

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

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**Tuesday, February 26, 2013
4:00 p.m.
Old Main Boardroom, Laramie Wyoming campus
Conference Call**

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Call to Order

Board President Trustee Dave Bostrom called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

Roll Call

Deputy Secretary for the University Board of Trustees Shannon Sanchez took roll. Members participating on the conference call included: Trustees Dave Bostrom, Dick Davis, Betty Fear, Warren Lauer (in the Boardroom), John MacPherson, Jeff Marsh, Brad Mead, Jim Neiman, Dave Palmerlee, Ann Rochelle, James Trosper, and Howard Willson. Ex-officio Trustee ASUW President Joel Defebaugh was in attendance in the Old Main Boardroom. Ex-officio Trustees Governor Matt Mead, State Superintendent for Public Instruction Cindy Hill and University of Wyoming President Tom Buchanan were not in attendance. Mary Kay Hill, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Matt Mead, participated on behalf of the Governor. Note: There were several UW administrators present in the Old Main Boardroom and numerous reporters participated on the conference call.

Public Session

1. Presidential Search Process – Action on Personnel Item, Trustee Bostrom

Trustee President Dave Bostrom stated that a press release would be issued immediately following the Board meeting, and Chad Baldwin, Director of Institutional Communications, and Trustee Bostrom would take comments from media also following the meeting.

Trustee Bostrom stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the search for the 24th president of the University of Wyoming. He then provided some background regarding President Buchanan’s initial announcement to retire, and the search process over the previous months. Trustee Bostrom stated that this is the most important decision the members the Board of Trustees will make during their time on the Board, and in the months leading up to this meeting, have taken every action to make this search successful.

Trustee Bostrom then thanked his fellow trustees for their interest, compassion, attention, dedication, and support during this process. He then thanked Betty Asher and Lisa Hagan with the search firm Greenwood/Asher for their assistance in creating a pool of 88 applicants for this position. Trustee Bostrom thanked the members of the Tier I and Tier II Presidential Search Process Screening Committees for their service to this important task; the faculty, staff, students, and constituents around the state for providing feedback and creating a presidential profile that would fit the University and state; the legislature for their support of the confidential process which is now in place for the future searches; and a final expression of appreciation to University President Tom Buchanan for his tremendous leadership for the last eight years and for making the University recognized internationally in teaching and research.

Trustee MacPherson commented that the Board of Trustees will issue a statement delineating why the Board of Trustees moved forward with an open process; the statement will come before the Board for consideration at the March 7-8, 2013, Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Davis expressed his sincere appreciation to those who served on the Tier II Presidential Search Process Screening Committee, commenting on the tremendous amount of work done by the committee during the process and the positive experience as committee chair.

Trustee Davis moved that the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees approve the hire of Robert J. Sternberg, current Provost and Senior Vice President at Oklahoma State University, as the 24th President of the University of Wyoming. Trustee MacPherson seconded the motion.

Deputy Secretary for the Board Shannon Sanchez took roll call vote:

<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Bostrom, Dave	Yes
Davis, Dick	Yes
Fear, Betty	Yes
Lauer, Warren	Yes
MacPherson, John	Yes
Marsh, Jeff	Yes
Mead, Brad	Yes
Neiman, Jim	Yes
Palmerlee, Dave	Yes
Rochelle, Ann	Yes
Trosper, James	Yes
Willson, Howard	Yes

The motion passed unanimously, electing Robert J. Sternberg as the 24th President of the University of Wyoming.

Trustee Bostrom thanked the Board for making themselves available for this meeting. There was no further business to come before the Board.

Adjournment

Board of Trustees President Dave Bostrom adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Sanchez
Deputy Secretary, Board of Trustees