THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

PUBLIC SESSION March 22-24, 2023

University of Wyoming Mission Statement (July 2017)

We honor our heritage as the state's flagship and land-grant university by providing accessible and affordable higher education of the highest quality; rigorous scholarship; the communication and application of knowledge; 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 cocurricular opportunities that will:

- Graduate students who have experienced the frontiers of scholarship and creative activity and who are prepared for the complexities of an interdependent world;
- Cultivate a community of learning energized by collaborative work among students, faculty, staff and external partners;
- Nurture an environment that values and manifests diversity, internationalization, free expression, academic freedom, personal integrity and mutual respect; and
- Promote opportunities for personal health and growth, physical health, athletic competition and leadership development for all members of the university community.

As Wyoming's only public university, we are committed to scholarship, 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 UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Wednesday, March 22 -Friday, March 24, 2023 Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center Laramie, Wyoming

As will be reflected in the public and executive session meeting minutes, the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming met in Laramie, Wyoming, on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, Thursday, March 23, 2023, and Friday, March 24, 2023. Committee Meetings were held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. The Board's business meeting was held on Friday, March 24, 2023.

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Recognitions</u> – McKinley

Trustee McKinley invited Vice President for Student Affairs Kim Chestnut to introduce members of staff and residence assistants who played a critical role in student safety during the Orr Hall fire on February 14, 2023. Trustee McKinley expressed thanks on behalf of the Board.

Certificate of Gratitude and Appreciation 03-23-2023 @ 10:02 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the following Board resolution:

Whereas, just past midnight on the 14th day of February 2023, the Orr Hall Residence Life staff responded to a fire in a residence hall room that resulted in the evacuation of the entire building.

Whereas, the student employees working as Resident Assistants worked quickly going door-todoor to notify residents and guide students to the evacuation rendezvous point outside of the residence hall, going above and beyond to get everyone safely out of the building.

Whereas, Resident Assistant Kennedy Heninger took responsive action to access a fire extinguisher and put out the flames in the room before firefighters arrived which minimized the damage to the facility and nullified danger posed to the residents.

Whereas, the Resident Assistant team worked diligently with full-time staff and first responders to ensure safety protocols were followed, residents were informed, and that all residents displaced from the fire had lodging for the night.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees at the University of Wyoming hereby acknowledges and extends gratitude for the monumental effort of Kennedy Heninger, the Residence Coordinator, and outstanding Resident Assistant staff in response to the danger posed by the fire.

Trustee Kermit Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Update to Board - Seidel

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

UW President Ed Seidel reported on April 12-13, the university will co-host <u>National Lab Day</u> with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); the event is an opportunity for the University of Wyoming community to connect with leaders and scientists from all 17 national labs and explore opportunities for collaboration and discuss topics from energy to the environment to business and industry. President Seidel discussed attendees to include Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, Under Secretary for Science and Innovation Geri Richmond; Deputy Director of the Office of Science Harriet Kung; Assistant Secretary for Fossil Fuels and Carbon Management Brad Crabtree; and Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Katy Huff. President Seidel stated that as the university aspires to Carnegie R1 status, events like National Lab Day help to demonstrate its commitment to research excellence across all disciplines. President Seidel discussed his ongoing statewide engagement, describing a visit to the Wind River Reservation, a university community event in Newcastle, and a hosted event with Laramie's elected officials. President Seidel discussed work toward increased student success, enrollment, recruitment, retention and graduation and

updated the Board on the launch of the university's partnership with Shorelight to raise the university's international profile.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Research Excellence: Institute for Managing Annual Grasses</u> <u>Invading Natural Ecosystems</u> -- Mealor

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Sheridan Research and Extension Center Director Brian Mealor presented information about the work of the Institute for Managing Annual Grasses Invading Natural Ecosystems (IMAGINE) that in its mission uses coproduced science, outreach, and education programs to develop, implement, evaluate, and adjust statewide and regional strategies for mitigating the impacts of invasive annual grasses in rangelands while empowering informed decision making by landowners and managers. In response to Board inquiry, Mealor discussed opportunities to educate and provide tools to land managers and spoke to historic grazing practices stating practices are now agnostic and invasive grasses have moved beyond impacts of grazing.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Report on Campus Parking</u> – Brown/Seidel/Mai

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Trustee Kermit Brown, and Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai provided an update to the Board on the status of parking on campus. He addressed progress on the Ivinson Parking Garage, parking options on campus, and transit options for the UW community. Trustee Kermit Brown and Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai provided summary and the year's long decision-making timeline related to changes to parking on campus as a result of the Campus Master Plan (approved by the Board in May 2020) and the work of the legislative Task Force on Campus Housing. Mai reported the Wyoming Union lot will be officially closed and parking permanently taken offline at the end of May 2023 as construction of new campus housing commences. Mai stated that upon completion of the Ivinson Parking Garage, and other surface lots, the university will have an additional 215 new parking spaces by December 2023. In response to request for information from Chairman McKinley, Mai discussed the cost of parking on campus and the three parking areas that are free of charge with access to a complimentary campus shuttle. UW President

Ed Seidel stated he has traveled via shuttle from satellite lots and found the service reliable. Mai reported on the plan for a shuttle bus route between the Ivinson Parking Garage to the 13th street spur near the Wyoming Union and reminded that parking enforcement is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and in response to Board inquiry, discussed the recent changes to parking permitting. In response to remark from Trustee Fall, Mai concurred wayfinding and outreach will be necessary in advance of the football season.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Update on UW's Response to Artificial Intelligence Platforms</u> – Seidel MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

In January 2023 President Seidel charged a working group to examine Artificial Intelligence (AI) as it relates to higher education, generally, and UW, specifically, and to develop recommendations on how UW can address this technology in ways that maintain academic integrity and promote student, faculty, and staff success. President Seidel discussed the recommendations of the working

group to include modifications to academic policies such as student academic dishonesty; the need to support instructors navigating new technologies; communications to students on appropriate use and academic integrity; and the need to anticipate and prepare for the evolution of AI.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Update on Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP) Proposals – Seidel

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

UW President Ed Seidel reported in January 2023, in collaboration with Wyoming's community colleges, UW submitted proposals for Phase II of WIP funding in the priority areas of advanced manufacturing, agriculture, computing research and education, energy and natural resources, entrepreneurship, and healthcare. President Seidel provided an update on UW's proposals for Phase II WIP funding as well as an overview of the selection process to be conducted by the Governor's Office.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Update on Science Initiative Director, Programming, and Space</u> – Seidel/Chitnis

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis discussed his goal to transition the Science Initiative (SI) into an institute during FY2023-24 with a further goal to make it fully staffed and functional by 2025. President Seidel stated the transition will reimagine the SI to incorporate the interdisciplinary nature of modern science, transformative impacts of digital technologies on STEM education and research, increased importance of convergence as a path to innovation, and realization that inclusion is prerequisite to excellence. In response to inquiry from Trustee John McKinley, Chitnis discussed coordinating full occupancy of the SI with the completion of the shelled space. UW President Seidel expressed his pleasure about the direction of the SI.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Report from Alumni Association Director</u> - Jack Tennant **MINUTES OF THE MEETING:**

University of Wyoming Alumni Association (UWAA) Executive Director Jack Tennant along with Vice President for Student Affairs Kim Chestnut, and UWAA Board President Terry Moss, provided the Board an update on the achievements and growth of the UWAA in the last year, and discussed team reorganization, and alumni engagement strategy going forward. Tennant provided a summary of challenges and achievements at the UWAA, stating success is owed to the work culture and the people on his team. Tennant discussed ways in which the UWAA can build on its mission, and the benefit to creating an associate director position. Tennant discussed the Affinity Network and discussed attention to branding when planning UWAA events. Tennant spoke to the generosity of University of Wyoming alumni and spoke about the plans for Homecoming.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Report Spring Enrollment Census Information</u> – Moore MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Kyle Moore discussed Spring Census date enrollment numbers stating, while not unexpected, there is a decrease in enrollment from this spring to spring of 2022, citing a lagging number of students who did not return to the university after the COVID-19 Pandemic. In response to inquiry from Trustee John McKinley, Moore stated the total number of credit hours per student is steady. Trustee McKinley stated freshman, sophomore, and senior

as classified in the data provided equates to credit hours and recommended some clarification in future reports. In response to further inquiry from Trustee McKinley, Moore stated there are enough sections of required classes but the classes are not always scheduled at times convenient to students.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: 2023 Saddle Up Programming Preliminary Plan -

Carman/Chestnut/Alexander/Courtney

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman, Vice President for Student Affairs Kim Chestnut, Vice Provost for Strategic Planning Anne Alexander, and Dean of Student Success and Graduation Nycole Courtney provided information related to the proposed schedule and programming for Saddle Up 2023. Carman provided a snapshot of the positive impact on freshman retention related to students who participated in Saddle Up 2022. In response to inquiry from Trustee John McKinley, Carman provided thoughts on channels to communicate information about and benefits to participation in the program the program. Carman further stated that College of Business Dean Scott Beaulier reports a 96% fall to spring retention rate attributed to participation in Saddle Up 2022. Courtney discussed the proposed Saddle Up 2023 schedule and invited Board feedback. Alexander discussed academic components to the program. Trustee Macey Moore stated the length of the programming is a challenge to new students and encouraged further consideration be made to better accommodate FFA students engaged in the Wyoming State Fair. Carman replied the multi-day format is integral to the success of the program and described the ability of students to request special accommodation. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood, Carman stated the program is mandatory for incoming students. ASUW President Allison Brown reiterated the feedback received from students about the lack of ample time for meals during Saddle Up 2022. Courtney described the adjustments considered to help facilitate service of meals. Trustee McKinley recommended administration consider a condensed schedule provided to freshmen enrolled for the Spring semester as a pilot-program, which might inform future fall semester programming. Carman stated that the spring freshman tend to be a different type of student than fall freshman, but administration is considering programming for spring. Trustee McKinley requested a report to the Board at its September 2023 meeting with initial results of the program and an in-depth report during the November 2023 meeting related to what modifications could be made to continue to improve the program.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Future of Marketing and Communication Efforts at UW</u> – Seidel MINUTES OF THE MEETING

UW President Ed Seidel discussed the future vision of the university's marketing and communications enterprise required to support the achievement of UW's 2023+ Strategic Plan and related goals including the achievement of Carnegie R1 status. President Seidel stated that the realization of the strategic plan's objectives to 1) enhance student success, 2) pursue institutional excellence, 3) provide a supportive community, 4) engage with an serve the state of Wyoming, and 5) cultivate financial stability and diversification will require enhanced marketing and communications resources. President Seidel stated that the future of marketing and communication efforts at UW should include the creation of a Vice President for Marketing and

Communications to lead a collaborative enterprise that supports the university in achieving its highest goals. Trustee John McKinley advised administration should consider its proposed strategies might collide with the overall vision of the individual governing boards of the UW Foundation and UW Alumni Association. Trustee Jim Mathis provided insight related to WyoTech student recruitment and retention and stressed the importance of brand consistency across the colleges. Trustee McKinley recommended Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Engagement Mike Smith connect with Trustee Mathis to discuss adoption of marketing strategies related to student recruitment that might benefit the university. Trustee Michelle Sullivan added that part of the process of building a brand toward recruitment is providing parents and students the tools to successfully navigate the admissions process. State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder discussed potential collaborations and reported on her conversations with College of Education Dean Scott Thomas related to recruitment of high school students and information sharing with high school counselors. Trustee McKinley requested President Seidel be mindful of the university's reputational risk as administration proposes changes to recruitment, retention and marketing; that it should recognize the harm of an inability to deliver on what is promised to parents, students, faculty, staff and the broader university community. Trustee McKinley encouraged administration recognize the success of The World Needs More Cowboys campaign adopted at the July 2018 Board meeting. Trustee McKinley requested President Seidel provide follow up information on progress during the May 2023 Board meeting, with an update during the September 2023 Board meeting providing a date by which recommendations will be executed. Trustee McKinley further requested administration identify a process by which Board members are able to provide feedback on the recommended plan.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>AMK Ranch 2023 Scheduling, Staffing, and Use</u> – Chitnis/Mai MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai provided the Board a brief update on winter maintenance at AMK Ranch, and the status of the removal of the Boise Cascade structure. In response to Trustee inquiry, Mai stated that the university does not have authorization to build a replacement structure, and that other buildings are on a cistern system that is drained in preparation for the winter season. Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis discussed upcoming research and educational programming at AMK Ranch. In response to Trustee John McKinley's request the programming be well publicized, Chitnis discussed collaboration with the UW Foundation to create a marketing and fundraising campaign. In response to inquiry from Trustee David Fall, Chitnis reported that of the research performed at the AMK Ranch through seed grants, 7 out of 13 grants are to university projects. UW President Ed Seidel discussed upcoming residencies will be held by Cardiff University, and Argonne Nation Laboratory. Trustee John McKinley encouraged Trustees to visit the AMK Ranch this summer.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Information: Integrated Test Center, Campbell County</u> – Krutka MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

