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**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**April 12, 2023**

**Final minutes can be found on the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees website at [www.uwyo.edu/trustees](http://www.uwyo.edu/trustees)**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**Via Video Conference**  
**Old Main Boardroom, Laramie, Wyoming**

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees held a conference call on Wednesday morning, April 12, 2023. Board Chairman John McKinley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London took roll.

Trustees participating: Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown (Vice Chairman), David Fall, Elizabeth Greenwood, Brad LaCroix, Jim Mathis, John McKinley (Chairman), Macey Moore, Michelle Sullivan (Treasurer), and David True. Trustees Carol Linton and Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Secretary) were absent.

Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel, and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy Caldwell. ASUW President Allison Brown was absent. Governor Mark Gordon was absent. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf.

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Trustee John McKinley reported the March 22-24, 2023, UW Board of Trustees Meeting minutes (executive and public session) will be approved during the May 2023 meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Update – Seidel**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING:**

UW President Ed Seidel provided a report to the Board and discussed the University of Wyoming hosting a National Lab Day event April 12-15, 2023, during which 17 national labs will be represented. President Seidel stated 250 individuals were registered and that the event is a valuable employment recruitment opportunity for students. President Seidel went on to report Governor Gordon announced he has advanced the second phase of the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP). President Seidel highlighted approved funding for the creative economy to include support for the Neltje Center for Creativity and the Arts; Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) which accompanies previous investment of state funds toward Plenty and its research and development expansion in Laramie; and support for Blue Hydrogen. President Seidel next discussed work toward the execution of his presidential goals and the university's *Strategic Plan 2023+*. The president discussed moves toward strengthening the foundations of the university and said that Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis and Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman were examining campus institutes and centers to recommend next steps forward. President Seidel discussed examination of ways in which to foster freedom of expression on campus, and efforts to foster external relations. President Seidel discussed efforts to develop and implement a transparent budget allocation model that enhances incentives for growth consistent with the university's mission and stated as part of his annual report during the July Board meeting about UW Fundraising Priorities, he will share plans for a capital campaign to enhance philanthropy. President Seidel closed his report stating College of Education Dean Scott Thomas has accepted a position at Sterling College effective July 1, 2023.

Trustee Brad Bonner provided the Board a brief summary of the work of the Freedom of Expression, Intellectual Freedom, and Constructive Dialogue Working Group expressing his appreciation for being invited to take part in the committee discussion, and stated recommendations are forthcoming by end of Spring semester with a formal report to the Board at a future meeting.

In response to inquiry from Trustee John McKinley, Provost Kevin Carman provided update on identifying low enrollment degree programs with a formal report to the Board at a future meeting. Trustee Kermit Brown requested cost of the degree programs should be considered alongside enrollment thresholds.

**ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING**

***WWAMI Contracts and Loan Cancellation***  
***04-12-2023 @ 9:36 a.m.***

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to incorporate changes to the University's Medical Education Contracts as presented in executive session. Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Laura Schmid-Pizzato and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

***Wyoming Health Resources Network Opportunity  
04-12-2023 @ 9:37am***

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board direct administration to explore the incorporation of the Wyoming Health Resources Network into the College of Health Sciences, with a report back to the Board of Trustees by July 2023. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Laura Schmid-Pizzato and Carol Linton were absent from the vote.

**Date of Next Meeting**

May 10-12, 2023, (Laramie, Wyoming)

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

**Executive Session Information**

*[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, via video conference.]*

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Via Video Conference**

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Trustee Dave True moved the Board enter 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. Discussion of 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))

Trustee Kermit Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Carol Linton, and Laura Schmid-Pizzato were absent from vote. The Board entered into executive session at 8:04 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London  
Deputy Secretary,  
UW Board of Trustees