

UW Boards and Councils: *An Update*

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UW has ~ 60 permanent boards and councils that have non-university employees or trustee members, including:

- Boards with fiduciary authority
 - UW Board of Trustees
- Boards established by state statute, for example
 - Energy Resources Council
 - Wyoming State Vet Lab Advisory Council
- Advisory boards, for example
 - College advisory boards



Boards with Fiduciary Authority

UW Board of Trustees

- W.S. 21-17-2 creates the board as a “**body corporate**” to establish by-laws and regulations for the governing of the university
 - *The trustees act as a single entity*
 - *The board is committed to the university as a whole rather than to any of its parts*
 - *The board balances the claims of multiple internal and external constituencies*
 - *The board avoids micromanagement but assesses professional performance and institutional effectiveness*



Trustee service on other boards

- *Members of the Board of Trustees serve on other UW boards, in some cases as ex-officio members and in other cases as regular voting members.*
- *How can the trustee role of strategic oversight be compatible with service on other boards and councils?*



Boards established by state statute

- UW Board of Trustees
- Energy Resources Council
- Clean Coal Task Force
- Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission
- Wyoming State Veterinary Lab Advisory Council



Boards established by federal regulation

- Institutional Review Board
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
- EPSCoR State Committee
- Wyoming Small Business Development Center Advisory Board



Boards formed by UW

- Foundation Board
- College, Department and Unit Advisory Boards
- Research and Extension advisory boards
- Presidential Committees
- UW Alumni Association
- Student Media Board
- UWYO Magazine External Advisory Board
- ...and many others



Boards with trustee membership

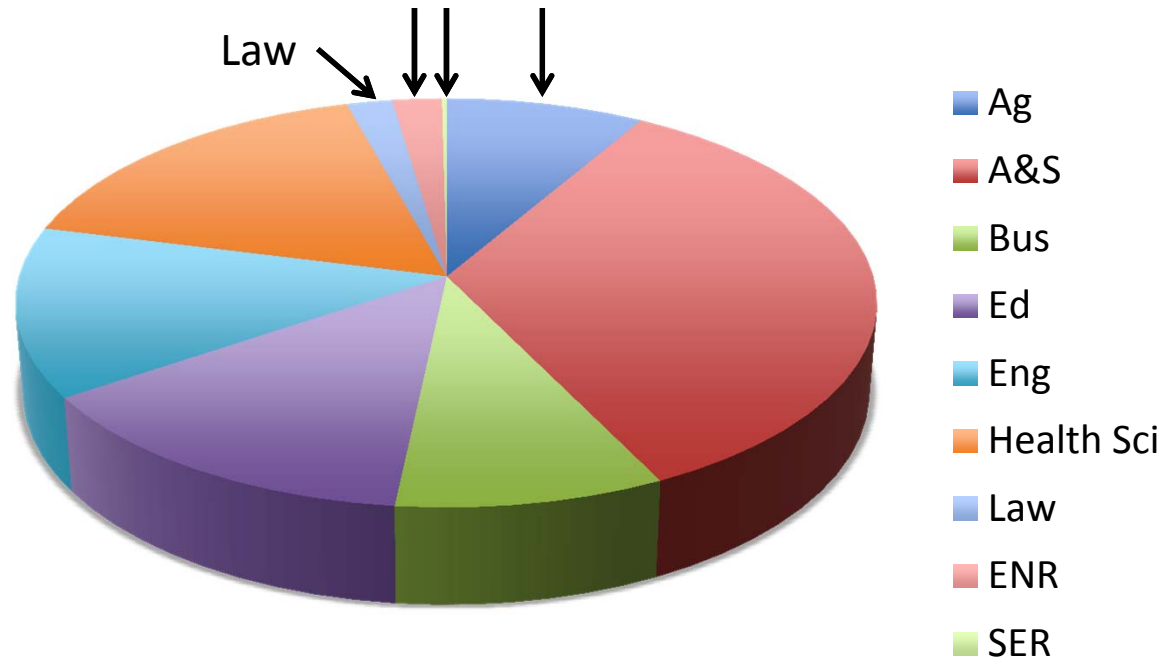
- UW Board of Trustees All*
- Foundation Board Davis, Bostrom
- UW Alumni Association Marsh, Lauer
- Energy Resources Council Palmerlee
- Clean Coal Task Force Palmerlee
- Ag Dean's advisory board Neiman*
- ENR Board Davis*
- EORI Commission Fear*
- International Board of Advisors Bostrom*
- American Heritage Center Board Mead*
- Law Dean's Advisory & Alumni Board Lauer*
- Chief Washakie Memorial Awards Comm. Trospers*

* = voting member



Trustees on college and school boards

Trustee representation: SENR SER Ag



Size of college/school by number of majors

(87% of majors are in colleges without trustee representation)



Point to consider

Consequences of trustee membership on college and program boards:

- Unit potentially benefits from increased influence
- Board can transmit comments directly to highest level via trustee member, potentially bypassing dean or director



Questions

Which boards should include trustees?

- as ex-officio members?
- as regular voting members?

Are there principles by which we choose these boards?

How are the individual trustees chosen for these boards?



Questions

How long is the term for trustee service on boards?

- Short terms help trustees become familiar with units
- Long terms allow trustees become experts

What is the role of trustee on a board?

- Advocate for the unit?
- Information gatherer for the Board of Trustees?

