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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.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 20-22, 2024
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, November 20, 2024, Thursday, November 21, 2024, and Friday, November 22, 2024. Committee Meetings were held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. The Board's business meeting was held on Friday, November 22, 2024.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
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Thursday, November 21, 2024
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

The UW Board of Trustees took a tour of the Level I research labs, and the Model Organism Research Facility (MORF) in the Science Initiative Building on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

The regular meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. The Board received public comment on the draft rule related to concealed carry in university facilities. (See Appendix A)

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

- **Discussion: Governor's March 2024 Directive to Establish Policies that Allow for the Safe Carry of Concealed Weapons within UW Facilities** – Seidel
- ***Legislative Relations Committee*** – John McKinley (Chairman)
 - **Consideration and Action: Draft Rule related to Concealed Carry in UW Facilities**

University President Seidel thanked those who facilitated panel discussions in days prior to the November 2024 Board meeting and thanked the Board for its efforts on behalf of the university. If the rule is adopted, Seidel requested the rule go into effect no earlier than January 1, 2025, to allow administration to plan.

Trustee John McKinley discussed Governor Gordon's request for state agencies to establish policies allowing for the safe carry of concealed weapons. Board Chairman Kermit Brown tasked the Trustees' Legislative Relations Committee with addressing the matter. The Legislative Relations Committee met several times, including on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, to receive public comments and review the proposed rule line by line. During these meetings, the committee adopted various amendments to the draft. The revised draft rule was subsequently made available to the Trustees and the university community via the public website. Trustee McKinley noted that the committee might convene again to consider additional public comments before proposing Board action on Friday, November 22, 2024. Chairman Brown announced that consideration and action on the matter would be deferred until approximately 10:15 a.m. on the same day. Chairman Brown clarified that the Board is contemplating changes to its rule in anticipation of legislative action in 2025, which may include a statewide mandate related to gun-free zones. He encouraged those providing comments to actively engage with the legislature during its deliberations.

Staff Senate President Adam Comeau presented the perspective of the Staff Senate to the Board. Comeau noted that, while the vote was not unanimous, the majority of the Staff Senate favored maintaining the current UW Regulation 6-4 without changes. He expressed gratitude to the Legislative Relations Committee for its efforts. Comeau also discussed the potential impacts of a rule change on university operations, including possible effects on staff efficiency and service, as well as concerns about campus safety.

Roll Call

At 1:28 p.m. Thursday, November 21, 2024, Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London took roll.

The following Trustees were present: Brad Bonner (secretary); Kermit Brown (chairman); David Fall; Carol Linton, Jim Mathis, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (vice-chairman); and Dave True. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent.

Ex-officio Trustees present: University President Ed Seidel; ASUW President Kameron Murfitt; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz. Governor Mark Gordon was absent; Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf. State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder was absent.

Non-Academic Personnel

11-21-2024 @ 1:29 p.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to move forward on the non-academic personnel matter as discussed in executive session. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

- **Enrollment Follow Up from September 2024 Board Meeting: Getting Students Through the Funnel** -- Benham-Deal/K. Moore/Baldwin

Acting Provost Tami Benham-Deal, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Kyle Moore, and Associate Vice President for Institutional Marketing Chad Baldwin provided the Board with follow-up information requested during the September 2024 meeting. Moore presented enrollment projections by student, level, and status (full-time and part-time). Moore highlighted the decline in the number of high school graduates, posing challenges for recruitment, and suggested that growth would primarily come from increased market share, such as online education, rather than through additional full-time enrollment. Moore clarified that the previously discussed goal of 12,000 students includes online education and noted that growth projections account for new programs and post-traditional students.

Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon's Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant briefed the Board on micro-credentials being offered in some colleges. Moore then addressed the concept of "Getting Students Through the Funnel," presenting data on the university's admit-to-enroll (yield) rates by college and school. Moore discussed a decline in the university's overall admit-to-enroll rate, referencing national statistics, and examined successful recruitment efforts in specific colleges, noting a "high-touch" culture in those cases.

In response to an earlier inquiry from Trustee Jim Mathis, Moore defined the term "admit" as referring to students who have submitted required documentation, enabling the university to determine whether admission criteria have been met. This process includes a \$40 application fee. Moore also outlined steps administration has identified to address declining yield rates. Trustee Kermit Brown highlighted programming within the Science Initiative Building, which provides undergraduate students with access to graduate-level research and learning opportunities, and

praised the College of Business for its recruitment success which he attributed to strong faculty engagement. Trustee David Fall emphasized the need for better coordination across the institution. Acting Provost Benham-Deal acknowledged the challenges posed by institutional siloing and described various working groups convened to address problem areas. In response to Trustee Fall's inquiry, Chad Baldwin discussed the university's use of the platform Niche, which has enrolled a small number of non-resident students, and discussed the university's marketing strategies, which focus on promoting the quality of its academic programs and the unique lifestyle opportunities available to students at the University of Wyoming.

The Board also discussed strategies to incentivize faculty involvement in student recruitment, identifying successful faculty practices, and determining whether additional staffing may be required to support recruitment efforts. Moore discussed out-of-state recruitment efforts, presenting a case study titled "Case for Colorado." Moore highlighted the potential for recruiting students from Colorado counties with cultural similarities to Wyoming. Moore stated that despite these alignments, many of these students opt for Colorado schools, even with higher costs, when comparing the University of Wyoming's out-of-state tuition to Colorado institutions' in-state rates. Moore encouraged the Board to consider forthcoming recommendations on establishing the "right price" for Colorado students to improve recruitment efforts.

Trustee John McKinley requested that administration should identify the cost difference (delta) between Colorado State University's in-state tuition and the University of Wyoming's non-resident tuition. Trustee McKinley also suggested determining the decision tipping point for prospective students. Trustee Brown emphasized the importance of identifying a strategic recruitment radius across neighboring states that might be overlooked. Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz explained that the commission sets tuition rates for Wyoming community colleges and noted legislative resistance to extending in-state tuition rates to students from bordering states. However, he added that some Wyoming community colleges have experimented with offering in-state tuition to nonresidents through alternative mechanisms.

- ***Biennium Budget Committee*** – Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Chairman)
 - **Financial Aid Plan: review structure and financial aid awarding strategy for AY 26-27 (per UW Regulation 7-11)** – Kean

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato directed the Board to the Biennium Budget Committee materials and the six strategies proposed:

1. The restriction of institutional scholarship commitments to Laramie or UW-Casper degree program-seeking students, effective for the 2025-26 awarding cycle.
2. Retain the current non-resident (new first-time and transfer) and resident transfer merit student grids and matrix for awarding and renewing.
3. Modify current resident, first-time grid within certain tiers in consideration of resident tuition, effective for the 2026-27 awarding cycle.
4. Explore a premier option for non-resident students.
5. Consideration of a non-resident option for need-based institutional assistance.
6. Explore modifying and expanding current resident options for need-based institutional assistance.

Trustee Schmid-Pizzato requested administration collect information regarding tuition costs to students in bordering states and reported the Budget Committee will convene to discuss the

recommendations prior to potential action by the Board in January 2025.

- **Wyoming Community College Commission adopted rules related to Applied Baccalaureate** – McKinley/Benham-Deal/K. Moore

Trustee John McKinley updated the Board on the status of the proposed rule, noting that the Board may take appropriate action on the final rule during its January 2025 meeting. Acting Provost Tami Benham-Deal discussed ongoing planning efforts to formalize procedures for reviewing and responding to proposed Associate of Baccalaureate (AB) programs and upper-division courses. This initiative includes reviewing and revising existing university transfer policies, procedures, and criteria for evaluating courses and programs for transfer credit toward university degrees. Additionally, a communication plan will be developed to outline university policies for transferring credits applicable to degree programs. Trustee McKinley requested that the administration provide the Board with an opportunity to review and offer input on the finalized process during the January 2025 meeting. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Dave True, Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz discussed the proposed 30-day time frame for responding to AB program proposals. Moritz explained that Wyoming community colleges are capable of operating on a compressed schedule and that the 30-day period represents a compromise based on feedback.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: UW President Ed Seidel Update to Board -- Seidel

University President Ed Seidel provided a regular update to the Board noting the university celebrated several significant achievements that highlight its commitment to innovation, community impact, and statewide engagement. President Seidel stated the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities (APLU) awarded the university the Innovation & Economic Prosperity Designation for its dedication to regional economic engagement and sustainable growth and noted Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis and the Division of Research and Economic Development's efforts.

President Seidel stated the university was host to the Governor's Business Forum noting College of Business Assistant Dean Anne Alexander's presentation on the state's economic forecast. President Seidel remarked that for the third consecutive year, the university achieved a clean external audit and commended Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean, Associate Vice President for Finance Ashlie Reese and their team's hard work. President Seidel discussed his ongoing investments in computing, materials science, and energy programs to include his participation in external advisory boards. President Seidel provided a brief update on the university's access and engagement initiatives led by Vice Provost Brandon McElroy and discussed the formation of a working group to enhance communication and implement an Equal Opportunity & Prohibited Efforts statement. President Seidel noted the retirement of Chief Information Officer and Vice President Robert Aylward and his 35 years of service. President Seidel reported that College of Arts and Sciences Dean Scott Turpen has been appointed as Interim Provost and expressed gratitude to Acting Provost Tami Benham-Deal for her leadership. President Seidel discussed opportunity for community engagement to include visits to Washakie County, participation in the Wyoming Community College Commission meeting, and the Wyoming Innovation Partnership summit.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Update: COIFPM Multiuser Instruments Use DAPP and Data Acquisition Request Procedure – Chitnis/Piri

Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis, and Petroleum Engineering Professor Mohammad Piri shared details of steps taken to promote the use of these instruments across campus including information regarding regular tours of the High Bay facilities to further highlight the instruments available for Campus access.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Research Excellence Presentation: Programmable Multicellularity, Grant Bowman

Associate Professor of Molecular Biology Grant Bowman provided an overview of his project on programmable multicellularity, which uses multiple cell types to address challenges in traditional biomanufacturing. Traditional methods rely on a single cell type to grow and produce products, causing stress, reduced productivity, and toxicity that limits production. Bowman's approach splits tasks between "stem" and "factory" cells, reducing stress and improving productivity for products like pharmaceuticals, biofuels, and industrial chemicals. Bowman reported substantial federal and private funding, including Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR), Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR), state matching funds, and National Science Foundation (NSF) support. Some funding supported his startup, Asimica, co-founded with two graduate students, which has received awards from IndieBio and NSF Activate. A small contribution also came from an angel investor. Outcomes include training personnel, publications in major journals like *Nature Biotechnology*, and two patents (one issued, one pending). Looking ahead, Bowman aims to demonstrate commercial potential with products like human insulin and limonene, and scalability using bioreactors and larger systems. Future plans include expanding to new microbial hosts for broader industrial applications, such as:

- *Pseudomonas putida*: converts agricultural waste into valuable products.
- *Rhodococcus jostii*: produces oils for cosmetics and biofuels.
- *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (brewer's yeast): produces alcohols and terpenoids.

Bowman addressed trustee inquiries about production processes in engineered organisms, non-destructive material harvesting, and details about Asimica's angel investor.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Annual Reports

- **Trustees Education Initiative** – Benham-Deal/Shim

Trustee David Fall, Trustees Education Initiative (TEI) chairman, provided an overview of its progress, noting the initiative's initial focus on internal improvements within the College of Education, such as enhancing teaching methods and supporting new educators. It was stated that TEI has grown into a statewide program fostering collaboration and innovation across Wyoming's educational landscape.

College of Education Dean Jenna Shim highlighted TEI's commitment to producing and sustaining high-quality educators in Wyoming and beyond. She emphasized that under Trustee Fall's leadership and building on the foundation set by former chairman Dave Bostrom, TEI now encompasses seven impactful programs. These include the High Altitude Pathways Program (HAP), Master Educator Competency Program (MECP), Wyoming Early Childhood Outreach Network (WyECON), Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps (WTMC), 307 Principal Leadership Academy, Career and Technical Education (CTE), and the Project-Based Learning Initiative. Shim reported that TEI has also strengthened partnerships with the Wyoming Department of Education,

K-12 districts, community colleges, businesses, and the governor's office. Notably, a memorandum of understanding with WyoTech to enhance CTE initiatives is under review. Trustees Education Initiative Director Colby Gull reported on the progress of the Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps. The initiative has trained 94 mentors across 52 schools and 30 districts. Gull reported that recruitment for the fourth cohort is underway, with a goal of adding 50 new mentors. Gull also discussed the Project-Based Learning Initiative, supported by a grant from the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE), which expands experiential learning opportunities in high schools. Professor of Practice, School of Teacher Education Rob Hill shared updates on the growing CTE program, which has seen enrollment rise to 23 students. Partnerships with community colleges are being developed, and a mentorship network for CTE teachers is now operational. Hill also noted the launch of a 2000-level bridge course for high school seniors interested in CTE careers, slated for spring 2025. Assistant Dean/Assistant Professor, Counseling Leadership Advocacy and Design Mark Perkins provided insights into Wyoming's workforce challenges, including high out-migration rates and wage stagnation. Perkins highlighted the state's reliance on temporary or non-credentialed professionals to fill CTE positions, with nearly 250 CTE teachers expected to retire within the next decade. Perkins underscored the importance of data analysis in validating the demand for CTE programs and guiding improvements. Superintendent Megan Degenfelder commended the College of Education's unprecedented collaboration with the WDE and praised the college's responsiveness to the needs of educators and stakeholders across the state, particularly in project-based learning, CTE teacher support, and principal leadership programs. Shim concluded the presentation by expressing gratitude to those involved in advancing TEI's mission and emphasized the initiative's ongoing efforts to track student placements and employment, aiming for consistent enrollment of 40–50 students in the CTE program.

- **Discussion of Praxis Test Scores**

Assistant Dean/Assistant Professor, Counseling Leadership Advocacy and Design Mark Perkins addressed a recent request from a member of the legislative Joint Education Committee (JEC) for information regarding the College of Education's Praxis exam scores. College of Education Dean Jenna Shim, and Associate Dean Alan Bus, and Director of the School of Teacher Education Scott Chamberlin, were on hand for questions.

Perkins explained that two university programs, Elementary Education and Social Studies Education, require Praxis exams for licensure. The Praxis is a content knowledge test assessing subjects such as social studies, math, and science, rather than teaching skills. Elementary Education requires four exams, while Social Studies Education requires one. Perkins stated Wyoming's Praxis pass rates, as reported in Title II data, often appear lower than other states and clarified this discrepancy, noting that many students delay taking the Praxis until after graduation. Their eventual pass rates, which can reach 89%, are not included in Title II reports, as the data captures only initial results. Perkins stated that unlike Wyoming, some neighboring states, such as Montana, use alternative metrics like content-area GPA for licensure, bypassing Praxis-related reporting challenges. Perkins outlined potential strategies to optimize Praxis testing processes, including adjusting timing and enhancing preparation, to help students pass exams earlier. This would improve Title II outcomes and reduce career delays. He emphasized that Wyoming is exploring changes to better support graduates in navigating licensure requirements.

In response to Trustee Michelle Sullivan's inquiry, Perkins affirmed that efforts are underway to refine Praxis preparation and data utilization to prioritize student success. Addressing Trustee David Fall's question regarding graduate employment, Perkins shared that an annual employer survey conducted with the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) reveals that roughly 50% of graduates teach in Wyoming. However, workforce gaps are exacerbated by out-migration, which the university cannot control. Perkins also noted that the Praxis exam does not significantly influence where candidates choose to work, as approximately 30 states accept the exam. Perkins concluded by highlighting ongoing initiatives aimed at retaining more graduates for in-state teaching roles, ensuring Wyoming's educational needs are better met.

- **Tier I Engineering** – Wright

College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS) Dean Cam Wright provided the Board a report on the Tier-1 Engineering Initiative: Achievements and Vision FY22–FY24 Highlights. Wright stated Tier-1 funding has been instrumental in maintaining and advancing CEPS's cutting-edge instrumentation for research and education. Wright stated that in FY22, nearly \$900,000 supported new equipment, upgrades, repairs, and maintenance across all departments. Wright reported in FY23, approximately \$600,000 funded research initiatives, lab improvements, and statewide STEM outreach and in FY24 a \$5.5M increase in Tier-1 legislative funding (totaling \$9.2M annually) enabled strategic growth in controlled environment agriculture, Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications, quantum science, energy, and advanced materials. Wright stated this funding also expanded student and faculty support, infrastructure upgrades, research grants, and collaborations with the School of Computing (SOC). Wright reported that as of November 2024, CEPS comprises 10 academic departments, the SOC (including WyGISC), and multiple key units, with over 300 faculty and staff supporting 1,800+ students. Wright discussed key initiatives and investments in faculty recruitment: Of 32 faculty searches, 23 hires in FY24 and 4 slated for FY25 brought expertise in emerging and traditional fields like AI, cybersecurity, energy, and transportation. Wright discussed one-time funding of \$991,000 supported equipment needs, \$381,000 funded facility upgrades, and \$3.5M in collaboration with the School of Energy Resources (SER) advanced energy research tools. Wright discussed research support enabled six one-year seed grants (\$150,000 total) boosted external grant competitiveness, expanded K-14 outreach, academic advising, and career services enhanced student success. Wright reported that Tier-1 funds supported 15 student researchers, faculty-led projects, GPU infrastructure, and joint faculty appointments in the SOC.

