

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

January 22-24, 2020

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We honor our heritage as the state's flagship and land-grant university by providing accessible and affordable higher education of the highest quality; rigorous scholarship; the communication and application of knowledge; economic and community development; and responsible stewardship of our cultural, historical and natural resources.

In the exercise of our primary mission to promote learning, we seek to provide academic and co-curricular opportunities that will:

- Graduate students who have experienced the frontiers of scholarship and creative activity and who are prepared for the complexities of an interdependent world;
- Cultivate a community of learning energized by collaborative work among students, faculty, staff and external partners.
- Nurture an environment that values and manifests diversity, internationalization, free expression, academic freedom, personal integrity and mutual respect; and
- Promote opportunities for personal health and growth, physical health, athletic competition and leadership development for all members of the university community.

As Wyoming's only public university, we are committed to scholarship, outreach and service that extend our human talent and technological capacity to serve the people in our communities, our state, the nation and the world.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 22-24, 2020
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, Salons D&E
Laramie, Wyoming**

As will be reflected in the public and executive session meeting minutes, the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming met in Laramie, Wyoming, on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, Thursday, January 23, 2020, and Friday, January 24, 2020. The meeting was held at the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, Salons D&E. Committees met on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The Board's business meeting was held on Friday, January 24, 2020.

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Approval of Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes (Public Session & Executive Session)

- November 13-15, 2019 (Executive Session only)
- December 11, 2019, (conference call)

Reports

ASUW

Staff Senate

Faculty Senate

Public Testimony

[Scheduled for Thursday, January 23, from 11:00-11:30 a.m.]

Committee of the Whole

Regular Business

Board Committee Reports *[Scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2:00 p.m.]*

Trustee Committees

[Note: Committees of the Board will provide reports during the regular work sessions and will not have a formal report to provide during the Business Meeting. Liaisons will provide a report during the regular Business Meeting.]

Liaison to Other Boards

- *UW Alumni Association Board* – Keener Fry
- *Foundation Board* – Jeff Marsh & David Fall
- *Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources* – Michelle Sullivan
- *Energy Resources Council* – Dave True
- *Cowboy Joe* – John McKinley

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- Litigation, Lee Publications - McKinley
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- Wyoming-Nebraska Dental Education Program Agreement - Bonner
- Hess Corporation and Halliburton Corporation Research Agreement - Scarlett
- Contracts and Grans Report –Jewell/Synakowski
- Personnel Report- Miller/Benham-Deal
- WYDENT Student Contract Amendment - Baldwin

New Business

Date of Next Meeting: February 19, 2020 (conference call)

Adjournment

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Higher Learning Commission Accreditation, Alexander

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Associate Vice Provost Anne Alexander provided an update on the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Accreditation report. Associate Vice Provost Alexander stated a draft report was received on December 24, 2019, which provided a summary from the HLC team regarding their findings. Alexander discussed the narrative review summary and overall report provided, and announced the University of Wyoming had met all areas of assessment. Alexander explained although the University of Wyoming had met all areas of review, there were still opportunities for improvement they will continue to investigate upon. Alexander provided financial information regarding the expense of the accreditation process in regard to Trustee Dick Scarlett's inquiry at the November 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Trustee Mel Baldwin and Acting President Neil Theobald commended the work conducted throughout the process by Alexander and her team. Chairman Dave True commended the support and dedication Trustee Michelle Sullivan provided to the HLC Accreditation process, and Alexander's dedication to assuring the success of the project.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Educational Attainment, Caldwell/Hicswa/Drummond

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Executive Director of the Wyoming Community College Commission Sandy Caldwell provided an update on Educational Attainment. Dr. Caldwell discussed the importance of collaboration between the Wyoming Community College Commission and the University of Wyoming's Board of Trustees. Caldwell stated that on November 20, 2019, the council took formal action to adopt the Leading the Nation Economic Goal of 60% educational attainment that was previously adopted by joint resolution. Caldwell stated the aspirant goal is 67%. Caldwell explained the draft state plan was adopted and, as of January 21, 2020, is now available for public comment.

Northwest Community College President Dr. Stefani Hicswa discussed the importance for economic vitality and to make these goals public. A joint letter from Acting President Theobald and Dr. Hicswa was sent to Governor Gordon and members in the Wyoming Senate regarding the work of the council in creating actionable steps and its importance for the entire state of Wyoming. Hicswa reported the Wyoming Works Bill has moved forward and that legislation is being created regarding the Hathaway Scholarship in an effort to make it available for Career and Technical Education students with approved general studies degrees. Dr. Kent Drummond emphasized the importance of understanding the metrics and target goals. Drummond explained the phases of this plan.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan inquired about the number of new degrees that would need to be added to obtain this goal. Caldwell explained that absolute data could be provided and was not as high as previously reported.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Annual Report: Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), Hagy

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Professor Alyson Hagy provided an annual report regarding student athletes to include information about the squad grade point averages (GPA) cumulative for academic year 2018 through summer 2019 which was the highest in the University of Wyoming athletics' history; the distribution of athletic majors, academic progress rate (APR), and the creation of the Athletic Wellbeing Coordinator position. Hagy also highlighted the football and wrestling academic achievements. Hagy discussed the University of Wyoming's effort to recruit both better students and better athletes.

Trustee Mel Baldwin commended Hagy on the report and expressed concern regarding the low number of student athletes in the College of Education. Trustee David Fall inquired about student athletes who are undeclared. Hagy explained student athletes have five semesters until they must declare their major.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Campus Outreach, Theobald

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Acting President Neil Theobald provided an update on campus outreach efforts. Theobald stated that he, Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato, and a member from the Department of Physics and Astronomy would continue the *World Needs More Cowboys* high school tour in Rock Springs on Friday, January 24, 2020. Acting President Theobald reported that ten of the twenty-nine high schools in Wyoming have been visited and this tour was important in making an impact on the college going mindset of high school students. Theobald provided information about future outreach efforts.

Faculty Senate Chair, Ken Chestek commended Theobald on his efforts and expressed a desire to see more humanities represented in addition to the promotion of STEM. Wyoming Department of Education Chief Policy Officer Kari Eakins commended Acting President Theobald on the coordination of events and commented about the recognition of National Women Day on February 1, 2020, at the University of Wyoming women's basketball game.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Neltje Gift, Sullivan/Miller

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Michelle Sullivan provided an updated regarding the gift from Wyoming artist Neltje. Sullivan discussed the historical cooperation between the Neltje Center and the University of Wyoming which provides groups of six students and two faculty members to benefit from access to studio space and the art collection curated by Neltje. Provost Kate Miller provided further context on students' experiences at the Neltje Center.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Annual Report: Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Synakowski

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President of Research and Economic Development Ed Synakowski provided an annual update regarding research and economic development. Synakowski stated that research activity has been increasing 2019 expenditures reaching over \$95 million. Synakowski reported that

upwards of 800 undergraduates currently participate in research and scholarship with faculty mentors and recently, the University of Wyoming's Atmospheric Science researchers were awarded a \$15 million grant for aircraft research. Synakowski provided an update on the renewed commitment between the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming Technology Business Center (WTBC) incubator and further stated Eric Schlidt has been hired as director of the WTBC incubator in Casper, Wyoming.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

EPSCoR Presentation, Ewers

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

In conjunction with the Vice President of Research and Economic Development Annual Report, Vice President Ed Synakowski and Professor Brent Ewers provided a report regarding the Wyoming EPSCoR Microbe Project. Professor Ewers provided background regarding the EPSCoR program and the overall impact on society in Wyoming in relation to the WY EPSCoR Microbe Project Report. Assistant Professor Linda Van Diepen and Head of the Department Naomi Ward discussed the science behind the grant funding the project.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

AMK Ranch Program and Vision Planning, Synakowski/Shuman

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Professor Bryan Shuman provided a report on the makeup and work of the AMK Ranch Task Force. Shuman stated that this is the only field station in the national park and expressed the desire to expand and increase the University of Wyoming's footprint at the AMK Ranch. Shuman discussed the 2020 vision for the AMK Ranch, which includes transforming the station into a work/class home for world class scholarship and experiences in Wyoming's setting. Shuman explained there are three phases and a desire to include three elements in this transformation which include: inspiring discoveries, elevating experiences, and connecting communities.

Trustee John McKinley commended the work of the task force. In response to inquiry from Trustee McKinley, Shuman stated the task force is currently looking into staffing needs to include a director of the AMK Ranch. Trustee Dick Scarlett conveyed his desire to see a proposal established in regards to the staffing needs at AMK. Trustee David Fall expressed his appreciation for the work of the task force. In response to inquiry from Trustee Kermit Brown, Shuman reported on the desire to start a process where the University of Wyoming's faculty would have the first opportunity to take advantage of the space at the station. In response to inquiry from Trustee Brad Bonner, Shuman discussed the current and potential winter use of the AMK Ranch.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Sullivan

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Request for Authorization, Music Entrepreneurship Certificate, Audio Technology Certificate, Jazz Performance Degree

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:00 p.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Request for Authorization for the Music Entrepreneurship and Audio Technology certificate programs and the Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance. Trustee Mel Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:03 p.m.

Notice of Intent, Graduate Certificates, School of Pharmacy

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Notice of Intent for the School of Pharmacy certificate programs in Entrepreneurial Pharmacy and Healthcare, Pharmaceutical Policy Analysis, Pharmacoeconomics, and Pharmaco-Legal Compliance Strategies. Trustee Mel Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:05 p.m.

Notice of Intent, Career Technical Education

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Notice of Intent for the Career and Technical Education degree. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Financial Aid Pivot/Talent Awards, Sullivan

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Michelle Sullivan provided a report on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee during which she discussed details to the new financial aid model had been approved as it related to talent awards. Trustee Sullivan discussed additional funds that had been identified that the committee would like to see utilized for additional talent awards. Trustee Sullivan further reported on plans to continue work regarding food insecurity on campus with recommendations forthcoming during the May 2020 Board of Trustees' meeting. Trustee Mel Baldwin provided comments about the time it takes UW students to graduate and his concern regarding food insecurity.

Trustee Sullivan went on to report the committee had received a presentation from Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Kim Chestnut regarding student success. Trustee Sullivan explained that the risk of maxing out Pell grant eligibility and financial aid packages is becoming greater with students taking longer to graduate. Trustee Sullivan stated Chestnut and Associate Vice President for Financial Affairs David Jewell met with one hundred and twenty-seven students during Fall 2019 finals week that were at risk of not returning to ensure they could help them continue and provide them with support to be successful.

Trustee Sullivan stated that College of Education Dean Ray Reutzel updated the committee on the College of Education's response to the need for Wyoming schools to implement scientifically-based early literacy instruction and assessment in kindergarten through third grade. Trustee Sullivan stated that the College of Education is in the planning process of creating a set of four new courses for elementary school students that will instruct students in scientifically based reading instruction.

Trustee Sullivan provided a report on sabbatical and professional development at the University of Wyoming in relation to faculty. Trustee Sullivan stated that sabbatical research and professional development is critical to the quality of teaching and service to students and the University.

Trustee Sullivan provided a brief update on shared governance. Trustee Sullivan stated that work across the University of Wyoming is in place to examine shared governance and that there is a desire to have focus groups to include the trustees at the Board's March 2020 meeting on this topic.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:14 p.m.

Talent Awards

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board accept the UW Administration's request to adjust the amount of funding designated for Special Talent/other talent gift to be increased to an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the 2020-2021 academic year. Trustee Macey Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Biennium Budget Committee, McKinley

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee John McKinley provided the Board an update on the work of the Biennium Budget Committee. Trustee McKinley also provided the Board an update on the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) budget hearing to include the University of Wyoming's request for a \$30,000,000 increase to the block grant and the various action recommended by the JAC. Trustee McKinley made a recommendation to the Board the University of Wyoming transportation aircraft should only make one trip at the beginning and one at the end of the Trustee meetings.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:30 p.m.

Reserve Account Policy

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize a transfer of \$500,000 from the Special Projects Reserve Account to the Risk Reserve Account to bring it up to the designated level. Trustee Jeff Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:39 p.m.

Block Grant Request

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board direct administration to make further presentations and requests to the Governor and the Legislature for the ongoing block grant increase of \$9,500,000: \$5,000,000 of which will be for the Science Initiative and \$4,500,000 will be for the College of Agriculture. It would also be prudent to ask the Governor for two separate Governor's Letters-one for the Science Initiative and one for the College of Agriculture. Trustee Kermit Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:40 p.m.

FY21 Fee Book

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the FY2021 Fee Book. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:41 p.m.

Research Aircraft

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to enter into contract negotiations for both the acquisition and required upgrades of the new research aircraft. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:42 p.m.

Master Plan Project Funding

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve additional funding in the amount of \$412,270 for final payment of the Master Plan Project. The source of funds shall come from Administration's (Operations) existing fiscal year funds. Trustee Jeff Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:43 p.m.

NSF Audit Findings

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board refund the amount identified in the National Science Foundation audit findings. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 3:48 p.m.

HB297 and Fiscal Note no.1

Trustee John McKinley moved to recognize the importance of HB297 and Fiscal Note no. 1 regarding implementing scientifically validated instruction techniques to improve reading fluency, and recommending President Theobald, with a small working group selected by the president, prepare and outline a pilot program for kindergarten through third grade instructors from approximately five districts in Wyoming and UW Faculty to be implemented the summer of 2020 to address the issues raised in Fiscal Note no. 1. President Theobald will provide the Board with an update on this pilot program at the Board's February or March 2020 meeting. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Facilities Contracting Committee, McKinley

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:01 p.m.

Ivinson Parking Garage

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with negotiations for the Architect and Engineer Contractor for the Ivinson Parking Garage and Police Station with a not to exceed amount of \$13,000,000 for solely the construction portion of that project. Trustee Jeff Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:03 p.m.

Wyoming Hall Demolition Station

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize a not to exceed amount of \$2,726,536 for the demolition of Wyoming Hall, the source of funds will be the Housing Reserve Account with the flexibility to obtain reimbursement from a bond issuance. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:06 p.m.

Wyoming Hall Utility Relocation

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board proceed with the Wyoming Hall Utility Relocation Project in an amount not to exceed \$14,929,300 with \$10,000,000 to come from the Construction Reserve Account and the balance of \$4,929,300 to come from Major Maintenance. The plan to reimburse the construction Reserve Account is to come from reimbursement of any expended funds from future Bond issuance. Trustee Jeff Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:13 p.m.

Payment for Programmatic Portion of Housing Design

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to make an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$590,000 for payment for the programmatic portion of the dining and housing design that would be a reimbursement to operations or payment directly to the architect, with the source of funds being the Housing Reserve Account. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:12 p.m.

Fleet and Transit Relocation

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the fleet and transit relocation project in an amount not to exceed \$2,779,260 to come from the Construction Reserve Account, and said account will be reimbursed from any awarded grants and a detailed plan for reimbursement will be provided to the Facilities Contracting Committee in February or March 2020 for final approval. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:14 p.m.

Fleet and Transit Relocation Design Consultant

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to commence with design levels II and III for a bus maintenance and storage facility on South 15th Street and to enter into contract negotiations with Plan One Architects of Cody, Wyoming for a not to exceed amount of \$98,980 including reimbursable expenses for the design of a bus maintenance facility. Trustee Jeff Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:15 p.m.

Lease Extension Wyoming Public Radio Rawlins, WY (Chokecherry Knob) Site with GCR Electronics

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve execution of Addendum No. 2 to the lease agreement with GCR Electronics for a five (5) year term as presented. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:16 p.m.

Lease Extension at Gillette Campus with Northern Wyoming Community College

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the execution of the lease agreement with Northern Wyoming Community College District for a five (5) year term as presented. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee, Marsh

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Jeff Marsh provided an update from the Fiscal and Legal Affairs committee's discussion regarding procurement card expenditures and the desire to decrease the number of procurement cards on campus. Trustee Marsh stated the new Associate Vice President of Human Resources, Tom Koczara, had started his appointment in the Department of Human Resources. Trustee Marsh discussed the details of the internal audit and reported weaknesses were found in the University Store; it was recommended the cleanup be completed within the next four to five months.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Legislative Relations Committee, Brown

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Kermit Brown provided an update regarding the Legislative Relations Committee stating Acting President Theobald will be the point of decision making for Director of Government Relations Meredith Asay in regard to bills during the 2020 Legislative Budget Session. Chairman Dave True suggested President Theobald seek advice from the Chairman of the Legislative Relations Committee and Board of Trustees when making policy decisions.

Asay provided further information about potential bills during the 2020 Legislative Budget Session. Asay explained that there is likely a bill related to resident tuition for military family members from Representative Landon Brown to allow for a spouse or child of a resident military member to keep that resident status if the military member is transferred on military orders. Asay stated that a bill regarding procurement to affect professional services and construction and the Hathaway Scholarship in relation to graduate students is likely to be discussed. She also provided an updated on the Agriculture Committee stating that two bills are sponsored regarding the annual report with expenditures and revenue to the college with activities for that year and extension agents in regards to requiring the University of Wyoming to first seek consent of county commissioners before firing an extension agent.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Trustees Research and Economic Development Committee, Fall

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee David Fall provided an update regarding the Trustees Research and Economic Development Committee. Trustee Fall stated that University of Wyoming Regulation 9-2 (Indirect Cost Recovery) will move on to the regulation review committee.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Vice President and Dean Search Committee, Schmid-Pizzato

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato reported on the status of the search for Executive Director of the School of Energy Resources (SER) and dean searches for the Haub School, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Engineering with search committees to be chaired by Ivan Gaetz, David Jones, and David Sprott respectively. Trustee Schmid-Pizzato remarked newly hired deans should be in place for the Fall 2020 semester, and an SER selection would occur prior to current SER Executive Director Mark Northam's retirement in June 2020.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

UW Regulation Review Committee (ad hoc committee) – Brown

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Kermit Brown and General Counsel Tara Evans provided an update on the UW Regulation Review Committee's discussion of Regulations 11-1, 11-2, 2-411, and 2-120.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:40 p.m.

Approval of modifications to UW Regulations 11-1 (Student Conduct) and repeal of UW Regulation 11-2 (Hearing Officers for Student Disciplinary Proceedings)

Trustee Kermit Brown moved to authorize modifications to UW Regulation 11-1 and to repeal UW Regulation 11-2, as presented to the Board. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:41 p.m.

Approval of modifications to UW Regulation 2-411 (Degree Revocation)

Trustee Kermit Brown moved to authorize modifications to UW Regulation 2-411, as presented to the Board. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:43 p.m.

Approval of modifications to UW Regulation 2-120 (Degree Revocation)

Trustee Kermit Brown moved to authorize modifications to UW Regulation 2-120, as presented to the Board. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

UW Presidential Search Process, True

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

UW Presidential Search Committee Chairman John MacPherson, provided an update on the status of the search stating the committee has a list of over 60 candidates to review consisting of, MacPherson reported, a well-diversified group with varied experiences and backgrounds. MacPherson reviewed the established search process timeline for the Board. Trustee Dave True discussed a further timeline as it related to the Board's participation in the semi-finalist and finalist interview process. Trustee True discussed the desire to provide the public opportunity for feedback and ability to live stream open forums scheduled during candidate's campus visits.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 11:40 a.m.

UW Presidential Selection Process

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board formally adopt the UW Presidential Selection Process as outlined by the Chairman of the Board. Trustee Mel Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Friday, January 24, 2020

Business meeting

Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, Salon D&E

Roll Call

The business meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. Trustee Kermit Brown took roll.

Trustees participating: Mel Baldwin, Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown, David Fall, Brad LaCroix, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Dick Scarlett, Michelle Sullivan, and Dave True. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato was not in attendance. Ex-officio Trustees participating: ASUW President Jason Wilkins. Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow was not in attendance; Wyoming Department of Education Director of Communications Kari Eakins attended on her behalf. Acting President Neil Theobald, Executive Director of Wyoming Community College Commission Sandy Caldwell, and Governor Mark Gordon were not in attendance.

Approval of Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes (Public Session and Executive Session)

- November 13-15, 2019, Board of Trustees Executive Session Minutes
- December 11, 2019, Conference Call

Reports

ASUW

ASUW President Jason Wilkins provided an update regarding a FY21 budget proposal to be presented to Student Affairs and a planned trip to the 2020 Legislative Budget Session in February. Wilkins stated that he plans to work with Vice President Chestnut and Associate Vice President Jewell on the Student Success Initiative.

Staff Senate

Staff Senate President James Wheeler provided an update on the annual food drive stating fourteen total boxes were collected and reported \$3,500 had been raised during the Holiday Market to support staff member scholarships to help offset the cost of books and course supplies. Wheeler discussed the Strategic Working Group sent out a workload survey at the end of December 2019, which received over 1,000 responses and that WyGISC was working to compile the data. Wheeler expressed his appreciation for authorization of release time for Staff Recognition Day in March 2020. Wheeler closed by stating he had been re-elected as Staff Senate President for the next year.

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Chairman Ken Chestek provided an update on the progress toward planning an informational forum with the Office of Research and Economic Development. Chestek stated a special working group was established to review the UW regulation dealing with post tenure review. Chestek discussed Board interaction with shared governance focus groups during the March 2020 meeting. In response to inquiry from Trustee Dave True, Chestek reported there would be discussion to implement Take a Trustee to Class for the Fall 2020 semester.

Public Testimony [*Scheduled for Thursday, January 23, from 11:00-11:30 a.m.*]

Community member Tim Hale spoke regarding his disfavor with the planned demolition of Wyoming Hall. Community member Dr. Gary Linford spoke about the University of Wyoming's science program, its expansion, and his desire to allow for new science-based business in Laramie, Wyoming. Community member Pete Gardner expressed his disfavor with the recent sales of Lewis Street properties. He conveyed that he was frustrated with the Board's interpretation of Wyoming Statutes regarding eminent domain.

Committee of the Whole
Board Committee Reports

[Scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2:00 p.m.]

Liaison to Other Boards

- *UW Alumni Association Board* – Keener Fry

Keener Fry provided a written report prior to the meeting.

- *Foundation Board* – Jeff Marsh

Trustee Jeff Marsh and Trustee David Fall provided an update regarding funds available and matched for different on-campus groups. Trustee Fall stated the next quarterly meeting of the Foundation Board would take place in Houston, Texas on February 21, 2020.

- *Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources* – Michelle Sullivan

Trustee Michelle Sullivan reminded the Board Doug Wachob had assumed the role of Interim Dean of the Haub School. Trustee Sullivan reported on the status of January courses and provided an update on current student enrollment in the school and majoring in the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management degree.

- *Energy Resources Council* – Dave True

Trustee Dave True provided an update on the candidate interviews for Executive Director of the School of Energy Resources. Included in his update were details related to phase three of the carbon safe program; funding for engineering design for a flameless press demonstration power plan appears to be less than originally expected at \$75,000,000 requiring a \$12,000,000 match to go forward. Chairman True further stated that he and Richard Horner of SER testified to a group of legislatures at the Joint Appropriations Committee on January 11, 2020, and provided information concerning matching funds for the power plant referenced previously with the hope of receiving \$20,000,000 in support.

- *Cowboy Joe* – John McKinley

Trustee John McKinley reported that the Cowboy Joe club raised \$3,500,000 in calendar year 2019 compared to \$3,600,000 in calendar year 2018. Trustee McKinley stated that they ended the year with 4,148 Cowboy Joe Club members and that the 2020 membership drive had begun in Albany and Laramie counties. Trustee McKinley explained that the auction would begin February 1, 2020, followed by a series of events in Nevada and Phoenix. Trustee Brad Bonner commended Acting President Theobald on his comments at the Arizona Bowl Pep Rally.

OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN DURING MEETING

Trustee Michelle Sullivan provided an updated from the Honorary Degree Committee.

Approved 1-23-20 @ 4:44 p.m.
Honorary Degrees and Awards

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the UW Board of Trustees approve the award of Honorary Degrees as discussed in Executive Session. Trustee Macey Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 11:43 a.m.

November 13-15, 2019, Executive Session Minutes

Trustee Mel Baldwin moved approval of the Board of Trustee Executive Session Meeting Minutes for November 13-15, 2019. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion passed. Trustee Brad LaCroix abstained from the vote.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 11:44 a.m.