School of Energy Resources Executive Director Holly Krutka discussed communication from Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon dated March 7, 2023, delegating management, administration and operation of the Integrated Test Center (ITC) to the University of Wyoming School of Energy

Resources (SER). Krutka stated the university and SER's main functions with the ITC will be to administer contracts (e.g., the lease with Basin Electric, contracts with onsite contractors, etc.), provide financial oversight, recruit CO₂ capture technology tenants and management and provide

a vision and plan for the future of the site. Trustee Dave True expressed appreciation that oversight was being assigned to SER.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Academic and Student Affairs Committee</u> – Michelle Sullivan (Chair)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Michelle Sullivan reported the Academic and Student Affairs Committee received a progress report from Provost Kevin Carman related to the success of new degrees; a report on student success metrics and a discussion with College of Business Dean Scott Beaulier; and a presentation related to student loan debt. There was Board discussion related to student loan debt associated with students who did not graduate, and the difficulty gathering data related to transfer students. Trustee McKinley stated the analysis is important as it relates to the Hathaway Scholarship. Interim Associate Vice President for Budget Aaron Courtney stated the Board would receive further information at a future meeting. Trustee Sullivan proposed the following action:

Notice of Intent: Bachelor in Early Childhood Education 03-23-2023 @ 4:02 p.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Notice of Intent for the Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Regulation 2:13: Data Science Center move to the School of Computing 03-23-2023 @ 4:02 p.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the move of the Data Science Center to the School of Computing. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Modification to UW Regulation 8-1 (Proper Use of Computing and Data Communications) 03-23-2023 (a) 4:03 p.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve modifications to UW Regulation 8-1 as presented to the Board. Trustee Macey Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Biennium Budget Committee</u> – Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Chair) MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato provided the Board a summary of Biennium Budget Committee discussion and proposed the following action:

Business Enterprises Fee Book proposals 03-23-2023 @ 4:12 p.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve the Business Enterprises Fee Book requests. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

A&S Unbudgeted use of URO Reserve Balance 03-23-2023 @ 4:12 p.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to approve the A&S Reserve Budget proposal in the amount of \$810,340. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

UW Foundation quarterly report on matching funds Funding Recommendation 03-23-2023 @ 4:13 p.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to transfer \$792,118.15 to UW Foundation for the 2020 State Appropriation - UW Matching Funds. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Facilities Contracting Committee</u> – Kermit Brown (Chair)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Kermit Brown updated the Board on the work of the Facilities Contracting Committee and recommended the following action:

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease with Venture Oil and Gas 03-23-2023 (a) 4:15 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Oil, Gas, and Mineral Lease Agreement with Venture Oil & Gas, Inc. as presented. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Lease Renewal- Wyoming Public Radio Afton, WY Site Lease Extension with Sunnybrook, LLC 03-23-2023 @ 4:15 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize administration to execute the new lease to extend the lease agreement with Sunnybrook, LLC as presented. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Visionary Broadband Easement – 15th Street to EHS Storage and Wireless Units Building 03-23-2023 (a) 4:16 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Underground Utility Line Easement agreement with Visionary Broadband as presented. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Amendment- Ivinson Parking Garage and Police Facility 03-23-2023 @ 4:16 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize administration to execute an amendment to the agreement with ByArchitectural Means for additional construction administration in the amount

of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Twenty-Eight dollars (\$149,028). Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Laramie Research Extension Center Feed Mill Replacement- Delivery Method 03-24-2023 @ 4:21 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with the Feed Mill Replacement project utilizing the design-build delivery method. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Jonah Field Turf Replacement – Contract Approval 03-23-2023 @ 4:22 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board award the Jonah Field Turf Replacement project to FieldTurf USA, Inc. and authorize Administration to execute the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor with FieldTurf USA, Inc. in the amount of \$707,844 to be funded with Athletics private funds as presented to the Committee. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Stadium LED Lighting Upgrade- Budget and Delivery Method 03-23-2023 @ 4:23 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with design and advertising of the War Memorial Stadium LED Lighting Upgrade project funded with Athletics private funds and a total budget of \$1,800,000 procured through the design-bid-build delivery method as presented to the Committee. Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Student Housing and Dining- Contract Amendment 03-23-2023 @ 4:27 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize administration to execute a contract amendment with JE Dunn Construction for the Student Housing and Dining project to increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price of construction of One Hundred Seventy-One Million Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven dollars (\$171,094,897), previously approved by the board in its November 2022 meeting, not-to-exceed Eighty-Seven Million Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety dollars (\$87,222,190) for the purposes of completing the South Hall. The addition to the previous total project budget of One Hundred and Ninety-Seven Million Five Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Fifty-Seven dollars (\$197,539,057) is Ninety-Two Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four dollars (\$92,769,834). This brings the complete total project budget, including administrative costs and contingencies to Two Hundred Ninety Million Three Hundred Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-one dollars (\$290,308,891). The source of the additional funding shall be from the balance of the housing bond proceeds in the amount of Twelve Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four dollars (\$12,769,834) and from the 2023 general funding appropriated in Enrolled Act 84, Section 5 (a)(i) (Section 067.) and the provisions of Section 11 of that act, in the amount of

Eighty Million dollars (\$80,000,000). Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Science Initiative – Design Contract Amendment 03-23-2023 @ 4:30 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board_authorize administration to execute a contract amendment with GSG Architecture, Casper WY for completion of the Science Initiative shelled space project for an amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Fifty-Thousand dollars (\$250,000) and to proceed with contract pricing with the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR). Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Wyoming Hall Utility Project- Construction Change Order 03-23-2023 @ 4:31 p.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize Administration to execute a contract change order with JE Dunn Construction for utilities for the Student Housing and Dining project for an amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$289,541.00) with funding to come from the Wyoming Hall Utility Infrastructure budget and to proceed with construction. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee</u> – Macey Moore (Chair) MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Macey Moore discussed the items before the Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee to include a report from Strategic Sourcing and Procurement Director Skylar Thimens; a report from Internal Audit Director Danika Salmans related to the 2023 Annual Risk Assessment; and an annual review of UW Regulation 7-7 (Investment and Management of University Funds).

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Legislative Relations Committee</u> – Kermit Brown (Chair) MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee Kermit Brown stated the committee met in closed session to receive information from Vice President of Government Affairs and Community Engagement Mike Smith related to the outcomes of the 2023 Legislative General Session. Trustee Brown encouraged Trustees to communicate with legislators in their communities to build relationships.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Research and Economic Development Committee</u> – David Fall (Chair)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

Trustee David Fall provided the Board a report on information received by the Research and Economic Development Committee to include division updates, and a continued conversation related to the use of Chat-GPT and other types of generative AI models from Vice President for Economic Development Parag Chitnis; a report on the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act of 2022 from College of Graduate Education Dean James Ahern; information related to the National Science Foundation Innovation Engine Application presented

by Associate Vice President for Economic Development Steve Farkas; and a discussion on humanities research led by Associate Professor of English Scott Henkel.

<u>Friday, March 24, 2023</u> Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

Business Meeting

Roll Call

The business meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees RoseMarie London took roll.

Trustees present: Trustees Kermit Brown (Vice Chairman), David Fall, Elizabeth Greenwood, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton (via video conference), Jeff Marsh (via video conference), John McKinley (Chairman), Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Secretary), Michelle Sullivan (Treasurer), and Dave True. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the meeting. Ex-officio Trustees present: UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Allison Brown, Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy Caldwell, and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder. Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon was absent from the meeting. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brandt attended on the governor's behalf.

Approval of Minutes (public and executive session) Meeting Minutes 03-24-2023 @ 9:17 a.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve the February 15, 2023, UW Board of Trustees public and executive session meeting minutes. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Annual Election of Officers [Effective May 1] – McKinley

Trustee Carol Linton reported at the January 2023 UW Board of Trustee Meeting she and Trustee Dave True were appointed to the Nominating Committee. Trustee Linton stated the committee received confirmation that all sitting Board officers are willing to serve in their roles for another term beginning May 1, 2023, and no other nominations were made.

Election of officers

03-24-2023 @ 9:19 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved to nominate the slate of candidates for UW Board of Trustees Officers as follows: John McKinley (Chairman); Kermit Brown (Vice Chairman); Michelle Sullivan (Treasurer); Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Secretary). Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Trustee Dave True expressed deep appreciation to former Board President MacPherson in his role creating the *Annual Schedule of Items to Approve, Discuss or Report*. Chairman John McKinley concurred and stated the Board will consider approval of revisions to the *Annual Schedule of Items to Approve, Discuss or Report* during the May 2023 Board meeting.

<u>Reports</u> ASUW Report

ASUW President Allison Brown provided student perspective on campus parking and construction and invited Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai to a future ASUW meeting. Brown discussed UW President Ed Seidel's recent student Town Hall and provided a status update on results of the Spring Student Issues Survey. Brown reported the Ad-Hoc Student Wages and Employment Committee is working on a white paper related to student employment on campus. Brown discussed scholarships and the award of a grant allowing ASUW and the School of Computing to collect data related to campus energy consumption. Trustees thanked Brown for the information related to student employment; Trustee John McKinley recommended ASUW work with President Seidel to organize a weekly job fair booth in the Wyoming Union to launch in the fall 2023.

Staff Senate Report

Staff Senate President Tim Nichols reported Staff Recognition Day will take place April 13, 2023. Nichols stated a Staff Climate Assessment Survey is being created in an effort to provide administration information necessary to improve campus morale and culture. Nichols commended UW President Seidel on the recent Town Hall. Nichols reported Staff Senate recently hired a full-time office associate, and thanked those who were instrumental in the process.

Faculty Senate Report

Faculty Senate Chairman Renee Laegreid reported Faculty Senate continues to work with Administration to address common concerns, such as college reorganizations, navigating regulation modifications associated with Chat GTP, and Bitcoin mining. Laegreid discussed efforts to improve the process for approving new minors and majors at the department level. Laegreid reported Faculty Senate's Executive Committee met with Vice Provost of Online and Continuing Education Matt Griswold, to discuss the university's vision for distance education. Laegreid reported collaboration with the Office of the President on Spring Convocation and Presidential Fellows. Laegreid reported that the Presidential Fellows program is beneficial to both faculty and administration, as faculty have the opportunity to learn and understand the environment in which administrators work, encouraging dialogue necessary to overcome issues. Laegreid reported UW President Ed Seidel announced a new fellow for artificial intelligence (AI) and stated her hope that the fellow would interrogate the ethics of AI, open up the philosophical approach, and bring in the Humanities, which are not well integrated into the Fellows program at this time.

Public Testimony [Scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.]

Via WyoCast chat, an anonymous community member clarified information stated by a Trustee that the Brown and Gold Outlet is not associated with the University of Wyoming.

Via WyoCast chat, an anonymous staff member submitted a query related to whether faculty, staff and student lots will continue to be oversold. In response, Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mail stated the campus housing plan provided for maintenance or improvement of existing campus parking and new and existing parking will not be oversold.

Committee of the Whole

Board Committee Reports [Scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.]

<u>**Trustee Committees**</u> [Committees of the Board will provide reports during the regular work sessions and will not have a formal report to provide during the Business Meeting.]

Liaisons to other Boards [Written Liaisons to other Boards Reports were provided in advance.]

