**MEMORANDUM**

To: University of Wyoming Board of Trustees

From: University of Wyoming Foundation

Re: Liaison Report for September 2020 meeting

Date: September 9, 2020

Thank you for this opportunity to update you on the activities of the UW Foundation through our liaison officers, Trustees Marsh and Fall. Please see below.

***YTD PHILANTHROPY***

As reflected in the 2021 monthly giving report through August, year-to-date private support to UW is $7,500,330 in large part due to a recent legacy gift of $4.8 million from the estate of Don Boyd, a longtime UW faculty member in the geology department. However, the lasting impact of COVID-19 on private giving activities in the coming year is uncertain. During the past fiscal year private support held steady despite the pandemic and resulting economic shifts. The UW Foundation raised a total of $43.6 million in FY20, surpassing the previous year’s $41.6 million private giving total. This brings the university’s five-year annual fundraising average to more than $50 million.

In the near-term, the UW Foundation will be working closely with the president, interim provost, and academic deans and division heads to set fundraising priorities for the current year.

***BOARD MEETINGS***

Due to COVID-19 and the temporary pause of on-campus operations, the UW Foundation Board conducted fall board meetings via remote technology on September 11-12. The board reviewed investment, real estate, financial services, legal and government affairs, and development business during the two-day session. Additionally, President Ed Seidel updated the board on campus activities concerning COVID-19 and budget discussions. The president also outlined the framework for his vision for building a 21st century land-grand university true to the roots of Wyoming.

The winter UW Foundation Board Meeting is set for February 11-12, 2021 with San Diego as the tentative location for a face-to-face session. As more information regarding the pandemic becomes available each day, the UW Foundation will adjust meeting plans accordingly.

***UW GIVING DAY***

The university’s annual Giving Day will be held earlier than in previous years as the result of the pandemic and an amended semester schedule. The 2020 Giving Day is scheduled for November 12-13, noon to noon. In 2019, Giving Day yielded $1.6 million from 1,100 donors for 85 different areas on campus.

***STEWARDSHIP***

The UW Foundation will be distributing the 2020 Annual Report on Giving in September to alumni, friends, and donors. This year’s report to endowment donors will include a new process featuring letters of gratitude from college deans and academic leaders, describing the impact of their giving on UW’s students, faculty, and programs. With this publication and all communications, the UW Foundation’s priorities continue to center on prudent investment management and appropriate donor communication, as exceptional stewardship will ultimately raise more support for UW.

***ROCHELLE GATEWAY FACILITY***

In keeping with other facilities on campus, the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway is currently closed to the public. We have restricted use by staff as appropriate and the Gateway facilities crew is on a heightened cleaning and sanitization protocol. All public space activities have been canceled in the facility for the immediate future.