lecture series with Arthur Kleinman.

3. Audit Report

Chair Rick Nielsen shared updates from the Audit Committee. He noted the interplay of technology and cybersecurity at the university and expressed his amazement at their ability to manage such resources at such scale. He then expressed his appreciation for President's ability to balance her dynamic schedule and professionalism and the university's ability to move issues successfully through the audit process.

President then invited Vice President Christina Baum to share thoughts on the balancing of offensive and defensive protections against cyberattacks.

4. Accreditation Update

Provost Wayne Vaught noted the importance of accreditation measures in terms of students and graduation which was followed by a review of the commendations and nominations received during the accreditation review. He recognized Associate Provost Laurie Sharp's hard work with the accreditation process, the scheduling, and the report, and shared that our PBA process was a model to be matched by other universities. He closed with a brief review of steps the university would be taking to address the recommendations.

5. USHE Board of Trustees Training

Vice Chair Jeanette Bennett reported on the training provided by USHE. She discussed insights about the dual role of board members as advocates of the community and advocates of the university. Other Trustees also offered their insights on the training, especially the need to maximize the efficiency of the university.

Trustee Bennett finished by passing on the call for trustees to speak up and reach out to legislatures. USHE Commissioner Landward acknowledged and thanked those who were able to attend and ensured materials from the conference would be made available.

III. ACTION AGENDA

1. Sabbatical Change Approval

Trustee Blake Modersitzki motioned to approve the sabbatical change as presented. Trustee Thompson seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

2. 2023-2024 Course Fee Review

Associate Provost Laurie Sharp summarized the Annual Course Fee Report and the recommendations to remove a set of fees and to add a new set of course fees to address growing expense for technology and student classroom tools. Chair Nielsen also praised the attention that UVU gives to course fees and the assurance that the student is put first.

Trustee Paul Thompson motioned to approve the course fee review as presented. Trustee Bennett seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

3. Policy Approval

Provost Wayne Vaught discussed the proposed temporary change to Policy 616, Regular and Substantive Interaction. Trustee Kara North motioned to approve the policy as presented. Trustee Modersitzki seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

4. Program Approvals

Provost Wayne Vaught addressed the proposed new programs, which included Belonging in the Workplace, CP; Belonging in the Workplace, Minor; Ethical Leadership and Social Impact, Minor; and

Ethical Leadership and Social Impact, CP. He addressed the proposed modified programs, which included Literary Studies, Minor; Spanish-English Translation and Interpreting, Minor; Art and Design - Illustration Emphasis, AAS; Art and Design - Painting/Drawing/Printmaking Emphasis, BFA; Digital Cinema Production, CP; Portuguese, Minor; Psychology, Minor; Web Design and Development - Interaction and User Experience Design Emphasis, BS; and Web Design and Development - Web Application Development Emphasis, BS. Lastly he addressed the programs to be inactivated which included, Applied Behavior Analysis, GC; Engineering Technology Power Systems Emphasis, B.S.; Engineering Technology, B.S.; Engineering Technology – Automation Emphasis, B.S.; Associate of Science in Business, ASB; Finance, BA; Human Resource Management, BA; Cabinetry and Architectural Woodwork, CC; Cabinetry and Architectural Woodwork, Diploma; Cabinetry and Woodworking, CP; Construction Management, CC; and Construction Management, CP. Trustee Jeanette Bennett motioned to approve the programs as presented. Trustee Vallejo seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Mimi Barney motioned to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the September 26, 2024, Board Meeting; July and August 2024 Investment Reports; the 2024 Auxiliary Report; and the Institutional Discretionary Reports. Trustee North seconded. The motion was carried out without opposition.

Chair Rick Nielsen adjourned the meeting by expressing his thanks to the Commissioner and his dedication for attending the meeting. Commissioner acknowledged new circumstances that will allow him to be in attendance more often. He finished by thanking Chair Rick Nielsen and the Board.

Chair Rick Nielsen then asked Trustee Nathan Savage to share any thoughts from the Foundation Board and he expressed their appreciation for uniformity in vision across both boards.

Chair Rick Nielsen followed and closed by sharing thoughts on the Board's dedication and focus to student engagement.