- UW Alumni Association Board Laura Schmid-Pizzato & Jack Tennant
- Foundation Board Brad Bonner & David Fall
- Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Michelle Sullivan
- Energy Resources Council Dave True
- Cowboy Joe John McKinley

New Business

Trustee John McKinley stated that public comment will be taken at the regularly scheduled time as well as throughout the meeting. Trustee McKinley stated that anonymous comments might not be considered by the Board. He requested Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London and IT Specialist Margarita Rovani work to update guidance on the Trustees public facing website related to public testimony.

Trustee Dave True requested modifications to the format and layout of the Board reports.

OTHER ACTION TAKEN DURING MEETING

Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services between the University of Wyoming and Slate Group

03-24-2023 @ 9:56 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Slate Group. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

License Agreement with City of Laramie 03-24-2023 @ 9:56 a.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the adoption of the license agreement with the City of Laramie as discussed during Executive Session. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Academic Personnel Report 03-24-2023 @ 9:57 a.m. Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Academic Personnel Report as provided. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Wood/Atlas Update 03-24-2023 @ 9:57 a.m.

Trustee Dave True moved the Board direct administration to move forward on the legal matter as discussed in executive session. Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Oracle Master Agreement Amendment Three 03-24-2023 @ 9:57 a.m.

Trustee Brad LaCroix moved the Board authorize administration to execute Oracle Master Agreement Amendment Three. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Services between the University of Wyoming and Mechdyne

03-24-2023 @ 9:58 a.m.

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to execute Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Services between the University of Wyoming and Mechdyne. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the vote.

Date of Next Meeting

April 12, 2023 (conference call)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Executive Session Information

[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Thursday and Friday, March 23-24, 2023, in the UW Conference Center, Laramie Wyoming.]

Executive Session Thursday, March 23, 2023 8:00 a.m.

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board enter into Executive Session,

- 1. The appointment, employment, right to practice or dismissal of a public employee and to consider accepting or tendering offers concerning wages, salaries, benefits and terms of employment during all negotiations (16-4-405(a)(ii) and 16-4-405(a)(x));
- 2. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix)); and

3. On matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party (16-4-405(a)(iii))

The executive session was attended by the 12 voting members of the Trustees, and ex-officio members. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 8:04 a.m.

Trustees participating: Trustees Brad Bonner (via video conference), Kermit Brown (Vice Chairman), David Fall, Elizabeth Greenwood, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton, Jim Mathis, John McKinley (Chairman), Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Secretary), Michelle Sullivan (Treasurer), and Dave True. Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel. ASUW President Allison Brown, Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy Caldwell (via video conference), and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder. Governor Mark Gordon was absent from the meeting. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf (via video conference).

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman, Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans, Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley, Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London, and IT Specialist Margarita Rovani attended the entirety of the meeting. The following administrators attended during their respective topics:

- Senior Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal
- Vice President for Student Affairs Kim Chestnut
- UW Police Chief Mike Samp
- School of Energy Resources Executive Director Holly Krutka
- Chief Information Officer Robert Aylward
- College of Health Sciences Dean Jacob Warren
- WWAMI Medical Education Program Director Brant Schumaker

Executive Session II Friday, March 24, 2023 8:00 a.m.

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board enter into Executive Session,

- 1. To consider the appointment, employment, right to practice or dismissal of a public employee and to consider accepting or tendering offers concerning wages, salaries, benefits and terms of employment during all negotiations (16-4-405(a)(ii) and 16-4-405(a)(x));
- 2. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix)); and
- 3. On matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party (16-4-405(a)(iii))

The executive session was attended by the 12 voting members of the Trustees, and ex-officio members. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 8:06 a.m.

Trustees participating: Trustees Kermit Brown (Vice Chairman), David Fall, Elizabeth Greenwood, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton, Jim Mathis, John McKinley (Chairman), Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Secretary), Michelle Sullivan (Treasurer), and Dave True. Trustee Brad Bonner was absent from the meeting. Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Allison Brown, Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy Caldwell (via video conference), and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder. Governor Mark Gordon was absent from the meeting. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf (via video conference).

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- College of Health Sciences Dean Jacob Warren
- o WWAMI Medical Education Program Director Brant Schumaker
- Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Kyle Moore

Respectfully submitted,

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RoseMarie London Deputy Secretary UW Board of Trustees