December 11, 2019, Public and Executive Session Minutes

Trustee Mel Baldwin moved approval of the Board of Trustee Meeting Public and Executive Session Minutes for the December 11, 2019, conference call. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion passed. Trustee Brad LaCroix abstained from the vote.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 11:55 a.m.

Litigation, Lee Publications

Trustee John McKinley moved to authorize General Counsel to proceed with the necessary legal proceedings, including filing of any Notice of Appeal, in the Lee Publications Inc. matter. Trustee Jeff Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 12:09 p.m.

Wyoming-Creighton Dental Education Program Agreement

Trustee Macey Moore moved to authorize administration to sign the Wyoming-Creighton Dental Program Agreement. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 12:10 p.m.

Wyoming-Nebraska Dental Education Program Agreement

Trustee Brad Bonner moved to authorize administration to sign the Wyoming-Nebraska Dental Program Agreement. Trustee Jeff Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 12:11 p.m.

Hess Corporation and Halliburton Corporation Research Agreement

Trustee Dick Scarlett moved to authorize administration to sign the forthcoming research agreement between Hess Corporation, Halliburton Corporation, and the University of Wyoming. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 12:13 p.m.

Contracts and Grants Report

Trustee David Fall moved to approve the Contracts and Grants Report as presented to the Board. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 12:14 p.m.

Personnel Report

Trustee Jeff Marsh moved to approve the personnel report as presented to the Board. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Approved 1-24-20 @ 12:16 p.m.

WYDENT Student Contract Amendment

Trustee Mel Baldwin moved to allow administration to execute an amendment to the WYDENT repayment contract to allow for the part-time dental practice and pursuits identified by the former WYDENT student to qualify for proportional dental loan cancellation. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. Trustee Jeff Marsh moved to table the motion until the March 2020 meeting. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

New Business

Date of Next Meeting

February 19, 2020 (conference call)

Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Executive Session Information

[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Thursday, January 23, and Friday, January 24, 2020 in Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, Salons D&E]

Executive Session I

Thursday, January 23, 2020

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, Salons D&E

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- 1) Receiving information classified as confidential by law under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ix);
- 2) Consideration of the appointment, employment, right to practice or dismissal of a public employee under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii); and
- 3) Consideration of the acceptance of gifts, donations and bequests which the donor has requested in writing to be kept confidential under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(viii).

The Executive Session was attended by the 12 voting members of the Trustees, ex-officio trustees, and UW administrators and staff as appropriate. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:13 a.m.

Trustees participating: Mel Baldwin, Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown, David Fall, Brad LaCroix, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (via teleconference), Dick Scarlett, Michelle Sullivan, and Dave True. Ex-officio Trustees participating: University of Wyoming Acting President Neil Theobald (via teleconference), ASUW President Jason Wilkins, and Executive Director for Wyoming Community College Commission Sandy Caldwell. State Superintendent of

Public Instruction Jillian Balow was not in attendance; Wyoming Department of Education Director of Communications Kari Eakins attended on her behalf. Governor Mark Gordon was not attendance; Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf.

Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans, UW Board of Trustees Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London, and IT Specialist Lisa Stafford attended the entirety of the meeting. The following administrators were in attendance during their respective topics: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Kate Miller, Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal, College of Health Sciences Dean David Jones, Athletic Director Tom Burman, and Dr. Mohammad Piri.

Executive Session II
Friday, January 24, 2020
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). The Executive Session was attended by the 12 voting members of the Trustees, ex-officio trustees, and UW administrators and staff as appropriate. Trustee Mel Baldwin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 9:21 a.m.

Trustees participating: Mel Baldwin, Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown, David Fall, Brad LaCroix, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (via teleconference), Dick Scarlett, Michelle Sullivan, and Dave True.

Ex-officio Trustees participating: ASUW President Jason Wilkins and Executive Director for Wyoming Community College Commission Sandy Caldwell (via teleconference) were in attendance. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow, University of Wyoming Acting President Neil Theobald participated via teleconference, and Governor Mark Gordon were not attendance.

Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans, outside Counsel Rob Jarosh, Hirst Applegate, Interim Vice President of Community Affairs Chris Boswell, UW Board of Trustees Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London, and IT Specialist Lisa Stafford attended the entirety of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London
Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees



Rachel Weis
Senior Administrative Assistant

