

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

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TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING AGENDA
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Conference Call Meeting
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, Boyd Conference Room

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The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees held a conference call on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Trustee President Dave True called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Director and Deputy Secretary for the Board of Trustees Shannon Polk took roll.

Trustees participating included: Mel Baldwin, Dave Bostrom, Kermit Brown, David Fall, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Dick Scarlett, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, Michelle Sullivan, Dave True, and Wava Tully. Ex-officio Trustees UW President Laurie Nichols (on call), ASUW President Seth Jones (in room), and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow was not in attendance (on call) were in attendance. Ex-officio Trustees Governor Matt Mead and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy Caldwell were not in attendance.

The trustees entered executive session for the purposes of *Confidential Information, Litigation, Real Estate, and Personnel* at 8:06 a.m. and returned to public session at 8:38 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Consideration and Action: November 14-16, 2018, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes (public session & executive session), True

SESSION TYPE:

- Work Session
- Education Session
- Information Item
- Other:
[Committee of the Whole – Items for Approval]

APPLIES TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Yes (select below):
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- No [Regular Business]

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Approved 12-12-18 @ 8:41 a.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Trustee Baldwin moved the UW Board of Trustees approve the November 14-16, 2018 public session meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes as presented to the trustees. Trustee Bostrom seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Consideration and Action: Approval of contracts, agreements, and procurements, Whaley

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Approved 12-12-18 @ 8:42 a.m.

Contracts, Agreements, and Procurements

Trustee Fall moved to approve Administration to execute the list of contracts, agreements, and procurements as provided to the Board. Trustee Bostrom seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Consideration and Action: Personnel, Miller/Benham-Deal

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Approved 12-12-18 @ 8:42 a.m.

Personnel – Standard Report

Trustee Sullivan moved to approve the personnel standard report as provided to the Board. Trustee Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Consideration and Action: CMAR for Science Initiative, McKinley/Theobald/Kibbon

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Approved 12-12-18 @ 8:44 a.m.

CMAR for Science Initiative

Trustee McKinley moved to authorize UW Administration to enter into contract negotiations with GE Johnson Construction of Wyoming as the CMAR for the Science Initiative project. Trustee Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Consideration and Action: Campus Master Plan Consultant Selection, McKinley/Theobald/Kibbon

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Approved 12-12-18 @ 8:45 a.m.

Campus Master Plan Consultant Selection

Trustee McKinley moved to authorize the UW Administration to enter into contract negotiations with SASKI for the University of Wyoming Campus Master Plan. Trustee Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Consideration and Action: Union Visioning Study Consultant Selection, McKinley/Theobald/Kibbon

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Trustee McKinley explained that the Facilities Committee had decided that additional information would be helpful to further the decision and process, and that this topic would be revisited in January 2019 and they would follow up with the Board then.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Consideration and Action: Science Initiative Site Clearing Change Order, McKinley/Theobald/Kibbon

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Approved 12-12-18 @ 8:47 a.m.

Science Initiative Site Clearing Change Order

Trustee McKinley moved to authorize the UW Administration to execute a change order to Stone House Inc. in the amount of \$67,821 for the Science Initiative Site preparation work. Trustee Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Consideration and Action: EOG Lease, McKinley/Theobald/Kibbon

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Approved 12-12-18 @ 8:48 a.m.

EOG Lease

Trustee McKinley moved to authorize the UW Administration to negotiate and enter into a lease with EOG under the terms discussed in Executive Session. Trustee Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Information: WyoCloud HCM Update, Scarlett/Durr

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Trustee Scarlett explained that the payroll system had turned out to be the most complex aspect of WyoCloud, and that the “Go Live” date had been moved to April 21, 2019. He noted that they were rolling out a new performance module in January, and that January 3-January 22, 2019 would be used as blackout dates for hiring.

Provost Kate Miller explained why the payroll was not there yet. She noted that the Steering Committee had recommended implementing all of the other modules. She added that they were concerned about the performance module. Trustee True noted that this was important and needed to be right.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Information: Legislative Priorities and Strategy, Brown/Asay

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Interim Director of Governmental Affairs Meredith Asay noted that this report was typically given in January but was being provided at this time because of the scheduling. She provided a preview of the expectation for the Legislative Session. She noted that Governor Matt Mead had recommended almost all of the University's requests, but the funding that he recommended was a bit different than expected. Interim Director Asay went through the supplemental budget and the Governor's recommendations. She noted that he had recommended \$2.5 million go to UW for compensation increases, which was in line with what he had done for state employees.

