# THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

PUBLIC SESSION January 12-14, 2022

#### **University of Wyoming Mission Statement** (July 2017)

We honor our heritage as the state's flagship and land-grant university by providing accessible and affordable higher education of the highest quality; rigorous scholarship; the communication and application of knowledge; economic and community development; and responsible stewardship of our cultural, historical and natural resources.

In the exercise of our primary mission to promote learning, we seek to provide academic and cocurricular opportunities that will:

- Graduate students who have experienced the frontiers of scholarship and creative activity and who are prepared for the complexities of an interdependent world;
- Cultivate a community of learning energized by collaborative work among students, faculty, staff and external partners.
- Nurture an environment that values and manifests diversity, internationalization, free expression, academic freedom, personal integrity and mutual respect; and
- Promote opportunities for personal health and growth, physical health, athletic competition and leadership development for all members of the university community.

As Wyoming's only public university, we are committed to scholarship, outreach and service that extend our human talent and technological capacity to serve the people in our communities, our state, the nation and the world.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 12-14, 2022 Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center Laramie, Wyoming

As will be reflected in the public and executive session meeting minutes, the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming met in Laramie, Wyoming, on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, Thursday, January 13, 2022, and Friday, January 14, 2022. Committees met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The Board's business meeting was held on Friday, January 14, 2022.

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#### AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Update from UW President</u>, Seidel

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

UW President Ed Seidel provided the Board a university update. President Seidel acknowledged the Board's approval at its November 2021 meeting of the University of Wyoming Academic Reorganization plan. President Seidel discussed the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and the proposal for the School of Computing for Board consideration and approval. President Seidel announced the appointment of Steve Farkas to the position of Associate Vice President for Economic Development. President Seidel discussed the current search for Vice President for Research and Economic Development, as well as for Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, stating filling these positions will round out his cabinet. President Seidel discussed the size of the university endowment in comparison to other institutions of higher education in the mountain west, and summarized the work toward a new university strategic plan, reiterating Governor Mark Gordon's support for the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP). President Seidel concluded his remarks reporting on administration's response to UW students impacted by the Marshall fire in Northern Colorado.

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Faculty Athletic Representative Annual Report</u>, Hagy MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Faculty Athletic Representative Alyson Hagy, joined by Associate AD for Compliance Peter Prigge, and Director of the Office of Academic Services Jason Baldwin, provided the annual report to the Board. Prigge discussed the athletics transfer portal, stating that beginning in the summer of 2021, NCAA Division I student-athletes in all sports were allowed to transfer to new institutions without "sitting out" a year. Prigge reported that the university remains in the middle of the pack in the Mountain West Conference for transfer requests. In response to inquiry from Trustee David Fall, Prigge provided thoughts on reasons for academic transfer, discussing the "year in residence" program. In response to inquiry from Trustee Dave True, Prigge provided data related to students who have departed and entered UW through the portal, stating athletics staff continue to conduct exit interviews to understand student-athlete motives for leaving UW. In response to further inquiry from Trustee Fall, Prigge provided update on "name image and likeness" and the university policy in accordance with NCAA rules. Hagy and Baldwin discussed student athlete distribution of majors, trends, and GPAs. Hagy provided summary information related to budget reductions since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, workforce turnover, and stated that mental health continues to be a priority. Hagy further stated an increase in individual counseling sessions, and the need for a policy to address "disordered eating".

#### AGENDA ITEM TITLE: COVID-19 Update, Seidel

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

UW President Ed Seidel discussed the Board approval of the Spring 2022 COVID-19 Campus Plan at its December 2021 meeting, to include continuing the mask policy until reconsideration at the February 2022 meeting. Seidel stated the plan called for a one-time mandatory testing event prior to the start of the spring semester, and 3% sampling for the rest of the semester, further stating

that due to the transmissibility of the Omicron variant, the advisory committee recommended the university cancel the one-time testing, and instead focus on managing versus containing this variant. President Seidel stated the university continues to remind employees and students about the utility of wearing masks and of vaccines, and has begun to supply our mask stations with KN95 masks.

