

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, December 6, 2013

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**Friday, December 6, 2013
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Coe Library, room 506
Laramie, Wyoming**

AGENDA

Call to Order	1
Roll Call	1
Executive Session (Personnel and Real Property)	1
Public Session	
1. Action Related to Personnel (<i>following discussion during Executive Session</i>)	
Trustee Bostrom.....	1
2. Governor’s Budget Recommendation Briefing, Boswell	1
Adjournment	2

Call to Order

Board President Trustee Dave Bostrom called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:23 a.m. and met until 2:27 p.m. Public session of the Board meeting resumed at 2:41 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2014.

Roll Call

University Board of Trustees Secretary John MacPherson took roll. Members participating included: Trustees Dave Bostrom, Dick Davis, Betty Fear, Larry Gubbels, Warren Lauer, John MacPherson, Jeff Marsh, Brad Mead (phone), Dave Palmerlee, Dave True (phone), Wava Tully, and Howard Willson (phone). Ex-officio Trustees UW Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs serving the duties as president Dick McGinity, ASUW President Brett Kahler, and Wyoming State Superintendent for Public Instruction Cindy Hill were in attendance. Ex-officio Trustee Governor Matt Mead was not in attendance; Mary Kay Hill, Education Policy Advisor to the Governor, participated on his behalf. Ex-Officio Trustee Director for Wyoming Department of Education Richard Crandall was not in attendance.

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Following a short break, the Board resumed public session at 2:41 p.m.

Public Session

1. Action Related to Personnel (*following discussion during Executive Session*) Trustee Bostrom
2. Governor’s Budget Recommendation Briefing, Boswell

Trustee Bostrom informed the Board that the topic, “Governor’s Budget Recommendation Briefing” from Chris Boswell would not be held at this time due to time constraints of the Board and participation in commencement related activities. Vice President Boswell would send the materials to the Board for review.

Regarding the other topic, “Action Related to Personnel (*following discussion during Executive Session*)” Trustee MacPerson moved the appointment of Dick McGinity as interim president of the University of Wyoming to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees and to be memorialized by a letter of agreement subject to Board approval.

Trustee Marsh seconded the motion. There was discussion by the Board.

Trustee Lauer stated that he will be voting in favor of this motion, but to make sure the Board understands his position that he does not want to see this process move too quickly. He stated that it is imperative that the Board accept this motion and return to greater stability at the University in light of the departure of Robert Sternberg. The University has a lot to protect and has a lot of great faculty and staff.

Trustee Mead stated that he would be voting against this motion. He expressed his appreciation for Dr. McGinity’s leadership and stated that he feels confident that Dr. McGinity will continue to do a good job. Trustee Mead commented that this is a serious enough matter that the topic should be deferred until the January 2014 Board of Trustees meeting instead of making a decision just

three weeks after the departure of former President Robert Sternberg. Trustee Mead again expressed his gratitude to Dr. McGinity and confidence in his abilities.

State Superintendent Cindy Hill stated that she agreed with Trustee Mead, and noted that even though she does not have a vote, she wanted to express her concerns to the Board. Superintendent Hill commented that she is concerned the Board of Trustees would lose credibility if they did not follow the open process in search for the president.

Trustee Palmerlee stated that he will support the motion and in doing so notes his strong support for Dick McGinity by the faculty and Faculty Senate Executive committee and by the motion statement made by the Deans and Directors. Trustee Palmerlee also expressed his strong support for him personally, commenting on his friendship with Dr. McGinity as the positive comments he has received about him from folks around the state.

Trustee Fear called for vote. Board Secretary John MacPherson took roll call vote.

<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Bostrom, Dave	Yes
Davis, Dick	Yes
Fear, Betty	Yes
Gubbels, Larry	Yes
Lauer, Warren	Yes
MacPherson, John	Yes
Marsh, Jeff	Yes
Mead, Brad	No
Palmerlee, Dave	Yes
True, Dave	Yes
Tully, Wava	Yes
Willson, Howard	No

The motion passed with majority decision of 10 to 2.

Trustee Bostrom thanked the Board for their participation and consideration.

There was no further business to come before the Board.

Adjournment

Board of Trustees President Dave Bostrom adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Sanchez
Deputy Secretary, Board of Trustees