Interim Director Asay outlined the schedule for Thursday, December 13, 2018 and the meeting between the University and the Joint Appropriations Committee. She also outlined the Legislative Session which would begin on January 8, 2019 and last 35 days and the last day would be February 27, 2019. She explained why the session was shorter than usual. Interim Director Asay noted that they were expecting legislation on housing, public records, and the Family Medical Residency program. She added that overall, it had been a great interim. Interim Director Asay noted that they would monitor what was happening with the Community Colleges and that the Senate would need to confirm some appointments including some of the Trustees.

Trustee Scarlett noted his disappointment with the placement of housing on the Legislative Session agenda. He added that he thought it should be of more importance. Trustee McKinley explained that the Housing Task Force had finalized their final report and it had been circulated to the legislature. He noted that the result was the recommendation to the Legislature to recognize the urgency of replacement housing, and the outline of several recommendations regarding funding.

Trustee McKinley noted that there needed to be further authorization for the funding because of the price and that it would be discussed in detail with the JAC. He added that part of the UW Housing Campus Master Plan would deal with issues involving student life. Trustee Scarlett inquired if they should consider going through both the State and the private public partnership for funding. Trustee McKinley noted that the task force had kept those options open.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Blockchain Update, Brown/Asay

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Interim Director Asay provided background on the Blockchain process. She explained that a Task Force had been created and met throughout the interim, and that they had requested Department Head of Computer Sciences Jim Caldwell to create a proposal. She noted that because the timing did not align, they did not get to discuss it with the Board before, and that the Blockchain Chairmen had sent a letter in November to look at the proposal. Interim Director Asay explained that this was outside of the typical budget request process.

Department Head Caldwell provided his presentation on the Blockchain program. He explained that the proposal was for four faculty members to be supported by state funding; two from Computer Sciences, one from Finance, and one from Econ. Department Head Caldwell explained that they would form the core of the Blockchain program. He noted that with the legislation passed in the past year, there was more interest in diversifying the economy into technology, and that this was an important program for that. Trustee Brown added that the funding for this was tricky because it could not encroach on the block grant. He noted that this would be discussed with the JAC.

Trustee Marsh noted that he was uncomfortable because of all the unknowns. Trustee Fall noted that this was an incredible opportunity, but that it would need to go to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and then be brought back to the Board. Trustee True explained that it would go along that route, but they did not need to delay the letter.

Approved 12-12-18 @ 9:22 a.m.

Blockchain Letter

Trustee Brown moved for Trustee True as President of the Board of Trustees to sign and send the Blockchain letter to the Chairmen of the Blockchain Task Force. Trustee Scarlett seconded the motion. Interim Director for Governmental Affairs Meredith Asay noted that there was a sentence in the letter that could be softened. Trustee Brown moved to amend his motion in that respect. The motion passed with a majority decision; Trustee Marsh voted against.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Gifts, Donations, and Bequests, Marsh

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Approved 12-12-18 @ 9:24 a.m.

Gifts, Donations, and Bequests

Trustee Marsh moved to authorize University Administration to refund and payments made pursuant to the Pledge Agreements signed by Tony Cercy, dated June 26, 2015 and April 29, 2016, for the benefit of the High Altitude Performance Center and to instruct the UW Foundation to cancel the Pledge Agreement dated April 29, 2016, which supersedes the Agreement dated June 26, 2015, and to not accept any further payments pursuant to the Agreement. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Other Business, True

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Trustee True noted that there was a delay in the education training and it was being pushed back to the February 2019 conference call. Trustee Sullivan explained why it was being pushed back.

ASUW President Seth Jones announced his resignation from his position of ASUW President. He explained that it was for his personal development and the betterment of ASUW. He noted his appreciation for getting to know the Board members and the administrators, and thanked them all for the opportunity.

Trustee True thanked AUSW President Jones for his time and effort in the position, and wished him the best in the future.

Next Meeting

Trustee True noted that the next meeting would be January 23-25, 2019.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Polk
Managing Director and Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees