



## MEMORANDUM

To: University of Wyoming Board of Trustees

From: University of Wyoming Foundation

Re: Liaison Report for May 2022 meeting

Date: May 4, 2022

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

### ***YTD PHILANTHROPY***

As reflected in the monthly giving report through 3/31/22, year-to-date private support to UW is \$38,713,464.

### ***MAJOR GIFTS***

The first quarter of 2022 has seen the continued commitment and investment from UW's alumni and donors with the following noteworthy private gifts.

**WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM PROJECT:** Wyoming Athletics and the UW Foundation have received three verbal commitments totaling \$1.6 million to support the west side renovation of War Memorial Stadium. Once confirmed, these gifts will be added to the \$1 million gift already received from Cody and Patsy Ritchie. When complete, the project will result in improvements and upgrades to restrooms, concessions, seating, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and the press area. The project will be supported by private gifts, funding from the university, and funding from the Wyoming State Legislature.

**TOMÉ FOUNDATION SCHOLARS TO FELLOWS PROGRAM:** The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources and the UW Foundation received a commitment from the Tomé Foundation that they will continue to support the remarkable scholarship program they established in 2021 called the Tomé Scholars to Fellows Program. Tomé Scholars receive a full-ride scholarship and funding for one or more unique experiences such as international field courses and community service. Following graduation, these exceptional students become Tomé Fellows, a community of Tomé Scholars.

**NEW ENDOWED CHAIR:** The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources received gifts and commitments totaling in excess of \$1.7 million, from an anonymous donor, to support the creation and establishment of the International Wildlife Conservation Chair.



This endowed chair position is being established in honor of the work and accomplishments of Dean of the Haub School, John L. Koprowski. Following his retirement, the chair will be renamed to the John L. Koprowski International Wildlife Conservation Chair.

### ***FINANCIAL SERVICES***

The UW Foundation Financial Services team is working with campus on 2x4x reporting and reinvestments. In addition, the team is collaborating with campus partners on the overall budgeting process as well as the foundation's internal budgeting process. The team is also working with the new accounting firm to establish a relationship for the upcoming audit and with insurance companies to establish FY23 contracts.

### ***INVESTMENT SERVICES***

The internal estimate for March end value for the endowment pool is \$834 million. Additionally, the internal estimated return for the first quarter is 4.5% and the internal estimated return for calendar year 2021 is 17.8%. Private equity results are still arriving which could move this number up or down from there.

During the first quarter the UW Foundation Investment Committee voted to invest in a new private debt fund and two existing follow on funds from existing private equity managers. Moreover, the investment team is in process of hiring summer interns from UW. Two positions are currently open, one of which has been successfully filled and the other is in the final stages.

### ***STEWARDSHIP***

In April, the UW Foundation Stewardship and Financials Services teams hosted the UW business managers at the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center. The purpose of this meeting was to show appreciation to the business managers for their work, showcase the inspirational impact of philanthropy at UW, and promote increased communication and efficiency between the campus and the foundation. The Stewardship team also shared the UWF Stewardship Plan, with the ongoing goal of increasing campus stewardship awareness and buy-in. The UW Foundation intends to continue hosting this gathering on a semi-regular basis in order to grow an effective partnership that will benefit both UW's donors and fiscal processes.

### ***UW FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS***

The summer UW Foundation Board meetings will be held in Laramie at the Rochelle Gateway Center, June 16-17, 2022.