

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020
Meeting Minutes
Public Session**

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The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees held a conference call on Wednesday morning, October 14, 2020. Trustee Chairman Jeff Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London took roll.

Trustees participating: Mel Baldwin, Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown, David Fall, Brad LaCroix, Jeff Marsh, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Dick Scarlett, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, Michelle Sullivan, and Dave True. Ex-officio Trustees UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Riley Talamantes, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow, Director of Wyoming Community College Commission Sandy Caldwell, and Governor Mark Gordon were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: COVID-19 Update, Seidel/Benham-Deal
MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

University of Wyoming President Ed Seidel provided the Board an update on COVID-19 daily briefings, and on comprehensive activities of the various working groups stating he is pleased with the university's response. Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal stated the University of Wyoming has successfully entered phase three of its restart plan, and will continue to daily monitor the 11 indicators to best inform decision-making processes. Benham-Deal further explained the total number of active cases fell below 100 on Tuesday, October 13th 2020, and that the sample prevalence fluctuates but remains below the indicator threshold of 3%. Furthermore, the quarantine and isolation housing capacity is near the indicator threshold but is currently maintained with further off campus quarantine space available if needed. She further explained shelter in place guidelines as well as a variety of interventions to keep campus open.

Sports Medicine Physician Dr. Matt Boyer explained he is working closely with athletics to keep student athletes healthy and safe. President Seidel expressed he is working with Laramie's local businesses on compliance. Recently, the president sent out a call-to-action to the university regarding compliance. Benham-Deal discussed supply chain challenges related to robotics, and the handling of the large volume of testing. The use of a combination of UW lab developed and Vault tests will begin on Monday, October 19, 2020 with the kick off of twice-weekly surveillance testing. Benham-Deal commended the vet lab's support of the university testing protocols. In order to monitor and limit the spread of the virus, all students will be tested November 16-20, 2020 prior to campus departure for Thanksgiving break. Students who test positive that week will work with the Wyoming Department of Health on proper protocol. Benham-Deal further discussed campus communication plans to include the *Cowboys Can* campaign, and the integration of the COVID-19 Pass with regard to testing compliance. She further discussed the spring 2021 academic calendar and testing plans, and expressed the importance of ongoing support towards students, faculty, and staff.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan applauded the remarkable teamwork to keep the UW campus safe and open. Trustee Sullivan further emphasized the importance of understanding the difficulty students may be having particular to this transition. Trustee David Fall discussed the isolation of students who test positive for COVID-19, and inquired whether or not students with the same diagnosis could engage with one another. Vice President for Student Affairs Kim Chestnut discussed advice from the Wyoming Department of Health in an effort to minimize the spread of the virus. She further explained that each quarantined student is assigned a primary contact prepared with appropriate PPE allowing for individual engagement with isolated students. ASUW President Riley Talamantes discussed the academic calendar for the upcoming spring 2021 semester, and requested a three-day break during the semester. Interim Provost Anne Alexander discussed President Seidel's approval of the instructional schedule constructed to help mitigate spread. Alexander further discussed the opportunity for a President's Day holiday for the upcoming year. President Seidel discussed his engagement with concerned students and parents stating the university has been receiving a more positive outlook recently.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Sullivan
MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Kyle Moore provided a summary of the financial aid plan for 2020-2021 and its guiding principles. Moore reported the current financial aid plan adopted at the July 2019 BOT meeting in Riverton has had positive outcomes and impacts across resident and

nonresident market segments, further stating maintaining this plan for an additional year will provide greater data comparison and evaluation of areas of success and opportunity.

Fall 2020 Financial Aid Plan Outcomes – AY 2021/2022 Recommendations

Approved 10-14-2020 @ 9:30 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board adopt the current AY20-21 financial aid plan for the AY21-22 calendar. Trustee Mel Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Family Medicine Residence Program – FQHC Reorganization,

Theobald/Evans/Jones

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Neil Theobald provided the Board background on the recommendations of consultant Larry Kaiser provided in May 2020. Theobald stated, to ensure the long-term financial viability of clinics and to maintain the excellence of the Family Medicine Residency Program it is proposed that the Educational Health Center of Wyoming (EHCW) clinics transition to independent operation over the next 24 months, allowing for the EHCW to operate its own administrative services.

FQHC Reorganization

Approved 10-14-2020 @ 9:34 a.m.

Trustee David Fall moved the Board direct President Ed Seidel to transition the Educational Health Center of Wyoming (EHCW) to an independent Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Facilities Contracting Committee, McKinley/Mai

Trustee John McKinley provided the Board a summary on the Facilities Contracting Committee's recommendation as it relates to UW residence and dining halls. Trustee McKinley further discussed legislation providing for restrictions on possible locations for residence halls and ancillary facilities. Trustee McKinley described current concept options A & B as proposed in the presentation to the Board and the recommendations of the Exterior Design Advisory Committee (EDAC). Trustee McKinley reviewed the site comparative analysis and summary stating that Site A interferes with the current facilities building in a way that would require its relocation and thus a new building on campus. New construction cost estimates are \$30-40 million and would affect the new housing schedule by approximately two years.

Housing EDAC & Site Selection

Approved 10-14-2020 @ 9:52 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the preferred new housing facilities footprint (Scheme B) as shown on Page 9 of the 11-page slide deck contained in the materials; planning for beds of approximately 1,000 students, and dining facilities for up to 850 students. Trustee Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

***WPR Lingle/Lusk Site Lease Extension with David Kelly
Approved 10-14-2020 @ 9:54 a.m.***

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to execute the lease agreement with David Kelly as presented to the Board. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Modifications to UW Regulations, Brown/Evans
MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans discussed proposed modifications to UW Regulation 2-1 (Academic Personnel) and UW Regulation 6-1 (Design, Construction, and Naming of Buildings).

***UW Regulation 2-1 (Academic Personnel)
Approved 10-14-2020 @ 9:55 a.m.***

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize modifications to UW Regulation 2-1 (Academic Personnel) as presented. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

***UW Regulation 6-1 (Design, Construction, and Naming of Buildings)
Approved 10-12-2020 @ 9:56 a.m.***

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize modifications to UW Regulation 6-1 (Design, Construction, and Naming of Buildings) as presented. Trustee Dick Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

***Approval of Minutes
Approved 10-14-2020 @ 8:39 a.m.***

Trustee Mel Baldwin moved approval of the September 16-17, 2020, UW Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

***UW Army Corps of Engineers Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items
Approved 10-14-2020 @ 9:57 a.m.***

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items with the UW Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District. Trustee Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

***Inter Technologies Corporation - AudioVisual Systems Integration Services and Products
Approved 10-14-2020 @ 9:57 a.m.***

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board authorize administration to sign the Agreement for University of Wyoming AudioVisual Systems Integration Services and Products between the University of Wyoming and Inter Technologies Corporation. Trustee Scarlett seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

Date of Next Meeting

November 11-12, 2020 (Laramie, Wyoming)

Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Session Information

[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Wednesday October 14, 2020, via video conference]

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The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- 1) Matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii); and
- 2) Considering or receiving information classified as confidential by law under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ix).

The Executive Session was attended by the 12 voting members of the UW Board of Trustees, ex-officio members, and UW administrators and staff as appropriate. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:40 a.m.

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Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans, Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley, UW Board of Trustees Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London, and IT Specialist Lisa Stafford attended the entirety of the meeting. The following administrators and external individuals attended during their respective agenda items: Associate Vice President for Financial Affairs David Jewell, Deputy Vice President for Administration Bill Mai, Vice President for Research and Economic Development Ed Synakowski, Professor Ginger Paige, Vice President for IT Robert Aylward, and outside counsel Arthur Hundhausen, Kevin Selzer and Brad Cave (Holland and Hart).

Executive Session adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London
Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees