

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES
Conference Call Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2016

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8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.**

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Old Main Boardroom

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees held a conference call on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Trustee President Dave Palmerlee called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Deputy Secretary for the Board Shannon Sanchez took roll. Trustees participating included: Mel Baldwin, Dave Bostrom, John MacPherson, Jeff Marsh, Mike Massie, John McKinley, Dave Palmerlee, Michelle Sullivan, Dave True, and Wava Tully. Ex-officio Trustees President Dick McGinity (in room), and ASUW President Brian Schueler (in room) were in attendance. State Superintendent for Public Instruction Jillian Balow was not in attendance; Chief Academic Officer Brent Bacon participated on her behalf. Ex-officio Trustees Governor Matt Mead and Wyoming Community College Commission Director Jim Rose were not in attendance. Trustee Bostrom moved to enter executive session for legal and personnel matters. Trustee McKinley seconded. All trustees were in favor. The Board entered executive session at 8:06 a.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:54 a.m. Deputy Secretary of the Board Shannon Sanchez took roll again and all the same members were present. The trustees discussed various matters such as the presidential search, updates of facility projects throughout campus, and honorary degrees. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Legislators' Day Reminder**, McKinley

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
 Education Session
 Information Item
 Other Specify:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee McKinley provided an update on the agenda for Legislators' Day, as well as an update on the legislative session. He shared the agenda for Legislators' Day and urged trustees to attend if they were able. Trustee McKinley then shared a brief summary of the legislative session. He noted the House and Senate both began discussing the budget bills and that faculty and administrators involved in the Science Initiative visited with legislators last week. Trustee McKinley noted that Athletic Director Tom Burman and Head Football Coach Craig Bohl also visited with legislators last week regarding the \$8 million in matching funds for Athletics. He noted that there were several amendments to the budget bill that would affect UW, but it would take the legislature a while to work through the details of the budget bill.

Trustee Massie commented that he thought there were also 2-3 other bills that pertained to UW moving through the legislature. He noted that one of the bills provided for an external oversight committee for the UW medical education program. He noted he wanted to make the Board aware of this. There was further discussion on this proposed bill, as well as discussion regarding the WWAMI legislative luncheon that was occurring later in the day.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Presidential Transition**, McGinity

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
 Education Session
 Information Item
 Other Specify:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

UW President Dick McGinity updated the Board on the presidential transition process. He noted that several administrators had visited incoming president Dr. Laurie Nichols in South Dakota, and she had visited UW as well. He noted that Dr. Nichols had met with all the vice presidents except for the General Counsel. UW President McGinity noted that Dr. Nicholas was in the process of meeting with all of the deans. He noted that Dr. Nichols would be arriving on campus that Friday, February 19, 2016, and would be attending Legislators' Day as part of her visit. He added that Deputy Secretary Shannon Sanchez, Executive Administrative Assistant Debbie Martinez, and Senior Administrative Assistant Laura Shevling had been doing an excellent job of coordinating her schedule and arranging meetings. He noted that one of his highest priorities was that Dr. Nichols would assume her position as president in a prepared manner, and he stated there had been discussion between President McGinity and Dr. Nichols regarding her starting in May.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Approval of Honorary Degree Recommendations**, McGinity

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- Work Session
- Education Session
- Information Item
- Other Specify: Item for Approval

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

UW President McGinity noted there was discussion of the four candidates for honorary degrees during executive session and there was a need for action on the part of the Board.

Trustee Mike Massie moved that UW extend honorary degrees to the four nominees discussed in executive session and that their names be released to public after the candidates had accepted the honorary degrees. Trustee Dave Bostrom seconded. All trustees were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Approval of Revision to UW Regulation 7-620**, Miller

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- Work Session
- Education Session
- Information Item
- Other Specify: Item for Approval

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President and General Counsel Rick Miller noted this was a clean-up of a UW Regulation. He noted these regulations related to the UW Outreach School, and the Outreach school had updated this regulation. Vice President and General Counsel Miller noted that as long as there were no legal issues, colleges were responsible for their own government.

Trustee Dick Scarlett asked why one of the sentences on the first paragraph was not complete. Vice President Miller noted that the sentence continued about half way down the page after the removed language.

Trustee Mike Massie moved adoption of the changes. Trustee Jeff Marsh seconded. All trustees were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Facilities Projects Updates, Mai**

- Approval of the naming of the “Mick and Susie McMurry High Altitude Performance Center,” in accordance with UW Reg 2-1 – Palmerlee
- Approval of Engineering Building Exterior Design – Mai/MacPherson
- Approval of Arena Auditorium Phase 2 – Mai/MacPherson (*combined during work session with approval of the Engineering Building Exterior Design*)

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Approval of the naming of the “Mick and Susie McMurry High Altitude Performance Center,” in accordance with UW Reg 2-1

Trustee John McKinley noted that pursuant to UW regulations, the UW Board of Trustees was charged with naming buildings. Trustee McKinley moved that the proposed new RAC 2.0 building be named the “Mick and Susie McMurry High Altitude Performance Center”, and the original Rochelle Athletics Center (RAC), retain its name.

Trustee McKinley further noted that this motion solely named the building. It did not address recognition and signage. The Exterior Design Architectural Committee for the RAC 2.0 would also be charged with working with the architect regarding all recognition and signage on the exterior of the RAC 2.0 building or the grounds surrounding the RAC 2.0 building. The Exterior Design Architectural Committee would proceed with making its final recommendation regarding all exterior recognition and signage on the exterior of the RAC 2.0 building or the grounds surrounding the RAC 2.0 building to the Board’s Facility Committee for consideration by the full Board of Trustees.

Trustee Massie stated that in looking across the landscape of the University, observers have a rich feeling for the various people who have contributed to the University over the years. He noted the McMurrys’ had been wonderful, not necessarily just for the funding of this building, but for all the giving they had done over the years. He stated that he strongly supported this motion and wanted to note that those were the reasons he was supporting it. Trustee Massie expressed hope that the University would not begin a policy of placing a price tag on naming rights. He wished to make clear his support for the motion was because these two people deserved it.

Trustee True agreed with Trustee Massie’s statement. He asked Vice President for Institutional Advancement Ben Blalock if there was a guideline or standard policy regarding naming rights and financial donations.

Vice President Blalock responded that the Foundation worked closely with the President's Office, General Counsel, and the McMurry Foundation when naming the building. He explained that the guidelines historically had been half of the cost of the facility, but these guidelines had not always been followed closely. He shared that several other family members and friends had pledged to match the McMurrys' donation in their honor. He noted that the Foundation talked closely with Old Main during this process, and those involved felt the \$6 million donation was a significant amount for the naming.

Trustee McKinley then spoke regarding Trustee True's question about a policy regarding naming rights and added that the only one that he was aware of was the UW regulations, which did not detail specifics with regards to a naming contribution amount; rather, this regulation only noted that Trustees were charged with naming the buildings. He would concur with historical practices, but added that there were no specific policies or guidelines that he was aware of regarding this topic.

Trustee Marsh agreed with Trustee McKinley and felt that it was the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to formalize a policy on this topic. Trustee McKinley noted that Trustee Marsh's request was separate and apart from the motion on the table.

Trustee True requested clarification on where the guideline/regulation/policy that Vice President Blalock was referencing came from. Vice President Blalock responded that the guideline was put in place by former President Dubois a number of years ago. He added that the Foundation had always asked for approval and that the historical discussions had guided the Foundation.

Trustee True noted his support for this motion, adding that he only wanted to make sure that he understood the relevant history and perspective. Trustee Massie asked if the Board would consider the facilities committee developing a policy as the Board moved forward.

Trustee Marsh supported Trustee Massie's recommendation. He also expressed his support for the motion on the floor, and recognized that the Board needed to take Trustee Massie's comments under advisement and consider them at a later date. Trustee President Palmerlee noted the Board would address this.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. All trustees were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee MacPherson did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

Approval of Engineering Building Exterior Design and Area Auditorium Phase 2

Trustee MacPherson informed the Board that the exterior design for the Engineering Building had been approved by the exterior design and facilities committee. He explained there was a reconfiguration of the footprint, but not the entire design for the Engineering Building. He noted that the feeling of the committee was that since there were no modifications of the design, they did not need to send the changes back to the exterior design committee.

Trustee MacPherson noted that the Area Auditorium Phase 2 building had gone through three separate design recommendations. It was sent back to the exterior design committee and approved when they met earlier in the week.

Trustee MacPherson moved to approve both the Engineering and Arena Auditorium design; the motion was seconded by Trustee Mike Massie. The motion passed with Trustee Gubbels opposed.

Adjournment

There was discussion regarding the meeting dates for the March Board meeting, and Trustee President Palmerlee noted that the meeting would occur on March 23 and 24 and would not carry over into March 25, 2016, as this was Good Friday.

Trustee President Dave Palmerlee adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Sanchez
Deputy Secretary, Board of Trustees



Laura Shevling
Senior Administrative Assistant