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**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES**

**February 14, 2024
Laramie, Wyoming**

University of Wyoming

Vision

Use our unique strengths to make Wyoming and the world a better place.

Mission

As Wyoming's university, we unlock the extraordinary in every person through education, research, innovation, engagement, and service.

Values

- Access to an affordable, high-quality education.
- Real-world education where students learn by doing.
- A welcoming and supportive learning community fostered by integrity, inclusivity, freedom of expression, and respect.
- The growth, health, and leadership capacity of all members of the university community.
- Wyoming's wild and working lands as an asset to be utilized, understood, stewarded, and treasured.
- Our partnership and engagement with Wyoming communities in the creation and exchange of knowledge and resources.
- Our role as a catalyst for innovation and economic vitality.

(Accepted January 2023)

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
February 14, 2023
Conference Call Meeting
Laramie, Wyoming

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Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Via Video Conference
Laramie, Wyoming

Roll Call

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London called the roll.

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

Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel, and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz. Governor Mark Gordon was not in attendance. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf. ASUW President Kameron Murfitt, and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder were absent.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board enter Executive Session. Trustee Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:05 a.m.

Public Session resumed at 9:43 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes ***02-14-2024 @ 9:44 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve January 24-26, 2024, public and executive session meeting minutes. Trustee Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, David Fall, and Brad LaCroix were absent.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Follow up: K-12 Pilots and Masters Credits and College of Education Master Educator Competency Program – Shim

Trustee John McKinley began the discussion reiterating Board directive given during its January 2024 meeting, that administration should resolve several issues related to the Master Educator Competency Program such as credit allocation for stackable drops and clear communication to school districts and teachers. Trustee McKinley requested College of Education Interim Dean Jenna Shim provide an update on progress. Shim described recent discussions with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) clarifying the university's ability to have flexibility in credit allocation, particularly regarding prior learning versus competency-based programs. Shim outlined course offerings, credit allocation, capstone project opportunities, total credits earnable, and eligibility requirements, related to the College of Education's offerings for teachers participating in Governor Mark Gordon's Reimagining and Innovating the Delivery of Education (RIDE) initiative in Spring and Fall 2024. Shim stated that university course EDCI 5070 will be offered for three credits in both semesters, with additional offerings for new districts participating in Spring 2024. Shim stated that teachers completing three drops can earn two graduate credits through a capstone project assessed by university faculty. Shim said that up to 12 credits can be earned through EDCI 5070 and university course EDCI 5480 and that eligibility requires teachers

to be admitted and registered as non-degree graduate students. Trustee Michelle Sullivan clarified that individual teachers can also opt for professional development credits instead of graduate credits. Governor Mark Gordon's Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant expressed appreciation for the progress made. Trustee Sullivan echoed the sentiment, and acknowledged the enthusiasm expressed during Celebration(s) of Student-Centered Learning by teachers in participating pilot districts. Chairman McKinley expressed satisfaction with the program's expansion and encouraged continued efforts to ensure the initiative's success. In response to inquiry from Trustee McKinley, Shim acknowledged that not all faculty are fully informed about the college's participation in the programming and plans to address the topic during an upcoming leadership meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee -- Moore

• **Internal Audit Director**

Trustee Macey Moore reported Internal Audit Director Danika Salmans has tendered a resignation effective April 6, 2024, and on behalf of the Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee, expressed appreciation for Salman's leadership and wished her the best in her next adventure.

Internal Audit Director

02-14-2024 @ 10:06 a.m.

Trustee Macey Moore moved to appoint Senior Internal Auditor Becky Garcia as Internal Audit Acting Director beginning April 6, 2024. Trustee Moore further moved to authorize administration to post the internal audit director position through human resources per normal processes and procedures to complete a national search. Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, David Fall, and Brad LaCroix were absent.

OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING

Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Wyoming and the Jentel Foundation

02-14-2024 @ 10:07 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Wyoming and the Jentel Foundation. Trustee Kermit Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, David Fall, and Brad LaCroix were absent.

Date of Next Meeting

March 20-22, 2024, Laramie, Wyoming

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Executive Session Information

[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, via video conference.]

Executive Session I
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
8:00 a.m.
Via Video Conference

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 Executive Session

1. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix));
2. 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)); and
3. 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))

Trustee_Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees David Fall, and Brad LaCroix were absent. The Board entered into executive session at 8:08 a.m.

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman, Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans, Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley, Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean, Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Relations Mike Smith, Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London, and IT Specialist Margarita Rovani attended the entirety of the meeting. The following administrators attended during their respective topics: College of Arts and Sciences Dean Scott Turpen, and Associate Vice President for Human Resources Bob Link.

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London
Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees