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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SESSION
August 16, 2023

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Laramie, Wyoming
Via Video Conference

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 and by video conference, on Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

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

Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Saber Smith, and Executive Director of the Wyoming Community College Commission Sandy Caldwell. State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder, and Governor Mark Gordon were absent. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on the governor's behalf.

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Laramie, Wyoming
8:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Discussion: August 2, 2023, UW Board of Trustees “Special Meeting” with the Wyoming Community College Commission – McKinley, K. Moore

Trustee John McKinley provided the Board a brief summary of the discussion between members of the UW Board of Trustees and the Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) around maximizing higher education opportunities that benefits students and the state of Wyoming.

Trustee McKinley stated that the primary focus of the discussion was about opportunities where the university and the WCCC and Wyoming Community Colleges (WCC) can work more effectively and cooperatively on the content and delivery of BAS programming to avoid duplication of efforts. Trustee McKinley described the discussions around transferability of credits generally.

Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Kyle Moore discussed the WCCC process for reviewing BAS and other programming. Moore referred to improved communication across the community colleges which led to the university’s ability to provide necessary online classes for students in the College of Education. Moore discussed transferability between WCCs and the university and the goal to create a seamless process for students. Moore discussed the described need to have University of Wyoming presence at community colleges to provide support to students and discussed work toward identifying an appropriate model.

Trustee McKinley restated the University of Wyoming’s commitment to the cooperation between the Board of Trustees and the WCCC to continue to address concerns in an efficient manner. Trustee Dave True expressed disappointment he was unable to join the August 2, 2023, special meeting and discussed timely response to students making inquiry regarding transfer pathways and communicating appropriate expectations. WCCC Executive Director Sandy Caldwell provided further description of the robust WCCC programmatic approval process which requires identification whether another institution in the state is offering a similar program and discussed the difference between replication and duplication. Caldwell further discussed the WCCC’s statutory requirements related to governance. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant stated Governor Mark Gordon was appreciative of the outcomes of the meeting. Brant stated the Wyoming Early Childhood State Advisory Council (EC-SAC) charged with developing a high-quality, comprehensive system of early childhood services and supports continues to express concern about the strength of communication and commitment between the University of Wyoming and the WCCC. UW President Ed Seidel stated he is pleased about the relationship development through the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP) and appreciated the processes already in place. Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman discussed his regular communication with WCCC Deputy Director Ben Moritz. Trustee McKinley requested Moore provide a more robust update on the short-list of follow up items from the August 2, 2023, special meeting, specifically addressing concerns expressed by Brant during the September 2023 Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: FY2025-2026 Biennium Exception Budget Request – Schmid-Pizzato, Kean

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato stated the Biennium Budget Committee met via video conference on August 15, 2023, to finalize the FY 2025-26 Biennium Budget Exception Request and determine a recommendation to the full board.

***FY2025-2026 Biennium Exception Budget Request
08-16-2023 @ 9:55 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to submit the prioritized exception budget request list for FY2025-2026 as presented. Trustee Kermit Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix and Michelle Sullivan were absent from the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Recommendations to the Board regarding reinforcing recruitment and retention efforts – Seidel, Carman, Baldwin, K. Moore

During the Board's July 2023 meeting in Lander, Wyoming, it received information related to enrollment, recruitment and retention and discussed steps to address the decline. Chairman McKinley requested that a plan be brought to the Board for consideration at the August 2023 meeting regarding immediate marketing actions that could be initiated as soon as August 20, 2023. Administration stated the proposal did not account for the need for additional staff. There was discussion about the distinction between new students (enrolled) and applicants. A subsequent plan for longer-term investments in Marketing, Recruitment and Retention will be presented at a future meeting.

Trustee John McKinley requested clarification of the materials provided related to the funding source, and the total dollar amount to be transferred. In response Trustee Schmid-Pizzato stated \$1.539M will come from the Trustees Special Project Reserve account. UW President Ed Seidel recommended the use of the funds as discussed.

***Recommendations to the Board regarding reinforcing recruitment and retention efforts
08-16-2023 @ 9:56 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Marketing and Enrollment efforts outlined in the Immediate Action Plan as recommended to the Board of Trustees, with funding to be provided through the Trustees Special Projects Reserve account. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix and Michelle Sullivan were absent from the vote.

OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING

***Approval of Minutes
08-16-2023 @ 9:30 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve the July 12-14, 2023, UW Board of Trustees Public and Executive Session Meeting Minutes; and the August 2, 2023, UW Board of Trustees Special Meeting with the Wyoming Community College Commission Public Session Minutes. Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix and Michelle Sullivan were absent.

Academic Personnel Report
08-16-2023 @ 9:59 a.m.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the Academic Personnel Report as presented. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix and Michelle Sullivan were absent.

Water Wells
08-16-2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown stated that on July 28, 2023, the Wyoming State Engineer granted a petition filed by the City of Laramie requesting the transfer of the 41T3 Well Permit to a new location. Trustee Brown moved the Board authorize administration to immediately appeal this decision to the Wyoming State Board of Control. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix and Michelle Sullivan were absent from the vote.

Date of Next Meeting
September 20-22, 2023, Laramie, Wyoming

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Executive Session Information

[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, in person and via video conference.]

August 16, 2023
Laramie, Wyoming
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 Executive Session,

1. To consider the appointment, employment, right to practice of 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 (ag) (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 executive session at 8:03 a.m.

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman, Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans, Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean, Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Relations Mike Smith, Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley, Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London, IT Specialist Margarita Rovani attended the entirety of the meeting.

The following administrators attended during their respective topics:

- Senior Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal
- College of Arts and Sciences Dean Scott Turpen
- Special Assistant to the Vice President for Campus Operations Mike Samp
- Outside Counsel Lucas Buckley, Hathaway & Kunz
- Outside Counsel Mitch Edwards, Nicholas and Tangeman

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London
Deputy Secretary,
UW Board of Trustees