

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

May 7-9, 2008

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University of Wyoming Mission Statement (April 2002)

The University of Wyoming aspires to be one of the nation's finest public land-grant research universities, dedicated to serving as a statewide resource for accessible and affordable higher education of the highest quality, rigorous scholarship, technology transfer, economic and community development, and responsible stewardship of our cultural, historical, and natural resources.

In the exercise of our primary mission to teach and educate students, we seek to provide academic and co-curricular opportunities that will:

- Expose students to the frontiers of scholarship and creative activity, and the complexities of an interdependent world;
- Ensure individual interactions among students, faculty, and staff;
- Nurture an environment that values and manifests diversity, free expression, academic freedom, personal integrity, and mutual respect; and
- Promote opportunities for personal growth, physical health, athletic competition, and leadership development for all members of the University community.

As Wyoming's only university, we are committed to 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 primary vehicles for identifying the specific actions and resource allocations needed to achieve this complex mission are the University's *Academic Plan*, *Support Services Plan*, and *Capital Facilities Plan*, each revised periodically.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING AGENDA
May 7-9, 2008

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Thursday, May 8, 2008
UW Conference Center, Salon C

Public Session 8:31 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Introductions

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
 Education Session
 Information Item
 Other Specify:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

UW Project Manager for UW/GE Gasification Project Mr. Bob Ballard

Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen introduced the new UW Project Manager for the UW/GE Gasification Project, Mr. Bob Ballard. He then provided some background about Mr. Ballard's education and previous work experience, detailing his extensive knowledge about managing similar projects.

Trustee Davis welcomed Mr. Ballard on behalf of the Board.

2008-2009 ASUW President Kelsey Day, Vice President Jonathon McBride

Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson introduced the new ASUW President Kelsey Day and the new ASUW Vice President Jonathon McBride. She provided information regarding their majors, home towns, and additional involvements on campus.

Trustee Davis welcomed both students and commented that he looks forward to working with them in the year to come.

Vice President for Diversity Nell Russell

Vice President for Governmental, Community and Legal Affairs Rick Miller introduced the new Associate Vice President for Diversity, Nell Russell. Ms. Russell has served as director for the Employment Practices Office and served as Interim Director for Human Resources. Many universities are changing with respect to diversity, and UW is following suit. Ms. Russell has had a career in this type of work for decades. Vice President Miller commented that we are delighted to have her in this role.

2008-2009 Staff Senate Chair Jauque Schuman

Vice President for Administration Phill Harris introduced the incoming Chair of Staff Senate Jauque Schuman. Mr. Schuman has been with the University for about seven years. He works in the electrical department of the physical plant. We are looking forward to working with him this next year.

President Buchanan stated that he wanted to personally thank Allen Tanner for his service as Staff Senate President. He commented that the University has had a great string of leaders, and that he wanted to thank Mr. Tanner for all he has done as President this past year. He presented Mr. Tanner with a gift.

2008-2009 Faculty Senate Chair Hannelore Mundt

Vice President Myron Allen introduced the incoming Chair of Faculty Senate, Dr. Hannelore Mundt. He thanked Dr. Mundt for being willing to serve again as Faculty Senate Chair. Vice President Allen stated that outgoing Faculty Senate President Larry Hubbell is traveling, and was unable to attend this meeting. Dr. Hubbell has done an outstanding job this past year and we appreciate his service.

Trustee Davis thanked Dr. Mundt for agreeing to serve and welcomed her back to the Board.

President Buchanan thanked David Kiren for his service as ASUW President this past year. He stated that Mr. Kiren has done a great job during his year of service. We have had a great string

of ASUW Presidents at the University over the years. President Buchanan then stated he has been delighted to get to know Mr. Kiren and then presented him with a gift.

Dean of the College of Education Kay Persichitte

Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen recognized Dr. Pat McClurg, Dean of the College of Education, for the outstanding job she has done over the past several years. He then stated that Dr. Kay Persichitte would be taking over as Dean of the College of Education—commenting that she has some big shoes to fill.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

College of Education Accreditation, Pat McClurg (*this item was not on the original agenda*)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Dean McClurg distributed a pamphlet regarding the accreditations process which has been playing out in the College of Education over the last several years. She discussed with the Board the accreditation process, the written report, meetings with the accreditation team, materials that the team and college are required to provide, etc. Dean McClurg stated that she was proud to announce that the College of Education would continue accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education, and that the college received “outstanding” ratings. Dean McClurg stated that she appreciated that the “high quality of our faculty” was on the list.

Dean McClurg then thanked the Board for all their support during her years as Dean.

Trustee Davis thanked Dean McClurg for her years of service, commenting that she is deserving of the recognition that she received.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: IENR Update, Palmerlee

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Trustee Palmerlee stated that he is a Trustee representative on the Institute for Environment and Natural Resources (IENR) Board and wanted to tell the Board about the conversations at the last IENR Board meeting. He discussed the search for Harold Bergman's position. Vice President Myron Allen commented that Dean of the College of Agriculture Frank Galey is chairing the search for the next chair. He then provided the Board with a brief status report about work done by the search committee and the timeline for interviewing candidates in the next several weeks.

Dr. Harold Bergman, Director of IENR, commented that the search committee is busy and they are sorting through applications. Dr. Bergman discussed the Spicer Chair, as well as current projects being discussed in IENR, including land use in Wyoming, managing lands, preserving lands, development and planning within communities, the Wyoming Planning Association, Wyoming Conversation Corp, the Haub School's structure and workforce, and what is planned for the next 5 years.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Employee Benefits, Lowe (*added after conversation during Work Session*)

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- Work Session
 Education Session
 Information Item
 Other Specify: Committee of the Whole (Consent Agenda)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Associate Vice President for Administration Janet Lowe discussed the employee benefits related to personal growth and professional development, specifically the tuition waiver offered to employees. Associate Vice President Lowe explained the current tuition waiver offered for full-time and part-time employees and the changes that are recommended. She stated that the tuition waiver benefit has not been changed for about 20-25 years. Staff Senate presented the proposal at the January 2008 Board of Trustees meeting. Associate Vice President Lowe proposed to the Board that the tuition waiver employee benefit be changed to allow all employees to take one class of up to 6 credit hours. She then provided a couple of staff success stories—employees who received their degrees while working at UW. Associate Vice President Lowe stated that this would include credit hours for the summer session as well. She stated that she feels this change will help with recruiting new employees to UW.

There was discussion by the Board with questions regarding what percentage of our employees currently take classes, how taking classes will impact the work of the employees, and employees making up the time away from their work for class.

Associate Vice President Lowe noted that this item would be added to the Consent Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: UW Recruiting, Axelson

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson introduced some Student Affairs employees who were in the audience, including Director of Student Financial Aid Dave Gruen, Director of Student Educational Opportunity Pilar Flores, and Director of Admissions Noah Buckley.

Vice President Axelson commented that the quality of our students is increasing, but we still need to build the number of students coming into the University. Vice President Axelson discussed the “P”s of marketing and commented that the University is strong in the context of our region. She then turned over the discussion to Noah Buckley.

Mr. Buckley gave a powerpoint presentation to the Board which discussed some of the following topics: the recruiting environment, our growth from out of state- especially in Colorado, cost of attendance and how it affects recruitment, our agreements with Colorado community colleges, the Hathaway Scholarship program, WICHE information and how it is presented/reported to students, “core” curriculum, common course taxonomy and annual articulations with community colleges, marketing to our young male population which is drawn to employment in the energy industry, employers providing benefits or assistance for attending college, outreach efforts, support for nontraditional students, courses specific to job areas such as drilling or project management, the UW Honors program and recruiting students to the program, bringing in the “cream of the crop” from around the state, visiting high schools around the state and including Trustees when making visits to the Trustees’ home areas, mailing made to potential students, better advertising of the University, using local teachers as “marketers” for UW, connections with high school counselors, age of students who are brought to campus for visits/tours, summer camps offered at UW, transfer initiatives, and UW’s partnership with the Cowboy Joe Club, for recruiting.

Thursday, May 8, 2008
UW Conference Center, Salon C

Public Session 1:15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Recognitions

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
- Education Session
- Information Item
- Other Specify: Recognition

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

2008 Tobin/Spitaleri Award Winners

Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson introduced the Top Man and Top Woman on Campus. The Spitaleri winner, Stacia Berry, was not able to attend due to her final testing schedule. She is from Cheyenne and an Ag Business major. She will be going on to Colorado State University to pursue more Agriculture studies. Her passion for the Ag industry is what wowed the judges, Vice President Axelson said.

John Kendle, the Tobin award winner, is a community college transfer student from Riverton. He has been very active on campus and committed to working with sign language and helping those with disabilities. He graduated with a kinesiology degree.

National Parliamentary Debate Champion

Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen introduced Jess Ryan, of Lander, who won top speaker honors in a field of over 100 at the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence in Tacoma, Washington. He has won six national titles in Parliamentary Debate. He is coached by Matt Stannard, also present along with Arts & Sciences Dean Oliver Walter. Three others from UW placed in the top 20. They were Lindsey DeVries, Tony Roberts and Jeffrey Fief.

2008 Division I Indoor Track and Field, Mountain Region Men's Field Athlete of the Year

Senior Associate Athletic Director Matt Whisenant introduced Jake Shanklin, NCAA Division I indoor athlete of the year. He is from Ellensburg, Washington and Spokane Community College. He joined the UW Track program in 2006. In addition to numerous Track and Field accomplishments, Mr. Shanklin has earned a 3.0 GPA in Business Administration.

Goldwater Scholarship Winner

The Barry M. Goldwater Award was established in 1986 to encourage outstanding undergraduate students to pursue careers in mathematics, science and engineering. It is one of the premier awards of its type. Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen introduced Goldwater Scholarship winner Megan Bagley, a UW sophomore double majoring in astronomy and biology. She plans to pursue a career in science either as a researcher or university professor. As a first year student she conducted research on galaxy evolution and this year she began work on a scholarly journal article for publication. Her parents David and Katherine Bagley were also present for her recognition today.

Kennedy Center Theater Awards

Region VII Kennedy Center Northwest Theater Center and Drama Conference this year was hosted by UW. For the 5th straight year and 12th time since 1990, UW won the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship competition. Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen introduced UW senior Nick Linn from Rapid City, South Dakota, who won both the Irene Ryan and the National Classical Acting Award from the Kennedy Center. Other award winners at the competition were Stephen Post, Chelsey Byrd, Amy Hollon, Anna Brownsted, Nicole Watts, Laura Shockley, and Nicholas Terpstra-Schwab.

UW Professor Larry Hazlett won the Region VII Faculty Excellence Recognition in Lighting Design Fellowship, while department head and Professor of Theatre and Dance Leigh Selting won the Region VII Classical Acting Coach award. The Board of Trustees congratulated these coaches and students for the successful season.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: FY 2009 Section I Operating Budget, Harris

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- Work Session
 Education Session
 Information Item
 Other Specify: Business Meeting, Committee of the Whole (Consent Agenda)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Vice President for Administration Phill Harris briefed the Board on the FY 2009 Operating Budget Section 1. The total recommended budget for FY 2009 is \$240,183,136, which is up \$19,671,682 over the adjusted FY 2008, the current year. There is also \$246 million reserved for the second year of the biennium. The \$19 million increase is detailed by item in the Trustee Report, page 5.

Vice President Harris also noted there are special appropriations which were not included in the Section I Block Grant. One of those appropriations is for the School of Energy Resources. The funding for this will be from the Federal Abandoned Mine Land Funds which were recently released for this purpose. This special appropriation will provide approximately \$8 million for FY 09 and \$10.9 for FY 10 for the School of Energy Resources.

Another additional appropriation is for the Medical Education Budget. There are a number of programs within this budget. They include the Family Medicine Residency Program in Casper, the Family Medicine Residency Program in Cheyenne, the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI) Instruction and Contracts, Psychiatric Residency Rotation, Advance Practice-RN Psychiatry, and Dentistry Contracts for a total FY 09 budget of \$15.3 million and \$16 million reserved for FY 10. The FY 10 reserve is higher to reflect a 4% salary increase.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: FY 2009 Section II Operating Budget, Harris

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
- Education Session
- Information Item
- Other Specify: Committee of the Whole (Consent Agenda)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Vice President for Administration Phill Harris presented the FY 2009 Section II Operating Budget. Section II funds cover the University's need for its self-sustaining operations such as Auxiliary Services, Residence Life and Dining, Sponsored Funding, and the Bookstore. The total budget for FY 2009 Section II is \$161.2 million with a similar amount plus increases for FY 2010. He noted that these also include funding for ASUW and Student Media, as well as the Wyoming Union. Those expenditures were submitted and approved earlier this year and are included in this budget.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Approval of Construction Contracts: SAREC Lab Additions,
Harris (*this item was not on the original agenda*)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

At this time Vice President Harris asked the Board to approve a construction contract for the SARAC Lab Addition and Congregate Residence to Norb Olind Constrution, Inc. of Wheatland, in the amount of \$944,547, which represents the Base Bid of \$939,797 and one alternate for \$4,750. This request is on the Consent Agenda, however approval is required today, May 8, 2008, in order to award the bid within the 30-day time period permitted. If not approved today, the project would have to be re-bid, and a special meeting of the Board of Trustees would be needed to approve the contract.

Trustee Spicer moved to approve the contract as stated by Vice President Phill Harris. Trustee Haynes seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Cooperative Extension Service, Allen (Frank Galey)

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Dean of the College of Agriculture Frank Galey briefed the Board about the programming offered through the Cooperative Extension Service. The Cooperative Extension Service is a partnership, jointly funded by the federal government (41%); the state (34%); and local counties (25%). Total expenditures for Cooperative Extension in FY 07 were \$10.6 million which is about 44% of the College of Agriculture's Section 1 Budget.

When the state accepts the federal funding it agrees to provide programming to the University in five areas: youth and community development, sustainable agriculture, food and nutrition, environment, and biosecurity.

To meet these goals, the College of Agriculture has developed two tiers of faculty effort. There are five initiative teams of faculty on campus and also faculty and educators in the field throughout the state. They have a statewide responsibility and also must be responsive to the county or region they work out of. As positions become open, they must look at the local, state and federal needs as they fill it.

The five initiative teams are:

4-H (25% of budget) The 4-H program focuses on youth leadership development.

Range Team (12% of budget) The Barnyards and Backyards initiative works with people who own a small acreage, and it helps them manage and take care of their land. They are starting to do more work with energy companies and land reclamation. Range

science is a new program along with a drought task force.

Sustainable Agriculture (21% of budget) Sustainable Agriculture programs include the Beef College, Master Cattleman Program, Production Advice, Young Beef Female Work, and Horticulture.

Community Development (10% of budget) One of the most visible programs, it helps rural communities develop leadership. Some go on to the Leadership Wyoming program which the University is involved with. At the request of some of the county commissions, Community Development also offers Board Training to develop assets within the communities. They have also implemented programs to deal with the impact of energy growth, not only from the perspective of communities, but also from the energy companies because they are partners.

Nutrition (32% of budget) This program is largely driven by federal dollars. Of those funds, two-thirds are used for the Food Stamp program. Health, nutrition and food safety are also in this program.

Dean Galey continued with an outline of what he would like to see in the next academic plan. His topics included:

1. Energy – The USDA has given the green light to spend some matching dollars in the energy area:
 - Community Development
 - Reclamation, possibly in the Energy School
 - Renewable Energy- Wind and Solar
2. Small Acreage
3. Partners with Cooperative Extension.
 - Water and Engineering
 - Climatology
 - Business
 - Arts and Sciences
 - Outreach (especially locations throughout the state)

- Counties
- Federal

Trustee Fear asked approximately how many employees the Cooperative Extension Service has throughout the state. Dean Galey said there were about 150 employees including county employees. He pointed out that they were not all UW faculty, but there were one to two academic professionals in every county to run the offices and provide expertise. In addition there are nutrition people throughout the state.

Trustee Fear then asked where a person should go to get the expertise they seek. Dean Galey responded they should go to the county office. Each office knows where to obtain the help needed in each particular instance.

In looking at the next academic plan, Trustee Rochelle wanted to know, whether Dean Galey thought the University should be doing more to emphasize its role in water resources.

Dean Galey felt that water is very important. He had recently hired some water quality specialists. In addition he had proposed sharing water specialists with the School of Energy Resources when the time comes to hire.

Trustee Rochelle asked if there was a good working relationship between the School of Energy Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, and the Law School. Dean Galey said he could not speak regarding the Law School, but there was excellent communication and cooperation between Energy and Ag.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen added that if one was to pick any state in the union and put a School of Energy Resources in it and then ask if the College of Agriculture was a player, most would not see how that could be. However, Dean Galey and the College of Agriculture have been closely involved with energy resources.

Trustee Willson asked Dean Galey to comment on the sustainability of the Agrability concept in regards to helping the agricultural community and in regards to disabilities. What are the plans when the grant runs out?

Dean Galey responded that the Agrability program is quite strong in Wyoming under the leadership of Dr. Randy Weigel. The program offers access to national information and resources. Although it is a grant, from what he hears it is a good program and should be continued.

Trustee Willson asked if Dean Galey had any feedback regarding the reception of the Agrability program in the state. Dean Galey responded that the reception is wonderful when people use the service, but they are disappointed in the low number of people using it. He hoped that would change as the marketing phase gets further along.

Discussion ensued regarding Cooperative Extension's role in helping energy impacted communities. Dean Galey mentioned that there were two positions for that purpose, one in Sublette County and one in Wamsutter. They work with community leaders through coordination and planning of projects such as infrastructure and other community services. It's a big enough issue that there is a proposal, in this, year for a state-wide faculty position that would serve as a catalytic specialist to pull all of the pieces together. Trustee Fear added that one of the energy impact positions is in her county and childcare is a big issue. Education and facilitation will be the role for the Cooperative Extension Service.

Trustee Neiman asked, in light of the new Academic Plan, which of the five areas is the weakest and what is your plan?

Dean Galey responded that we need to maintain strength in all areas. Up to the last few years the Ag team was weakest, but it has improved. He would like to see Extension grow. Water, weeds and soils need to be emphasized, but community development needs to grow also. They only

receive 10% of the budget right now. A new area is in energy, especially renewables. So the new Ag looks like it will be strengthening business, marketing, and the environment.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jim McBride inquired if there was a relationship with Ag in the Classroom and offered his agency's help. Dean Galey replied that they were closely tied in with the program and the college also provides continuing education classes in the summer for Ag in the Classroom teachers. Trustee Haynes added that we should brainstorm how we can find funds for the program. President Buchanan said that the Office of the President and the Ag office are both consistent contributors to Ag in the Classroom.

The Board thanked Dean Galey for his presentation and the fine job he was doing.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Fine Arts Facilities Plan, Buchanan

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
 Education Session
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 Other Specify:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

President Tom Buchanan introduced the topic of Fine Arts facilities planning. He mentioned the fact that the Trustees had toured the existing facilities at the last meeting, and they had a sense of the needs we have in that area. He said the process taking place now is similar to what was done for most of the building projects on campus in their planning stages. It involves fitting events together in a sequence because certain things cannot happen until other actions have taken place, such as legislative requests, remodeling existing facilities and relocating faculty and staff during the construction period. President Buchanan then turned the session over to Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen to present a critical path diagram.

Vice President Allen explained that the diagram is a tool that provides a timeline, but it also shows what has to be done before later steps can take place. The Fine Arts facilities project involves two elements: first, a new building to house the Art Department, which will require accommodations for art needs such as kilns, ventilation systems, paints and all kinds of environmental considerations; second, the other existing building will have to be remodeled to adequately house Music and Theatre and Dance. Those departments need a different set of environmental controls, mostly acoustics.

It will be awhile before ground is broken. Level two planning takes about 14 months. If all funding and planning goes as outlined, construction of the art facility could start as early as the summer of 2011.

When the Art Department moves into its new building, the Fine Arts remodeling project of the

existing building can start. This could take time since remodeling often is more complicated than building from the ground up.

Vice President for Administration Phill Harris added that the project is not easy in terms of being able to build adjacent to the existing building and that the complicated utilities in that area make it impossible. Razing the existing facility and building on the same site would not be economically feasible as the building was built in 1974 and replicating the square footage in today's building environment would be prohibitive.

President Buchanan added that the Fine Arts Project is part of the East Campus Master Plan. The timing of this project dovetails with planning of east campus. The siting of this project is also within that plan. There are points along the way that require approval to obtain funding to move forward. This is one block in the whole plan going on for east campus. The Board will be presented with pieces of the project plan for approval as we move through this process.

Trustee Rochelle asked if this project would be part of our certification process. President Buchanan said that the Music Department is certified. Theater and Dance is also involved with their national organizations. Certainly the quality of the existing facilities are issues that have been, and will continue to be raised as various groups which are involved with reaccreditation and certifications visit campus.

College of Arts & Sciences Dean Oliver Walter added that music has long time certification. Each time the process is undergone, noise pollution is usually the issue.

Staff Senate President Allen Tanner asked if the music and theater departments will have to relocate during the remodeling phase of their building. Both Vice Presidents Harris and Allen were unsure how that would be handled. Vice President Harris said it is a detail that probably will not be addressed until the actual planning of the remodel.

Trustee Rochelle asked what is seen as far as private funding for the project.

President Buchanan responded that there have been multiple conversations about fund raising for this purpose at Foundation Board meetings. We do not have a specific proposal being that we do not have enough information regarding the project's needs. We will lobby for the Fine Arts facility to be an institutional fund raising priority.

Trustee Lauer asked how much additional space for Fine Arts will go into the remodel of the building. Dean Walter said he thought it was about 1/3 more and with the absence of the Art Department, the overall additional space would be about 150% of the current area.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Regulatory Structuring Process Update, Miller (By-Laws Subcommittee)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Vice President for Governmental, Community and Legal Affairs Rick Miller updated the board about a new structure for regulations. There are currently three sets of regulations, Trustee Regs, UniRegs, and Information Circulars. The new structure will be called UW Regs and will re-categorize all the regs by subject matter. Next week there will be a new campus website which will show all the current regs and what they will look like in the new structure. The only changes made have been references to titles. The website will allow the Trustees to look at these and allow some time before the change comes without approval.

Friday, May 9, 2008
Old Main Boardroom
Public Session/Executive Session

Executive Session adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

At 11:29 a.m. Trustee Haynes moved that the Board of Trustees go back into Executive Session. Trustee Bostrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. No UW employees were present at the Executive Session meeting.

The Board moved back into Public Session at 11:37 a.m. There was brief discussion by the Board. At 11:39 a.m., Trustee Rochelle moved that the Board go back into Executive Session. Trustee Fear seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. President Buchanan and Vice President for Governmental, Community and Legal Affairs Rick Miller were brought into the room.

The Board returned to Public Session at 11:44 a.m. Trustee Willson moved that the recommendation of the Compensation Review Committee be approved and that President Buchanan receive a raise of \$50,000, bringing his base salary to \$350,000. Trustee Lauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Friday May 9, 2008

Business Meeting, each time the process is undergone Old Main Board Room

Trustee President Dick Davis called the Business Meeting to Order at 1:20 p.m.

Roll Call

Deputy Secretary Shannon Sanchez took the roll.

Members present included: Trustees Dave Bostrom, Chuck Brown, Dick Davis, Betty Fear, Taylor Haynes, Warren Lauer, Jim Neiman, Dave Palmerlee, Ann Rochelle, Tom Spicer, Howard Willson. Ex-officio Trustees, UW President Tom Buchanan, ASUW President Kelsey Day, Superintendent of Public Instruction Jim McBride and Rob Black, representative for the Governor's office, were also present. Trustee Trosper was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Spicer moved to approve all Board of Trustees' meeting minutes as presented including:

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 24-26, 2008

March 6-8, 2008

Board of Trustees Executive Session Meeting Minutes

March 6-9, 2008

Trustee Haynes seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Trustee President Dick Davis opened the nominations for President of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Palmerlee nominated Chuck Brown because of his dedication to the University of Wyoming, his diligence to his duties as a Trustee, his demonstrated capabilities in difficult assignments, and his unique set of relationships around the state which would enhance his effectiveness as President of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Spicer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Trustee Willson moved and Trustee Fear seconded the motion to close nominations. Trustee Chuck Brown was elected President by unanimous acclamation.

Trustee President Dick Davis opened the nominations for Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Willson nominated Trustee Jim Neiman for Vice President. Trustee Ann

Rochelle seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Trustee Rochelle moved that Trustee Neiman be elected Vice President by acclamation. Trustee Haynes seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee President Davis opened nominations for Secretary. Trustee Haynes nominated Trustee Warren Lauer for Secretary. Trustee Rochelle seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Trustee Lauer moved that nominations cease and that Trustee Lauer be elected by acclamation. Trustee Haynes seconded the motion which carried.

Trustee President Davis opened nominations for the office of Treasurer. Trustee Haynes moved that we abolish that office since we don't handle any money. It was pointed out that this would require a by-law change. There was discussion about whether the position could remain vacant or if the current Treasurer should stay in the position until replaced. That person is Trustee Lauer who was just elected Secretary, which would result in a Secretary/Treasurer position. Trustee Rochelle asked if Trustee Bostrom would consider the position since he was currently on the audit committee and Trustee Haynes withdrew his motion. It was decided that this topic should be discussed and dealt with at some point in the future. Trustee Bostrom said he would accept Trustee Rochelle's nomination with the provision that the position be evaluated in the future. Trustee Haynes seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Ann Rochelle moved and Trustee Haynes seconded the motion to elect Trustee Bostrom Treasurer of the Board of Trustees by acclamation. The motion carried.

Trustee President Dick Davis said the committee assignments will stay the same until the incoming President Chuck Brown makes new assignments.