College of Health Sciences Dean David Jones provided update to the Board on the university response to the COVID-19 pandemic, reporting statistics related to the Omicron surge affecting the university community. Jones stated that in addition to the 3% random testing, appointments are available to those who wish to receive a diagnostic test. In response to inquiry from Trustee Macey Moore, Jones provided information regarding student quarantine guidelines in accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, stating that those who are vaccinated and boosted, who have had contact with a COVID-19 positive individual are not required to quarantine. In response to inquiry from Trustee David Fall, Jones discussed the scarcity of home test kits. Jones discussed the College of Engineering's attempt to produce KN95 masks via 3D printing, stating it was cost prohibitive. Director of Internal Audit Danika Salmans discussed the ongoing work of the COVID Hub, and the support provided to individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19. President Ed Seidel reiterated the efficacy of vaccinations, and use of KN95 masks, stating the university will continue to be vigilant and carefully watch and follow the science behind this new variant.

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Discussion on Board Meeting Restructure</u>, Bonner MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Brad Bonner provided the Board background and overview reporting that President Seidel appointed a working group following the presentation by Association of Governing Boards (AGB) consultant and former UW President Dubois at the UW Board of Trustees out-of-town meeting in Torrington July 2021. Trustee Bonner stated that separate from the working group, Chairman Jeff Marsh appointed him chairman of an ad-hoc Trustee committee consisting of Trustees Kermit Brown, Macey Moore, and Elizabeth Greenwood. Trustee Bonner reported that ad-hoc committee met for preliminary discussions about the restructure recommendations contained in the working group's August 2021 report as provided in Board materials. Trustee Bonner noted the report contains a comprehensive set of recommendations to include:

- reducing the number of in-person Board meetings;
- eliminating the every-other-month conference call Board meeting;
- reducing the length of Board meetings;
- adding a Trustee working summer retreat;
- reducing the number of standing committees from 8 to 3; and
- incorporating all transactional action items into a consent agenda.

Trustee Bonner reported that President Seidel's stated preference is to begin restructuring developments that reduce the amount of time required of administration to prepare for Trustee committee and full Board meetings, which will free up space and permit administrators to devote more attention to accomplishing university business. Before opening up the discussion, Trustee Bonner stated the ad-hoc committee discussed using the time presently reserved for UW Board of Trustee conference call meetings to conduct Trustee committee meetings.

President Ed Seidel stated his preference for fewer committees; fewer Board meetings, starting with elimination of the off-cycle conference call meetings; and review of regulations to determine possible modification of items requiring Board approval to allow for more efficient delegation. Trustee Macey Moore discussed the ad-hoc committee's consideration of holding Trustee committee meetings during the even numbered months, and the opportunity for thoughtful reports that this schedule would allow. Trustees Elizabeth Greenwood, and Carol Linton concurred with Trustee Moore's desire for efficiencies as it pertained to Board meetings. Trustee Kermit Brown discussed the current Board membership structure and the difficulty for members who are at a distance from Laramie to engage at the same level of those nearer to the university. Trustee Brown discussed Trustee fulfillment of duties as outlined in the Wyoming Constitution. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato discussed that her current level of engagement provided her the ability to address various constituent concerns in a meaningful way. Trustee Schmid-Pizzato stated there are often month over month duplications to the presentations and materials administration provide the Board, and was interested in Board consideration of a restructure of Trustee committee schedules. Trustee Schmid-Pizzato further stated the Vice President and Dean Search committee could sunset and a liaison be assigned. Trustee David Fall stated that Academic and Student Affairs committee could combine with the Research and Economic Development Committee to eliminate the redundancy in agenda topics. Trustee Fall went on to state his support for a consent agenda. Trustee Bonner discussed the pros and cons to the use of a consent agenda. Trustee Michelle Sullivan agreed consolidating the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Research and Economic Development Committee would allow for a strategic agenda. Trustee Sullivan provided the recommendation to nest the Honorary Degrees Committee within the Academic and Student Affairs committee, and requested administration give thoughtful review of materials for redundancy prior to submittal to the Board. Trustee John McKinley reiterated Trustee Brown's remarks about the provisions of the Wyoming Constitution related to the UW Board of Trustees, and discussed his impressions of the data Dubois provided the Board in July 2021. Trustee McKinley discussed his concern that committee consolidation might diminish Board productivity.

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman provided perspective about board governance at institutions where he has previously served. Carman stated a disproportionate amount of his time is spent on preparing for and attending Board meetings and discussed the benefit of a more disciplined approach to meetings. Senior Policy Advisor for Governor Mark Gordon Lachelle Brant expressed appreciation for Trustees' service to the University of Wyoming, recognizing the time commitment it required. Brant stated that the time commitment related to Board membership makes recruitment and selection of new trustees difficult. Trustee Dave True remarked on his long service as a Trustee, and stated he did not approve of a consent agenda, fewer and shorter committee meetings, or a reduced meeting schedule. Trustee True stated he felt the advisory committee's recommendations were created from an administration perspective, and asked the Board consider what is necessary to satisfy its responsibilities and duties. Trustee True further stated that the executive committee of the board is not charged with taking any action on behalf of the full board, and therefore engaging them is not a valid substitute for a conference call meeting. Trustee True reminded the conference call meetings had been established to address items that were time sensitive. Trustee True stated he felt the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees has been the only stable force for the institution. Trustee Jeff Marsh provided closing remarks.

#### AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Carnegie R1 Designation, Carman

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

At the November 2021 Board meeting Trustee David Fall requested the full Board receive Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman's presentation to the Trustees Research and Economic Development Committee regarding Carnegie R1 Classification. Carman discussed the value of R1 designation, stating such distinction contributed to attracting outstanding graduate and undergraduate students, the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, provided for reputation and credibility among peer institutions and funding agencies, and above all enhanced opportunities for the institution to contribute to economic development statewide. The provost went on to discuss contributing factors in the Carnegie research classification assessment. Carman provided comparison statistics between the University of Wyoming and other R1 and R2 universities, the need for faculty in PhD programs due to the increase of doctorate enrollments, and the decline in doctoral graduation rates. Carman closed his remarks stating the need for strategic investments, policies, and possible next steps. There was Board discussion regarding the data presented related to enrollment. Trustee John McKinley asked Carman to further engage with the Board regarding an enrollment plan.

### <u>AGENDA ITEM TITLE: UW Foundation Fundraising Priorities</u>, Seidel/Blalock MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

UW President Ed Seidel led a discussion regarding fundraising priorities for the institution, and the launch of a new strategic fundraising partnership with the UW Foundation. President Seidel stressed the importance of investing in the future of the Wyoming and its new economy; enhancing the economic pillars of the state in Agriculture, Energy, and Tourism; supporting faculty excellence and student success; and collaborating with donors who love and support the university. President Seidel discussed the intention to build upon more than two decades of significant privatepublic partnerships aligning UW priorities, the State of Wyoming's goals, and donor interests. President Seidel discussed ways to maximize the impact of the institution's \$839 million endowment; ensuring funds are spent according to donor intent. President Seidel described the framework of the plan to include the University of Wyoming becoming a Carnegie R1 research institution, and achieving Carnegie community engagement classification. President Seidel was eager to discuss the launch of the University Excellence Initiative in support of faculty excellence, and student success. President Seidel made clear fundraising efforts would continue to focus on current UW priorities such as the Tier I Engineering, and Science Initiatives; the UW rodeo program, the Trustees Education Initiative, and AMK Ranch enhancements as examples. President Seidel closed his remarks discussing next steps to include an update to the Board at its March 2022 meeting.

In response to inquiry from Trustee John McKinley, President Seidel discussed the importance of excellence chairs as a sign of distinction and honor. President Seidel further stated funds would augment faculty salary and allow deans the flexibility to move projects and initiatives forward. Vice President for Institutional Advancement Ben Blalock remarked that in twenty years of presenting fundraising priorities to the Trustees, the president of the university has never described the initiatives as succinctly. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato expressed her thanks to the UW Foundation and to Blalock for his leadership.

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Annual Report: Sabbatical/Leave</u> – Benham-Deal MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Senior Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal provided the Board an annual report detailing the sabbatical and professional development leaves approved for academic year 2020-2021. Benham-Deal directed the Board to statements provided in the materials, by the faculty members that summarize their projects and the benefits and impacts of their work.

UW Libraries Digital Collections Chairman Chad Hutchens provided the Board a presentation of work conducted during his professional development leave. Hutchens described his work related to the use of photogrammetry to reconstruct a partially destroyed Native American rock art site in Greybull, Wyoming. Hutchens described the work toward the digital reconstruction and preliminary rock art inventory from the site in Greybull. Hutchens stated the use of 3D digitization in his research is an example of why a computational knowledge base is important outside of STEM disciplines. Trustee Dave True expressed appreciation to Hutchens for making the connection between his research and the School of Computing.

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Vice President for Research and Economic Development Annual Report</u> – Hulme

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Interim Vice President of Research and Economic Development Diana Hulme provided an annual report to the Board during which she discussed the Office of Research and Economic Development staffing, the launch of the Electronic Research Administration system (eRA) system, regulations and policies related to the research enterprise at the institution, and an update on the Science Initiative building. Hulme discussed at length the need for additional staff, and described the UW Regulation 9-2 (Indirect Cost Policy) working group and the key positions identified through the work. Hulme described steps toward realizing President Seidel's ambitious economic development plans to include hiring Associate Vice President for Economic Development Steve Farkas, acquisition of funds for IMPACT 307, and the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP). Hulme closed her report stating the Science Initiative building would be ready for occupancy February 28, 2022, with move-in dates of March 1 through June 30, 2022. In response to Trustee Bonner, Hulme provided the Board information on the budget required to conduct the necessary hires in the Office of Vice President for Research and Economic Development, in spite of the fact the department was held harmless during the last budget reduction. Hulme also discussed the lack of office space for the department. President Ed Seidel discussed the support structures necessary for the office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development. Trustee David Fall encouraged Hulme to create a budget appropriate to the needs of the unit.

### AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Annual Discrimination and Harassment, Mandatory Report, and Bystander Intervention Training</u> – Osborn

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

The Board received the first of what will become an annual discrimination and harassment, mandatory report, and bystander intervention training administered by Title XI Coordinator Jim Osborn. In response to inquiry from Trustee David Fall, Osborn stated students are not required to take Green Dot training, though participation is encouraged. Trustee Macey Moore requested

fresh data related to sexual harassment and assault on campus. Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans stated she would provide the Board with the information.

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Academic and Student Affairs Committee</u> – Sullivan (Chair) MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

AA/SA – Sullivan not present at meeting

Trustee Macey Moore presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee report on behalf of Committee Chairman Michelle Sullivan who was excused from the meeting. Trustee Moore directed the Board to the committee report provided online. Trustee Moore stated the committee received a *Saddle Up* presentation, and asked Trustees to encourage their students to apply to be leaders of the program. Trustee Moore stated the committee received and considered information about the School of Computing.

### School of Computing – Request for Authorization 01-13-2022 @ 4:02 p.m.

Trustee Macey Moore moved the Board approve the Request for Authorization for the School of Computing. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Michelle Sullivan was absent from the vote. Trustee John McKinley clarified that the pro-forma budget included in the materials is not part of the motion. ASUW President Hunter Swilling expressed support for the program.

#### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Biennium Budget Committee</u> – McKinley (Chair)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee John McKinley discussed the following Board action as recommended by the Biennium Budget Committee. Trustee McKinley reported the Saddle Up program fee is included in the proposed FY23 Fee Book.

#### FY 23 Fee Book 01-13-2022 @ 4:05 p.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve and adopt the FY23 Fee Book as presented. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Michelle Sullivan was absent from the vote.

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Facilities Contracting Committee</u> – McKinley (Chair) MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee John McKinley discussed the following Board action as recommended by the Facilities Contracting Committee. ASUW President Hunter Swilling discussed concern over the loss of the Wyoming Union parking lot, and requested consideration of some short-term parking near the Wyoming Student Union. Trustee McKinley stated part of the legislation enabling the UW Campus Housing Plan, is a requirement to have a net positive parking spaces which is being met largely by the construction of the Ivinson parking garage. Trustee John McKinley referred to the years-long contemplation of the housing plan design, and the various opportunities for stakeholder input. In response to an inquiring from Trustee Macey Moore Trustee McKinley discussed the identification of four potential locations for student pick up and drop off. Trustee Kermit Brown stated that staff was consulted on important considerations related to successful student move in and out.

### Amendment Approval -Hot Water Extension Hot Water Expansion and Tunnel Abandonment 01-13-2022 @ 4:10 p.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to execute an amendment for an iGMP for material only with GE Johnson Construction of Wyoming in the amount of \$950,000. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Michelle Sullivan was absent from the vote.

### Student Housing – Landscaping Design 01-13-2022 @ 4:12 p.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the landscaping design for the Student Housing and Dining project as recommended by the Landscaping Exterior Design Advisory Committee and authorize administration to proceed with the design and construction documents. Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Michelle Sullivan was absent from the vote.

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee</u> – Moore (Chair) MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Macey Moore described the work of the Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee, stating the committee reviewed a draft version of the Internal Audit Charter in of committee review of a final draft at its May 2022 meeting. Trustee Moore discussed the committee received an update from Enterprise Risk Management advising the committee of significant activities and accomplishment during 2021 and a forecast for 2022. Trustee Moore reported on an investment policy discussion with PFM and FLAC; per the current investment strategy, financial affairs will move \$25M out of short-term investments into core-segments that have a one to five year duration. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Jeff Marsh, Trustee Moore stated that if any investment extends beyond a five-year duration, then there would need to be full Board approval.

#### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Legislative Relations Committee</u> – Brown (Chair)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Kermit Brown provided update to the Board on administration's testimony before the Joint Appropriations Committee meeting during its budget hearings. Trustee Brown stated he felt the university was in the best position possible at this stage of the state budget process.

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Research and Economic Development Committee</u> – Fall (Chair) MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee David Fall stated the committee received research presentations from Department Head and Professor of Mechanical Engineering Erica Belmont; Mechanical Engineering PhD candidate and founder of GigaChar Alexandra Howell, and Mechanical Engineering PhD candidate and founder of Evoseer Kurt Stahlfeld. Trustee Fall went on to report the committee received updates on the Electronic Research Administration system (eRA), the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP), and Science Initiative instrumentation.

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>Vice President and Dean Search Committee</u> – Schmid-Pizzato (Chair)

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato provided an update on active search for the Vice President for Research and Economic Development. Trustee Schmid-Pizzato stated the College of Health Sciences Dean search finalists will visit campus March 2022; the College of Business Dean search finalists will visit campus April 2022; and that Parker Executive Search has been selected to guide the Vice President for Diversity Equity and Inclusion search. Trustee Schmid-Pizzato reported the search for the College of Engineering dean will launch in fall 2022.

#### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** <u>UW Regulation Review Committee</u> – Brown

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Kermit Brown stated there were no modifications to UW regulations to review.

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#### **Business Meeting**

#### Roll Call

The business meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees RoseMarie London took roll.

Trustees participating: Trustees Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown, David Fall, Elizabeth Greenwood, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, and Dave True (via teleconference). Trustees Macey Moore, and Michelle Sullivan were excused from the business meeting. Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Hunter Swilling. Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon was absent. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf. Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy Caldwell, and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Jillian Balow were not present.

#### Reports

#### **ASUW Report**

ASUW President Hunter Swilling provided an update to the Board to include information related to the creation of a professional clothing student fund/closet; the appointment of students to the strategic planning council to ensure a diverse and representative group; and collaborative work with academic affairs on Open Educational Resources (OER), and Equitable Access (EA). Swilling discussed the completion of the special projects funding process for FY22. Swilling stated ASUW support for the authorization of the School of Computing, and the creation of a graduate education program. Swilling further stated ASUW support of Laramie City Council Ordinance establishing a City Rental Housing Code. Swilling concluded reporting on the creation of an ASUW College Council.

#### **Staff Senate Report**

Staff Senate President Chris Maki expressed thanks to a number of university administrators who provide monthly updates to Staff Senate. Maki discussed the identification ways in which United

Way offers assistance to staff. Maki discussed Staff Senate support for the Saddle Up program, and the School of Computing. Maki stated Staff Senate's desire to be included in future salary and compensation discussions, as well as engagement in strategic planning efforts. Maki reported on the success of the Staff Senate Holiday Market, thanked UWs Transit and Parking for providing a direct bus route from campus to the UW Conference Center, and stated the money raised supported several staff scholarships. Maki reported there have been on-going discussions regarding the UW Campus plan as it relates to landscaping and parking.

#### **Faculty Senate Report**

Faculty Senate Chairman Adrienne Freng reported on Faculty Senate attention toward a number of modifications to UW Regulations, and its contributions Employee Handbook revisions. Freng discussed Faculty Senate perspective on shared governance, discussions related to salary and compensation, and frustration to do with a lack of communication from administration regarding the implementation of many details outlined in the campus reorganization plan. Freng discussed the desire for Faculty Senate engagement in strategic planning beyond committee memberships, to include the need for an implementation and resource allocation plan, and how best to insure alignment of campus priorities.

**Public Testimony** [Scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.] No public testimony was provided.

#### **Committee of the Whole**

**Board Committee Reports** [Trustee Committee meetings took place on Wednesday, January 13, 2022.]

#### **Liaisons to other Boards**

[Written reports are provided to the Board in advance of the meeting, and can be found on the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees website. Trustee Jeff Marsh recommended the Board continue to receive reports in writing prior to each meeting, with the opportunity for Trustees to request additional information from liaisons.]

#### OTHER ACTION TAKEN DURING MEETING:

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes (Public Session & Executive Session) 01-14-2022 @ 11:07 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the executive session and public session minutes of the December 15, 2021, UW Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Macey Moore and Michelle Sullivan were absent from the vote.

### Approval of Contracts and Grants Report 01-14-2022 @ 11:24 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the Contract and Grants Report as presented. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Macey Moore, and Michelle Sullivan were absent from the vote.

## Software Licensing Agreement, Contribution Agreement, and Joint Collaboration Agreement between the University of Wyoming and Piri Technologies, LLC 01-14-2022 @11:25 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to execute Amendment #1 of the addenda to the Facilities Use Agreement, the Software Licensing Agreement, Contribution Agreement, and Joint Collaboration Agreement between the University of Wyoming and Piri Technologies, LLC., with modification as discussed in executive session. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Macey Moore and Michelle Sullivan were absent from the vote.

#### Facilities MOU

#### 01-14-2022 @ 11:25 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve amendment #2 to the MOU as presented in the executive Session. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Macey Moore and Michelle Sullivan were absent from the vote.

### George C. Frison Building 01-14-2022 @ 11:26 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with naming the University of Wyoming Anthropology building the George C. Frison building. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Macey Moore and Michelle Sullivan were absent from the vote.

#### Personnel

#### 01-14-2022 @ 11:26 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the personnel report as provided. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Macey Moore and Michelle Sullivan were absent from the vote.

#### **New Business**

Trustee Jeff Marsh announced Superintendent for Public Instruction Jillian Balow's resignation from her position, effective January 16, 2022.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

February 16, 2022 (conference call)

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

#### **Executive Session Information**

#### **Executive Session I**

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board enter into Executive Session I:

- 1. 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));
- 2. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix));
- 3. To consider acceptance of gifts, donations and bequests which the donor has requested in writing to be kept confidential (16-4-405(a)(viii)); and
- 4. On matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party (16-4-405(a)(iii))

The executive session was attended by the 12 voting members of the UW Board of Trustees, exofficio members, and UW administrators and staff as appropriate. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 8:05 a.m.

Trustees participating: Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown, Elizabeth Greenwood, Carol Linton, Brad LaCroix, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, Michelle Sullivan, and Dave True (via video conference). Ex-officio Trustees UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Hunter Swilling, and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy Caldwell were also in attendance. Governor Mark Gordon was not in attendance. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow was not in attendance.

The following administrators during their respective topics:

- o Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- o IT Specialist Lisa Stafford
- o Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman
- o Senior Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal
- O Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans
- o Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley
- o Associate Vice President for Economic Development Steve Farkas
- o Professor, Petroleum Engineering Mohammad Piri
- O Vice President for Institutional Advancement Ben Blalock
- o Senior Vice President for Development UW Foundation John Stark
- o Professor, Anthropology Robert Kelly

The following external individuals during their respective topics:

- o Hal Corbett, Lonabaugh and Riggs
- o Bob Berger, Lonabaugh and Riggs
- o Greg Dyekman, UW Foundation
- Chad Deaton
- o Rob Jarosh, Hirst and Applegate

Executive Session I adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

## Executive Session II Friday, January 14, 2022 Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board enter into Executive Session II:

- 1. 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));
- 2. To consider acceptance of gifts, donations and bequests which the donor has requested in writing to be kept confidential (16-4-405(a)(viii));
- 3. On matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party (16-4-405(a)(iii)); and
- 4. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix))

The executive session was attended by the 12 voting members of the UW Board of Trustees, exofficio members, and UW administrators and staff as appropriate. Trustee Kermit Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 9:20 a.m.

Trustees participating: Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown, Elizabeth Greenwood, Carol Linton, Brad LaCroix, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, Michelle Sullivan, and Dave True (via video conference). Ex-officio Trustees UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Hunter Swilling, and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy Caldwell were also in attendance. Governor Mark Gordon was not in attendance. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow was not in attendance.

The following administrators during their respective topics:

- o Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- IT Specialist Lisa Stafford
- Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman
- o Senior Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal
- O Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans
- o Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley
- o Vice President for Institutional Advancement Ben Blalock
- Senior Vice President for Development UW Foundation John Stark

The following external individuals during their respective topics:

- o Hal Corbett, Lonabaugh and Riggs
- o Bob Berger, Lonabaugh and Riggs
- o Greg Dyekman, UW Foundation

Executive Session II adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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RoseMarie London

Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees