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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

April 13, 2022
Public Session

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Via Video Conference
Old Main Board Room, Laramie, Wyoming**

WORK SESSIONS

Consideration and Action: 2022 Summer COVID-19 Campus Plan – Seidel/Jones

Notice: Revisions to the Bylaws of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming – Marsh/Evans

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The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees held a conference call on Wednesday morning, April 13, 2022. Trustee Chairman Jeff Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London took roll.

Trustees participating: Trustees Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown, David Fall, Elizabeth Greenwood, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, Michelle Sullivan, and Dave True. Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Hunter Swilling, and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Brian Schroeder. Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy were not present. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on Governor Gordon's behalf.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Summer 2022 COVID-19 Plan, Seidel/Jones

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

UW President Ed Seidel discussed the ongoing mitigation efforts in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. President Seidel discussed the *Summer 2022 COVID-19 Campus Plan*, highlighting proposed changes to the UW testing program recommended for discontinuance on May 14, 2022. President Seidel clarified that diagnostic testing will be available to students through Student Health Services, and that employees are advised to procure home testing kits at local pharmacies, retail stores, or healthcare providers. President Seidel went on to state administration proposes to sunset the public COVID-19 dashboard, and that the COVID-19 Hub will no longer track positive test results, or conduct contact tracing. President Seidel went on to state that quarantine and isolation housing will still be available for students in the residence halls. President Seidel stated that vaccines will remain required for employees of UW's Early Care and Education Center (ECEC) and healthcare entities, with available religious and medical exemption, however ECEC employees can no longer test in lieu of vaccinations. President Seidel concluded stating the proposed *Summer 2022 COVID-19 Campus Plan* provided that masks are recommended (but not required) across campus, and federal law will be followed related to mask use on public transportation. President Seidel stated the Advisory Committee's recommendation with which he agrees, is that masks should be required in UW healthcare settings, even though it is not required by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), or the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH).

Members of the Board requested clarification on the recommendations related to the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) as outlined in the proposed plan. Vice President and General Counsel explained the recommendations correlated with the discontinuance of the university's testing program, further noting that requiring vaccines for ECEC employees is not a federal requirement. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato discussed the availability of home COVID-19 tests for those who choose to or are unable to take a vaccine. In response to inquiry from Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood, Evans stated there are several ECEC employees that have been utilizing the testing option in lieu of vaccination. In response to inquiry from Trustee Jeff Marsh, College of Health Sciences Dean David Jones stated the advisory committee focused on mask recommendations and did not discuss the vaccine requirement. Trustee Jeff Marsh stated a desire the university align with CDC guidelines which do not set rules for K-12 or childcare centers. Jones discussed ECEC's difficulty maintaining staffing levels due to COVID-19 positive staff. Trustee David Fall expressed interest in being consistent with CDC guidelines.

The Board recessed at 8:44 a.m. and was called back to order at 8:50 a.m.

Summer 2022 COVID-19 Plan

Approved 04-13-2022 @ 8:50 a.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board approve the COVID-19 plan with the following changes:

Page 8 – Clarify that masks are only recommended indoors when the community is at a high transmission level;

Page 8 – Modify to require masks indoors while in UW healthcare settings; and

Page 15 – Remove requirement for vaccines for Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) employees.

Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Notice of Modifications to Bylaws of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming, Marsh

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In response to Board action at the March 2022 meeting related to the elimination of a number of Trustees Committees, the Board considered the notice of modification to the Bylaws of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming. The bylaws will be presented to the Board for consideration and action at the May 2022 meeting. There was no Board discussion.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Modifications to the Trustees Annual Schedule of Items to Approve, Discuss or Report, Marsh

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Trustees Annual Schedule of Items to Approve, Discuss or Report was created in May 2018 and are attached to the Bylaws of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming. Modification to the Trustees Annual Schedule of Items to Approve, Discuss or Report was last considered in August 2021. The schedule will be presented to the Board for final consideration and action at the May 2022 meeting. Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Kyle Moore discussed topics related to enrollment management. There was no Board discussion.

OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

Approval of Minutes

Approved 04-13-2022 @ 8:19 a.m.

Trustee David Fall moved the Board approve the public and executive session minutes of the March 23-25, 2022, UW Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous decision.

Zeiss Xradia Versa 610 Quote (Molecular Biology)

Approved 04-13-2022 @ 8:56 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Zeiss Xradia Versa 610 Quote as presented. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

UW President Ed Seidel discussed the collaborative use of the unique scientific instrumentation. Trustee David Fall discussed the potential to subcontract research activities. Molecular Biology Assistant Professor Todd Schoborg discussed the protracted wait to schedule use of scientific equipment at the High Bay Research Facility. In response to inquiry from Trustee Jeff Marsh, Schoborg discussed the requested equipment installation in the Science Initiative Building. Trustee Michelle Sullivan requested further information related expansion of research and grant opportunities made possible by the acquisition of the requested instrumentation. Schoborg discussed the enhancement of the research infrastructure at UW allowing it to be more competitive in grant applications, and the university's aspirational R1 status.

Non Academic Personnel Report

Approved 04-13-2022 @ 8:55 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the non-academic personnel report as presented. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

New Business

Trustee Jeff Marsh discussed the May 1, 2022, Board officer transition, and encouraged Trustee participation in May 14, 2022 commencement activities. Trustee John McKinley reported that budget materials will be made available to Trustees by April 15, 2022, and the budget hearings take place May 10 and 11, 2022.

Date of Next Meeting

May 11-13, 2022 (Laramie, Wyoming)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Executive Session Information

[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, via video conference.]

Executive Session

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

7:30 a.m.

Via video conference.

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board to enter into Executive Session:

- 1) To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix)); and
- 2) To consider the appointment, employment, right to practice or dismissal of a public employee and to consider accepting or tendering offers concerning wages, salaries, benefits and terms of employment during all negotiations (16-4-405(a)(ii) and 16-4-405(a)(x))

The executive session was attended by the 12 voting members of the UW Board of Trustees, ex-officio members, and UW administrators and staff as appropriate. Trustee Kermit Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 7:32 a.m.

Roll Call:

Trustees participating: Trustees Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown, David Fall, Elizabeth Greenwood, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, Michelle Sullivan, and Dave True. Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Hunter Swilling, and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Brian

Schroeder. Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy were not present. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brandt attended on Governor Gordon's behalf.

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman, Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans, Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley, UW Board of Trustees Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London, and IT Specialist Margarita Rovani attended the entirety of the meeting. The following administrators were present during their respective topics:

- Assistant Professor, Molecular Biology Todd Schoborg

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London
Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees