

Trustee service on other UW Boards and Councils: *Some options*

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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 avoids micromanagement while*
 - *assessing professional performance and institutional effectiveness, and*
 - *providing guidance on major directions for the advancement of UW’s mission*



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.*
- *This service:*
 - *Must not interfere with trustee's proportionate consideration for all aspects of the university*
 - *Has the potential for perception of undue influence on the part of a trustee*



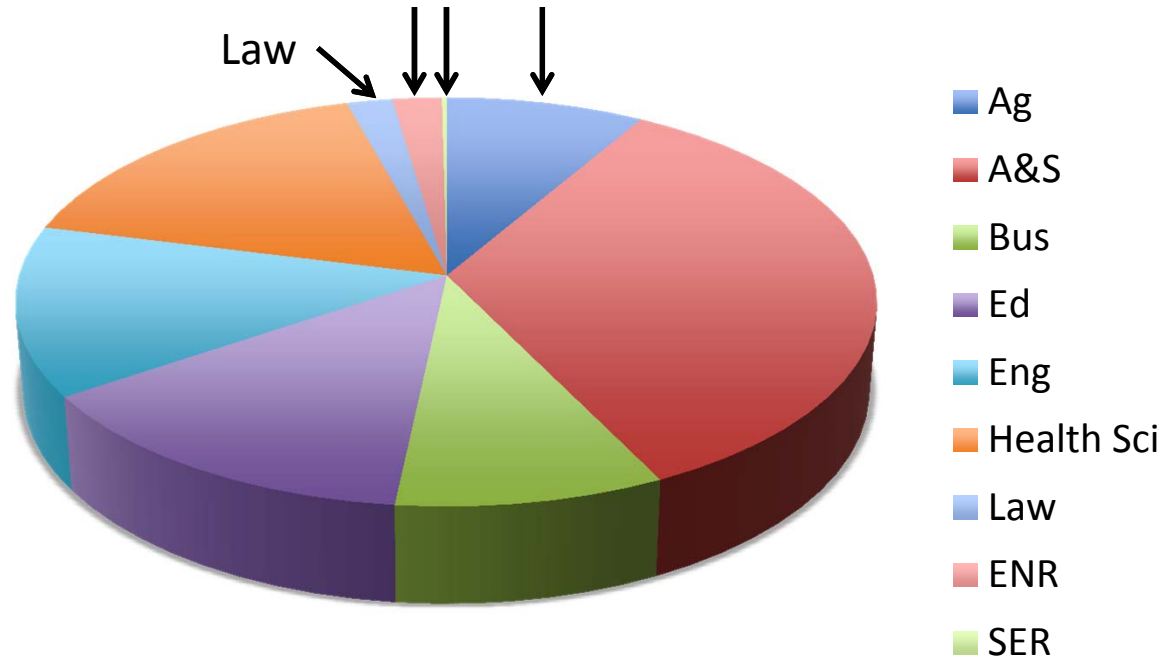
Current trustee service on other boards

Board	Trustee role	Current trustee members
Foundation Board	<i>Ex-officio</i> member	Davis and Bostrom
Ag Dean's Advisory Board	Regular member	Neiman
Law Dean's Advisory Board	Regular member	Lauer
Energy Resources Council	<i>Ex-officio</i> member	Palmerlee
Clean Coal Task Force	<i>Ex-officio</i> member	Palmerlee
ENR Board	Regular member	Davis
EORI Commission	Regular member	Fear
International Bd of Advisors	Regular member	Bostrom
American Heritage Center Bd	Regular member	Mead
UW Alumni Association	<i>Ex-officio</i> member	Marsh and Lauer
Chief Washakie Memorial Awards Committee	Regular member	Trosper



Boards of UW colleges and schools:

Trustee representation: SENR SER Ag



Size of college/school by number of majors

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



Proposed best practices:

- Trustees serve in *ex-officio* capacity on other boards associated with UW
- Trustees on the Foundation Board participate as representatives of the Board of Trustees
- Trustees consider one of two options:
 - *Trustees avoid serving on other UW boards except where required by statute or by-laws approved by UW President and/or Board of Trustees, or*
 - *Trustees serve as ex-officio members on all major boards associated with UW.*



Proposed best practices:

If trustees choose to serve as ex-officio members on all major boards associated with UW:

- *Short (1-year) terms will help board members become familiar with many different units*
- *Short terms limit the potential for trustees to be seen as advocates for these units*

On which of the more than 50 boards should trustees choose to sit?

- *7 college boards + SER + ENR*
- *Libraries, AHC, Art Museum, International Programs*
- *Research, Student Affairs, External Rel., Athletics*



Proposed best practices:

If trustees choose to serve as ex-officio members on all major boards associated with UW:

- *Each trustee may need to sit on more than one board in order to provide proportionate consideration for all academic areas and UW divisions.*

