

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES**

**January 21-23, 2010**

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## **University of Wyoming Mission Statement (March 2009)**

The University of Wyoming aspires to be one of the nation's finest public land-grant research universities. We serve 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 promote learning, 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 accomplish this complex mission are the University's strategic plans, revised periodically.

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 21-23, 2010  
Coe Library, Meeting Room 506**

The Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming met in Laramie, Wyoming, January 21 and 22, 2010. On the morning of January 21, the Board held committee meetings, met in public session for approximately two hours, and then walked to Downey Hall where they began a tour of the residence halls followed by lunch in Washakie Dining Center. The Board attended dinner for the Board of Trustees and various administrators at the Buchanan's home to recognize Rick Miller's retirement and years of service at the University.

On Friday, January 22, the Board met in public session for several hours before adjourning the meeting and attending a lunch with ASUW in the Union.

There was no business conducted on the afternoon of Friday, January 22, or Saturday, January 23, 2010.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: HLC Reaccreditation Self-Study Update, Abernethy**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session  
 Education Session  
 Information Item  
 Other           Specify:

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Associate Provost Rollin Abernethy referred the Board to the HLC Self Study documents found on the University of Wyoming Academic Affairs website. Associate Provost Abernethy stated that the Board had received their hardcopy of the self study in the mail and an additional booklet, a federal compliance document, was provided to President Buchanan, Board President Brown and members of the HLC steering committee.

Associate Provost Abernethy discussed the accreditation process and the purpose of the self-study document. He then displayed on screen the HLC Self Study documents found on the University of Wyoming Academic Affairs website and discussed the various web pages and sections of the self study including the executive summary, resources, criteria, etc. Associate Provost Abernethy discussed the five core components and theme of the self study.

Members of the HLC Self-Study Steering Committee included:

- Rollin Abernethy, Academic Affairs (Committee Chair)
- Penne Ainsworth College of Business
- Chamois Andersen, Haub School, Ruckelshaus Institute of Environment and Natural Resources
- Wendy Bredehoft, University Art Museum
- Mark Collins, Division of Administration
- Maggie Farrell, University Libraries
- Andy Hansen, College of Engineering and Applied Science

Sue Koller, Office of Institutional Analysis

Beth McCuskey, Residence Life & Dining Services, Wyoming Union

Jane Nelson, Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning

Erika Prager, Office of Academic Affairs

Kim Reichert, Office of the President

Don Roth, Graduate School (former)

Mary Scott, Information Technology

Robert Scott Seville, Outreach School

Audrey Shalinsky, College of Arts & Sciences

Dorothy Yates, Office of Research & Economic Development

Associate Provost Abernethy discussed the key findings and noted that the group found that there are some areas in which the University is doing very well, and others that need attention. This process has been an excellent critique for the University.

Associate Provost Abernethy then discussed the different chapters in the self-study. He then explained the tentative schedule for the HLC site team including their request to meet with a subset of the Board of Trustees and to travel around the state to visit the community colleges.

Various members of the Board praised Associate Provost Abernethy and others for the work done on the self-study and in particular the Executive Summary of the self-study.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Spring 2010 Enrollment Update, Axelson**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson shared with the Board the end of fall semester 2009 enrollment information. She stated that we were 86 students above the highest number since 1991, with an ending enrollment of 13,500 students.

She stated that numbers for spring 2010 semester are preliminary, but at this time the University is 700 students ahead of where we were this time last year.

Vice President Axelson commented that e-billing has been very successful, and only 143 students did not pay tuition before the deadline. This number is considerably lower than in years past.

Vice President Axelson stated that she will provide final counts on enrollment for spring 2010 at the March Trustees' meeting. She commented that the response from freshmen for fall 2010 is great, and she feels Hathaway opportunities have made a tremendous difference. Vice President Axelson stated that we are seeing increases in the number of non-traditional students as well.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Modification to UW Regulations, Miller**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session  
 Education Session  
 Information Item  
 Other           Specify:

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President for Governmental, Community and Legal Affairs Rick Miler referred the Board to the narrative in the Board Report regarding modifications to University Regulations. He discussed the changes that needed to be made to the regulations with his retirement. The position of Vice President will be eliminated and a Government and Community Relations Director and head of General Counsel will assume all duties.

Vice President Miller stated that there is a provision which allows him to exercise certain authority until the end of the semester.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Trustees Serving on Boards, Miller**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session  
 Education Session  
 Information Item  
 Other           Specify:

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President for Governmental, Community and Legal Affairs Rick Miler stated that last year Trustee Taylor Haynes and the Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee (FLAC) discussed with the Board the role of the Board of Trustee members serving on other boards and the appropriate times to exercise voting authority. He stated that in an effort to help Board members avoid conflict, Trustees sitting on others campus boards will become non-voting members.

Trustee Neiman discussed his position on the Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission and how that would be affected by the policy recommended by Trustee Haynes. Vice President Miller stated that Trustee Neiman was appointed to this position not as a Trustee, and therefore this position would not be affected by the policy recommended by Trustee Haynes.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NCAR Financing, Miller**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President for Government, Community, and Legal Affairs Rick Miller provided an update on the status of the financing for the NCAR-Wyoming Supercomputer Center. He discussed bond financing for the project.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: SFSF Funds/ARRA Update, Buchanan**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

President Buchanan stated that during this meeting he received an email from the Governor's Office regarding this topic and wanted to brief the Board. He outlined the information provided in the memo regarding stimulus monies for the University, and the deadlines and requirements for use of the funds.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Construction Contracts 1, Vinzant**

- a. Land Trade in Albany County**
- b. Land Purchase in Albany County**
- c. Student ACRES Building Site Approval**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

a. Land Trade in Albany County

Vice President Vinzant discussed the land swap in Albany County. He referred the Board to the maps that had been distributed in advance of the meeting. Vice President Vinzant explained that this is an exchange of approximately 110 acres of land owned by the University of Wyoming for 80 acres of state land. The dollar values of the land are about the same. This exchange will help the State of Wyoming as well as the University. He stated that we are both interested in consolidating our areas. Vice President Vinzant stated that this is essentially an even swap.

There was discussion by the Board regarding differences in price after appraisal, mineral rights, water rights, and access.

b. Land Purchase in Albany County

Vice President Vinzant stated that the owner of the property referenced in the Trustees narrative has expressed an interest in selling this property. An appraisal will be done closer to summer, but the University feels there is a big opportunity here.

c. Student ACRES Building Site Approval

Vice President Vinzant discussed the recommendation for Board approval and then introduced Erika Schoen, a member of ACRES, who provided some information about the group, the work that is being done, and projects for the future.

ASUW President Haigler congratulated the students on their involvement in making this project succeed.

It was noted that these items are all listed on the Consent Agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Fees, Vinzant**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session  
 Education Session  
 Information Item  
 Other           Specify:

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President for Administration Doug Vinzant referred the Trustees to a powerpoint distributed to Board members in advance. He provided some background about discussions with ASUW and administration regarding mandatory fees. Vice President Vinzant stated that there have been numerous conversations with the students regarding the fees, and this week ASUW voted and adopted a resolution in support of fees that are being presented to the Board at this meeting.

Vice President Vinzant discussed the powerpoint handout, explaining each fee, tuition increases passed by the Board in the fall, and ARRA funds that would be used. He then discussed the process for approving fees, and how administration would like to change the review and decision process from review every year to a 2 year cycle.

Vice President Vinzant stated that this has been vetted through Student Affairs, the students, and the Board of Trustees subcommittees.

ASUW President Haigler stated that the cost for parking on campus is too low. The University is significantly undercharging for campus parking, and the rates should be increased considerably.

Trustee Davis commended Vice President Vinzant and the administration for the work they have done in this area, and for involving the campus community in the process when making these recommendations.

President Buchanan stated that administration will visit this topic and work to do a better job of integrating the University's tuition policy and fee structure.

This item was moved to the consent agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Construction Contracts 2, Vinzant**

- a. Architect/Engineer for Energy Resource Center
- b. Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Approval

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session  
 Education Session  
 Information Item  
 Other Specify:

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

**a. Architect/Engineer for Energy Resource Center**

Vice President for Administration Doug Vinzant provided the Board with some information about the Energy Resource Center and who/what will be housed in the facility, then referred the Board to the narrative in the Board Report which outlines the recommendation for the Board of Trustees to authorize the University to contract with an architect/engineering firm utilizing the recommended ranking of the firms as provided by the Energy Resources planning team and the Facilities Planning Office.

It was noted that this item is listed on the Consent Agenda.

**b. Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Approval**

Vice President for Administration Doug Vinzant introduced Mr. Daniel Iacofano from the firm Moore, Iacofano, and Goltsman, Incorporated (MIG). Mr. Iacofano thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to revisit this topic and answer any questions. He stated that the Long Range Development Plan is a flexible plan so there is always the ability to make changes. Mr. Iacofano emphasized the work that has been done with the University, the City Council and the Laramie community and stated that communication with these groups must continue throughout this process.

Mr. Iacofano discussed how with this plan visitors to campus will have a homelike experience and the design offers create a welcoming "front door" to campus. This project will continue to be updated and short term initiatives will be in the Capital Facilities Plan.

Mr. Iacofano referred the Board to the two draft volumes of the University of Wyoming Long Range Development Plan received in advance of the meeting. He noted that there are not closures of streets in the proposals.

There was discussion by the Board regarding considering the closure of 15<sup>th</sup> and option in the future.

Mr. Iacofano thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to work on this project, stating that it has been a great experience.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Honorary Degrees, Allen**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Board moved out of Executive Session and into Public Session at 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010. Trustee Palmerlee moved that the recommendation of the honorary degree committee for the honorary degree recipients for 2010 be placed on the Consent Agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Forgiveness of Loan Repayment, Allen**

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- Education Session
- Information Item
- Other            Specify:

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

After moving the honorary degree approval to the Consent Agenda, Trustee Mead moved to add the approval of Forgiveness of Loan Repayment for Carol Mason to the Consent Agenda. Additional information can be found on page 25.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Budget Update, Buchanan**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session  
 Education Session  
 Information Item  
 Other Specify:

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

President Buchanan provided the Board with an update on the university budget as seen below.

Following the briefing, there was discussion by the Board regarding the state retirement system and the WICHE program.

**UW Budget Presentation to the Joint Appropriations Committee, January 2010  
Outline**

**University of Wyoming (067)**

Tuition and fee update

- No budget request
- Board approved two years of consecutive, 5% increases on tuition for all undergraduate, graduate, resident, and non-resident students
- Three professional programs (Pharmacy, Business, and Law) will have additional tuition increases (tuition differentials) to support specific efforts within each of those professional programs
- Board is expected to approve a two-year program of mandatory student fee increases in January
- Federal stimulus funds are expected to be provided to UW to defray the cost of tuition and fee increases for FY 2011 (other than for room and board or pass-through charges from external entities)

Wyoming Public Radio

- Budget request: \$388,000 (one-time funding) for Lingle Tower and \$93,000 (one-time funding) for Kaycee Expansion to modify existing application, change channel, and change to directional transmission
- (The Governor denied these requests, but the Committee asked several positive questions about these expansions)

### SER

- Budget request: Operating budget of \$19.4M (\$17.4M in AML and \$2M in carryover)
  - Distributed among salaries for SER personnel, stipends for graduate students and visiting scholar, three program areas, and administration
- Facility update
  - Level 1 planning for the Energy Resource Center is complete. Fee negotiation is ongoing prior to an anticipated award of the contract by the Board.
  - \$21 million has been raised through gifts and state matching funds; site prep is nearing completion (Old Power Plant)
  - Fall 2010 start of construction is targeted

### Carbon Sequestration, Wyoming Carbon Underground Storage Project (WY-CUSP)

- Budget request: \$45M
- Up to \$10M to complete the stratigraphic well for purposes of future CO<sub>2</sub> injection and the remaining ~\$35M for development of the project
- The ability to sequester carbon is critical to the long term viability of Wyoming's energy industry; Wyoming will receive additional economic benefits if successful carbon sequestration at commercial scale can occur within state

### Clean Coal Task Force Matching Funds for Research

- The Governor recommended an appropriation of an additional \$14M in AML funds to the matching grant program

### Wyoming Reclamation and Restoration Center

- Budget request: \$666,000 in AML funds for personnel; an extension professional; extension activities and publications; graduate students; workshops and industry liaison activities; and laboratory analyses on soil, plants, and water
- This funding will permit the center to expand its research and build on the core of existing expertise and activity

### Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer

- Budget request: \$985,000 in AML funds
- The spectrometer is a powerful tool that will sustain UW's competitiveness in Chemistry, Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, Molecular Biology, and Pharmacy
- The spectrometer enables the study of large molecules, e.g., pollutants, composite materials, and biological materials, in sophisticated ways

### UW-GE Energy High Plains Gasification-Advance Technology Center

- Update (no budget request): The Board selected a proposed site in the Cheyenne LEADS Business Parkway from among 15 competitive proposals
- TriHydro Corporation of Laramie was selected as the permitting consultant and is under contract with UW
- Final design to commence in mid to late 2010; project on track for a commissioning period in mid 2012

#### Brucellosis Vaccine and Testing Research

- Budget request: \$824,000 to allow the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to continue to support brucellosis research
  - \$200,000 to further the Consortium for the Advancement of Brucellosis Science
  - \$400,000 to support ongoing test and vaccine development
  - \$224,000 to support the hiring of a microbiologist to further the brucellosis vaccine and testing research (The Governor denied this portion of the request)
- Brucellosis is a disease of concern to wild animals, domestic animals, and human health; current vaccines are marginally effective at best

#### Center for Distance Learning and Technology

- Budget request: \$3M
  - \$1.3M per year for operation and administration of the Distance Learning Center
  - \$125,000 for course development for distance educators
  - \$130,000 plus \$50,000 per year for implementation of ePortal (a single website for all educational opportunities—K-12, community college, UW, workforce training, and professional development)
  - \$262,000 to sustain operations of the Wyoming Video Conferencing System
  - \$485,000 to provide funding for a Video Conferencing Coordinator and video conferencing equipment
  - \$1M for upgrades
- Based on recommendations from the Governor's Task Force, which was appointed in November 2008 to examine distance education, video conferencing, and IP-based communications for the State

#### NCAR-Wyoming Supercomputing Center

- Budget request: \$1M with carry forward of existing appropriation of \$1M (UW's commitment to the NCAR project is \$1M annually once final NSF approval is obtained)
- The project encompasses the design and construction of a world-class center for scientific computing in the atmospheric and related geosciences

#### Fine Arts Building, Phase I and Downey Hall

- Two capital construction requests
  - 1) Construction of Fine Arts Phase I facility for the visual arts
  - 2) Renovation of Downey Hall
- UW requesting authorization to issue revenue bonds and the construction of both facilities (no legislative appropriation)
  - UW will leverage \$33M in bonds through dedicating \$3.3M in annual revenues for the Fine Arts facility
  - \$600,000 in annual revenue will support \$6M needed for renovations to Downey Hall (paid for by student fees associated with residence halls)

#### Major Maintenance and Distribution of State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

- No budget request
- UW anticipates receiving \$5.2M in State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to mitigate tuition and instructional fee increases and \$27M to replace UW's state major maintenance appropriation

#### Casper College/UW Joint Facility and LCCC/UW Joint Facility and Capital Construction Budget

- No budget request
- UW will submit a proposal in the 2011 General Session to finance its share of the Casper College/UW Joint facility (UW will not request any new state appropriation)
- The State Building Commission and the Governor recommend approval for \$26M in other funds for a LCCC/UW Joint facility. UW renewed its commitment to pursue a Level II study with LCCC, with contributions from both institutions.

#### Retirement Contribution Discussion

- No budget request
- The Governor recommended setting aside \$48.8M within the State Auditor's Office for potential payroll contribution rate adjustment
- Rick and Don have been working to insure that UW employees, whether they are in the WRS or TIAA-CREF will be treated equitably with any changes in the employer's contribution to state employee retirements.

#### Athletic Facilities Loan, Modification of Interest Rate

- In 2008, the Legislature authorized a bridge loan to UW from the corpus of the UW permanent Land Fund to address cash flow issues resulting from the payment timing of donor commitments and payments due to contractors
- UW is requesting to reduce the corresponding annual percentage rate from 5.35% to 4.5% (supported by the State Treasurer)

#### **WICHE (069)**

##### WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program

- Due to budget cuts, WICHE Commissioners opted to discontinue the possibility of financial support in dentistry or allopathic medicine and to limit the number of students supported in osteopathic medicine to one

#### **Medical Education (167)**

##### Cheyenne Family Practice

- Exception budget request of \$1.6M for projected shortfall due to a change to an electronic billing system, less than rigorous business practices, and associated billing delays; and increased number of patients without insurance being treated as a result of the recent economic downturn.

**Other**

Wyoming Investment in Nursing

- This program supports nursing faculty salaries among the community colleges and is a loan-for-service program for nursing students at both UW and the state's community colleges
- UW wanted to voice support for the program and continued funding (\$2.6M)
- Of the \$2.6M, \$300,000 benefits UW nursing students and the balance benefits faculty and students at the state's community colleges

Teacher Student Loan Repayment Program

- This program benefits UW students pursuing a degree or certification in targeted education disciplines with low supply relative to demand
- UW wanted to voice support for the program and continued funding (\$300,000 per year)

**Friday, January 22, 2010**

**Business Meeting, Coe Library, Meeting Room 506**

Trustee Brown called the Business Meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Deputy Secretary for the Board of Trustees, Shannon Sanchez, took roll.

Members present included: Trustees Dave Bostrom, Chuck Brown, Dick Davis (on conference phone), Betty Fear, Taylor Haynes, Warren Lauer (on conference phone), Brad Mead, Jim Neiman, Dave Palmerlee, Ann Rochelle, James Trospen, and Howard Willson. Ex-officio Trustees UW President Tom Buchanan and ASUW President Matt Haigler were also present. Chief of Staff Chris Boswell attended as representative from the Governor's office. Ex-officio Trustee Wyoming State Superintendent for Public Instruction Jim McBride was not in attendance.