Reports

ASUW

Newly elected ASUW President Kelsey Day introduced herself and her Vice President Jonathan McBride. They have been busy holding interviews to hire an executive staff for the upcoming year. They will be participating in freshman orientation in June and a ten week internship,

meeting administrators, faculty, and staff to get to know the University better. ASUW recently formed a formal partnership by signing a MOU with groups around the community to expand the Safe Ride Project. They are working on a polling place on campus at the American Heritage Center. Ms. Day said she is grateful for the opportunity to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees and looks forward to the coming year.

Staff Senate

Staff Senate President Allen Tanner gave an overview of his busy year as president. He thanked the board for their mentoring as he grew into his role as Staff Senate President. He said he was glad for the opportunity and sad to see it coming to an end.

Trustee President Dick Davis thanked Mr. Tanner for his report and expressed his appreciation for his comments and contributions at Board of Trustees' Meetings

Faculty Senate

Hannelore Mundt, Faculty Senate Chair, reported to the board that she and Larry Hubbell would be sharing the Chair duties for the coming year, due to her and Mr. Hubbell's travel this summer and throughout the next year. She assured the board they were working well as a team. Ms. Mundt reported on the latest meeting of the Senate. Issues before the Senate included a call to raise salaries from 10%-20% for promotions to full professor. The motion was defeated. Also discussed at the meeting were: post tenure review, establishing a template for course syllabi, technology in the classroom and discrepancies between classrooms, and faculty leadership skills.

Trustee President Dick Davis thanked Ms. Mundt for her report.

Public Testimony

There was no public testimony.

Committee of the Whole- Regular Business

1. Audit and Fiscal Integrity Committee Report, Lowe

Associate Vice President for Administration Janet Lowe presented the committee report to the Board. She thought it would be helpful when working on the committee assignments to know the tenure of and expiration dates of its members. She said the by-laws call for at least three members. The committee now has four members which seems to work very well. Trustees Haynes and Bostrom have served one year of their three year terms. Trustee Lauer has served one year of a two year term. The committee will now need a new three year term appointment and a chair. Trustee Brown's term expires this spring. She thanked him for his wonderful job.

Associate Vice President Lowe also reported that they will begin formal planning for the audit next week. It's called the Audit Entrance Conference in which all the principals come together and have planning session. They will be working through mid November when they bring all the statements to the board for its approval.

Committee of the Whole- Consent Agenda

10. Approval of Wind Energy Project, Allen

Trustee President Dick Davis asked Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen to update the Trustees on the Wind Energy Project, the approval of which is on the Consent Agenda today. Vice President Allen reminded the board that some time ago BP America gave the University of Wyoming a gift of \$5 million with the specification that \$2 million be used to support wind energy. The College of Engineering and Applied Science has looked this over to decide how to use the \$2 million. The idea they have in mind is to bring in a larger wind tunnel than we currently have at UW. If they do that it will have to be housed in a facility. The question is whether that facility will be eligible for state matching funds for academic facilities. If it is to be eligible, it would have to have Board approval for state matching funds and appear on the list of approved facilities for matching funds. The question at hand is: would the Board of Trustees vote for approval of a wind facility being added to the list of state matching funds projects? If so, it could turn the \$2 million into as much as \$4 million from BP.

The question was raised as to whether any donations had come in with naming stipulations. President Buchanan said at this point there had not been any naming stipulations, but it may be open to discussion in the future.

Trustee Palmerlee said that because of his interest in wind energy, he had asked Dr. Jonathan Naughton give him a background on it. He said their planning is for the wind energy research to be unique in the US. We're kind of the Saudi Arabia of wind here in Wyoming. We haven't seen the tip of the iceberg yet. He would encourage the board to think positively about the wind tunnel project.

Trustee Willson asked if there was a single reason we should not approve this.

Vice President Allen could see none, but reiterated that this was not approval of the project, but approval to put the facility on the list of projects eligible for state matching funds.

Trustee President Davis reminded the board that this was on the consent agenda so no motion was required at this time.

Before the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda, Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson and the Director of the Office of Alumni Affairs Robbie Darnell reported on the progress of the UW License Plate Program and the scholarship proposal. They thanked the Board for their support. State Statute required they sell 1000 plates by 2016 and the goal was reached in March, 2008 with the sale of 1,594 license plates. The proposal before the Board outlines the final allocation of the funds derived from the sales.

Trustee President Davis asked if there were any more questions regarding the Consent Agenda. Trustee Spicer moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Lauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Contracts and Grants, Gern
2. Personnel, Allen
3. Approval of Construction Contracts: SAREC Lab Additions, Harris
4. FY 2009 Section I Operating Budget, Harris
 - Agency 067 University of Wyoming
 - Agency 167 University of Wyoming-Medical Education
5. FY 2009 Section II Operating Budget, Harris
6. Master List of Degrees, Allen
7. 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 Academic Calendars, Abernethy
8. Scholarship Proposal for License Plate Revenue, Axelson
9. Appointments to the University of Wyoming Research Corporation (d.b.a. WRI) Board of Directors, Gern
10. Approval of Wind Energy Project, Allen
11. Employee Benefits, Lowe (*added after conversation during Work Session*)

New Business

Vice President for Research Bill Gern reported to the Board about Undergraduate Research Day and provided a handout of the abstracts for the projects. He said it was a great day with impressive projects and he thanked Trustee Chuck Brown for attending and participating in the event.

President Tom Buchanan provided an update on the status of the General Electric project. After meeting with the Governor in Cheyenne recently, they agreed to ask Bruce Salzburg, Wyoming's Attorney General, to lead the Wyoming team that would meet with GE as they move forward to establish a Joint Development Agreement (JDA). A recent meeting in Houston included Mr. Salzburg and UW's representatives from the firm of Hogan and Hartson who have been retained by UW for the project. Also at the meeting in Houston were Vice President Bill Gern and his associate Vice President, Vice President Phill Harris and Rob Hurlless, the energy policy advisor to the Governor. President Buchanan said the meeting went well and that we are on schedule to complete the draft stage of the JDA at the end of May. They officially brought Bob Ballard on board in April. He will oversee the day-to-day operations of the project. He brings many years of experience in these kinds of projects and will provide Vice President Bill Gern some welcome assistance.

The Joint Development Agreement will be followed by definitive agreements. There are critical decision points along the way. Unless things change dramatically, it appears likely that UW will be the entity that owns the facility. The approval process we are likely to use will parallel our existing capital construction process. It is being designed that way and the Board will be involved with decisions along the way. The project is on schedule and it is progressing as hoped.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jim McBride inquired about whether there had been any talk about siting of the project. President Buchanan said he has had serious discussion with the Governor and the folks from General Electric. The criteria used for siting will be attributes most conducive to the success of the project. As soon as the JDA is in place, we should see some movement as to criteria for siting the project. Place in terms of the size of the footprint remains to be seen. But workforce and infrastructure are also considerations for placement of the facility.

There was discussion as to what type of research will be conducted at the facility and who holds patents on various processes on carbon storage, gasification, etc. These will be determined with the negotiating of the JDA.

Old Business

Regarding safety on campus, Trustee Haynes reminded the Board that at the last Board of Trustees' Meeting he had introduced the idea of a paradigm shift. He suggested that we train our students, faculty and staff - anyone so inclined - in the use of firearms and firearm safety and that we drop the no firearms on campus restriction. The point of that is that if we were to have a psychotic outbreak, the odds of someone in the area being able to nip it in the bud would be great.

He went on to say he received the packet on safety distributed after the last board meeting and would like to commend everyone involved in its creation for the thoughtfulness, depth, and thoroughness that went into it. The Board needs to make the decision to direct the staff, through President Buchanan, to investigate all of the firearms training programs through the various juris

doctor programs around the country to see what kind of training and course work we could have at UW. We need to be proactive.

Trustee President Davis agreed it was an important subject and needed to be addressed at some point such as a Board of Trustees Retreat later in May 2008.

Staff Senate President Tanner asked Trustee Haynes if he knew of any other institutions with such a policy. Trustee Haynes stated that he did not know of any and reiterated that we need to have a well researched and thought out policy that won't happen overnight.

Trustee Neiman added that the South Dakota legislature had very heated discussion about the same proposal. It didn't pass, but it was a very big topic.

Trustee Palmerlee thanked Trustee Davis for two years of terrific service as Board President. He took over at a difficult time and has done a terrific job for the Board. Trustee Brown also thanked Trustee Davis for his service, and said he enjoyed working with him the past few years.

Trustee President thanked all the Board for coming together and for the effort by all as well.

Date of Next Meeting

There will be a retreat May 29–30, 2008 in Jackson, Wyoming. The next meeting of the Board will be July 16-17, 2008 in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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