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

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Trustee Mead seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Reports**

**ASUW**

ASUW President Matt Haigler commended the university administration for the process used to set student fees and the amount of participation from the students in this process. He also noted ASUW's effort to help with the Census count and participation in Half Acre expansion design planning.

ASUW President Haigler stated that students are asking questions regarding the tuition increases passed at the November 2009 Board meeting, and he and ASUW are working to provide information about the new rates and when students will be affected.

### **Staff Senate**

Staff Senate President Chris Clements stated that she was pleased with the employee handbook and the changes made regarding the tuition waiver for employees. Ms. Clements stated the Staff Senate would be discussing professional development for staff. Staff Senate President Clements commented that she has received feedback that employees miss the enrichment courses offered at the University which were eliminated during the budget reduction exercise.

### **Faculty Senate**

There was no report from Faculty Senate as there was no representative present at the meeting.

### **Public Testimony**

Public Testimony was held after the Business Meeting.

Jean Oxley spoke to the Board regarding her concerns about the Long Range Development Plan and the negative effect the changes will have on the Laramie community. She addressed concerns regarding closing of 15<sup>th</sup> Street, increased cost to the community for changes in roadways, and overall making the campus unfriendly.

Following public testimony the Board adjourned and traveled to the Union for lunch with ASUW.

## **Committee of the Whole- REGULAR BUSINESS** **Board of Trustees Committee Reports**

**A. Academics and Research Committee (Allen)** Trustee Palmerlee, Committee Chair  
Trustee Palmerlee stated that the Honorary Degree Committee met in the morning and provided recommendations regarding the 2010 Honorary Degree recipients. The committee also discussed the recommendation for a proposed Baccalaureate Major in American Indian Studies.

It was noted that this item is on the Consent Agenda for approval.

**B. Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee (Vinzant)** Trustee Haynes, Committee Chair  
Trustee Haynes stated that the committee discussed mandatory and non-mandatory fees, energy savings partnership, debt service at comparator institutions, and bond capacity future opportunities for the University.

**C. Student Affairs/Athletics/Administration/Information Technology Committee (Axelson)**

Trustee Rochelle, Committee Chair

Trustee Rochelle stated the committee discussed mandatory and non-mandatory fees, energy performance contracting, and an update on the football stadium.

**Committee of the Whole- Consent Agenda**

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10. Proposed Baccalaureate Major in American Indian Studies (Allen)

Trustee Palmerlee moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Trustee Bostrom seconded the motion. Trustee Lauer complimented the Provost and others for adding the proposed baccalaureate major in Religious Studies to the Consent Agenda. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

**New Business**

The Board discussed the dates and location options for the July 2010 Board Retreat. It was noted that the retreat is still in the planning stages, but to hold July 16-18, 2010, for a Board of Trustees Retreat in Hulett, Wyoming hosted by Trustee Jim Neiman.

**Date of Next Meeting**

March 4-6, 2010, in Laramie, Wyoming

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. following public testimony. The Board then traveled to the Union for lunch with ASUW.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Sanchez  
Deputy Secretary, Board of Trustees

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:**

**Relief from repayment of loan – Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program participant, Allen/Weidel**

**CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):**

- Work Session  
 Education Session  
 Information Item  
 Other           Specify: Consent agenda

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

W.S. 21-17-116 establishes a program under which a student in UW's advanced nurse practitioner in psychiatry program receives a loan for educational purposes. The recipient can repay the loan through professional practice in Wyoming. W.S. 21-17-116(e) provides:

(e) Upon recommendation of the president of the university, the board of trustees may relieve a student of the obligation to repay amounts expended under subsection (d) of this section, in whole or in part, where repayment would cause undue hardship. The university shall annually report the number of students relieved from repayment under this paragraph to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee not later than October 1.

Ms. Carol Mason, a former student in the program, has requested relief from the obligation to repay the loan. The basis for the request is undue hardship. To protect the former student's privacy, the university administration has provided the Board with documentation to substantiate the request in executive session.

**PRIOR RELATED BOARD DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS:**

None

**WHY THIS ITEM IS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

By law, only the Board of Trustees can grant the relief requested.

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:**

Materials provided to the Board in executive session document Ms. Mason's case for undue hardship.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:**

None

**ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS BOARD MEETING:**

For the Board to grant or deny the relief requested.

**PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

In accordance with W.S. 21-17-116(e), President Buchanan recommends that the Board grant the relief requested.