Wright stated that CEPS is shaping its future with a focus on academic excellence, workforce development, and innovation and discussed the Engineering Science Division, reporting this dedicated teaching unit ensures consistent, high-quality instruction, improving student retention and time-to-degree. Wright discussed new master's programs provide multidisciplinary degrees in AI, Quantum Information Science, and Engineering, along with a Master of Engineering in Energy to address evolving industry demands. Wright stated undergraduate and graduate Nuclear Energy Certificates launching in Spring 2025 will prepare Wyoming's workforce for the growing nuclear energy sector. Wright discussed CEPS 2030 plans align with University President Ed Seidel's Vision for 2030, as well as with the university's strategic plan and its emphasis on leadership in research, innovation, and student opportunities. Wright discussed the CEPS's strategic growth will include a focus on AI, rare earth minerals, nuclear engineering, and hydrogen economy, and collaboration and strengthened partnerships with the SOC. Wright discussed annual calls for research funding, infrastructure upgrades, and faculty growth in critical fields. Wright concluded describing the CEPS's commitment to excellence; that Tier-

1 funds remain aligned with four strategic goals: Excellence in Undergraduate Education through enhanced programs and teaching; World-Class Research and Graduate Education supported by innovative programs and facilities; Productive Economic Development through alignment with Wyoming's industries; and K-12 STEM Education via impactful outreach and recruitment. Wright stated that through these efforts, CEPS fulfills its mission to "educate, motivate, and mentor the students entrusted to us," positioning the college as a leader in education, innovation, and economic development for Wyoming's future.

Trustee Committee Reports

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Executive Committee; Kermit Brown (Chairman)

Housekeeping Edits to UW Regulations 3-1; 4-1; 4-2; and 4-5 11-21-2024 @ 4:50 p.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve housekeeping edits to UW Regulations 3-1 (Administration and Oversight of Athletics); UW Regulation 4-1 (Equal Education and Employment Opportunity); UW Regulation 4-2 (Discrimination and Harassment); and UW Regulation 4-5 (Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures). Trustee Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion. Trustees Brad Bonner, Brad LaCroix and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

Donor Agreements

11-21-2024 @ 4:48 p.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board ratify the October 23, 2024, action by the Executive Committee as follows: Approval of the changes and final [endowed excellence fund, endowed faculty excellence fund, and endowed student enrichment fund] donor agreements as drafted and presented to the Executive Committee. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, Brad LaCroix and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Michelle Sullivan (Chairman)

Trustee Michelle Sullivan provided a summary of the information received by the committee and discussed the following recommended action:

Notice of Intent: Bachelor of Science in Applied Computing 11-21-2024 @ 4:51 p.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Notice of Intent for the Bachelor of Science in Applied Computing. Trustee Macey Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, Brad LaCroix and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

***Notice of Intent: Bachelor of Science in Data Science
11-21-2024 @ 4:52 p.m.***

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Notice of Intent for the Bachelor of Science in Data Science. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, Brad LaCroix and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

Trustee Sullivan noted these proposed degrees are in the School of Computing and have been effectively designed to be in partnership with Wyoming Community Colleges and have an online component and expressed appreciation for the innovation.

***Request for Authorization: Graduate and Undergraduate Certificates in Nuclear Science Energy
11-21-2024 @ 4:53 p.m.***

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Request for Authorization for the undergraduate and graduate certificates in Nuclear Energy Science. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, Brad LaCroix and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Biennium Budget Committee – Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Chairman)
Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato proposed the following action recommended by the Biennium Budget Committee:

Foundation quarterly report on matching funds: Funding and recommendation for approval of match.

11-21-2024 @ 4:55 p.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to transfer four hundred dollars (\$400.00) of the previously committed funds from the special projects reserve to satisfy the matching obligation of funds raised by the Foundation. Trustee John McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, Brad LaCroix, and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

University of Wyoming Regulation 2-206

11-21-2024 @ 4:56 p.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve the changes to UW Regulation 2-206 as presented on pages 141-145 in the Biennium Budget Committee materials. Trustee John McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, Brad LaCroix, and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

Safety Office and Risk Management Request for use of Legal Reserve Outside of Annual Budget Process

11-21-2024 @ 4:56 p.m.

In accordance with UW Regulation 7-1, Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize the Safety Office and Risk Management to use up to sixty-six thousand eighty dollars (\$66,080) from the Legal Reserves account to cover the unbudgeted costs for the consulting project. Trustee John McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, Brad LaCroix, and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Facilities Contracting Committee – Carol Linton (Chairman)
Trustee Carol Linton proposed the following action recommended by the Facilities Contracting Committee:

Powell Research and Extension Center – Fiber Optic Line Easement
11-21-2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to sign the fiber optic line easement with TCT, Inc. at Powell Research and Extension Center, Powell, WY upon the condition that it be amended to have a minimum depth to bury the fiber optic line. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

User Requested Changes to Mesonet Land Use Agreement
11-21-2024 @ 3:31 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve the Land Access and Use Agreement, incorporating user requested changes, and authorize Administration to execute the Land Access and Use Agreement needed for the Wyoming Mesonet project. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

Wind River Inter-Tribal Council – Mesonet Lease
11-21-2024 @ 3:31 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve the Lease Agreement and to authorize Administration to execute the Lease Agreement with the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council for the Wyoming Mesonet project, subject to administration engaging in a good faith effort to acquire a reasonably priced insurance rider covering the indemnification requirement. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

Wyoming Public Radio – Kath Broadcasting, Torrington – Site Lease Extension
11-21-2024 @ 3:32 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to sign the amendment to extend an existing lease agreement for the Wyoming Public Radio Torrington tower site near Torrington, WY. Trustee Dave True seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

Wyoming Public Radio – K2 Towers III, LLC, Rawlins, Chokecherry Knob – Site Lease Extension
11-21-2024 @ 3:32 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to sign the amendment to extend an existing lease agreement for the Wyoming Public Radio Chokecherry Knob tower site near Rawlins, WY. Trustee Dave True seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

***Wyoming Public Radio – Two Way Radio Services – Casper, Micro Road – Site Lease Extension
11-21-2024 @ 3:33 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to sign an amendment to extend an existing lease agreement for the Wyoming Public Radio 4072 Micro Road tower site near Casper, WY. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

***Office of State Lands and Investments – Lower Pilot Hill – Agricultural and Grazing Lease Renewal
11-21-2024 @ 3:33 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to renew the agricultural and grazing lease for Lower Pilot Hill with the Office of State Lands and Investments. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

***Law School Renovation and Expansion – Amendment to the Architect Agreement
11-21-2024 @ 3:34 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with an amendment to the architect agreement for the Law School Renovation and Expansion project, funded via the Owner's Contingency, for an amount not-to-exceed two hundred forty-nine thousand six hundred ninety dollars (\$249,690.00). Trustee Dave True seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

***War Memorial Stadium West Stands Renovation – Construction Change Order for Visiting Team Locker Room Expansion
11-21-2024 @ 3:35 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute a change order with GE Johnson Construction Wyoming for expansion of the visiting team locker room for the War Memorial Stadium West Stands Renovation project in an amount not-to-exceed five hundred thirty-one thousand one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$531,126.00) funded from the Owner's Contingency. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

***War Memorial Stadium West Stands Renovation – Amendment to the Architect Agreement for Expansion of the Visiting Team Locker Room
11-21-2024 @ 3:36 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute an amendment with Arete Design Group for the expansion of the visiting team locker room for the War Memorial Stadium West Stands Renovation project funded from the Design Budget for a total amount not-to-exceed sixty-three thousand four hundred three dollars (\$63,403.00). Trustee Dave True seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

War Memorial Stadium West Stands Renovation – Construction Change Orders for North Ramp Waterline Reroute and Air Handling Unit

11-21-2024 @ 3:36 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute contract change orders for the North Ramp Waterline Reroute and Air Handling Unit with GE Johnson Construction Wyoming in the not-to-exceed amount of one hundred sixty-one thousand six hundred eighty-five dollars (\$161,685.00) for the War Memorial Stadium West Stands Renovation project funded from Owner's Contingency. Trustee Jonn McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

Law School Renovation and Expansion – Construction Change Order for Interior Resurfacing and Repainting

11-21-2024 @ 3:37 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with a Construction Change Order for interior resurfacing and repainting for the Law School Renovation and Expansion project using the Owner's Contingency funds with a maximum total budget of one hundred forty-nine thousand dollars (\$149,000.00). Trustee Dave True seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center North Drive – Project Approval

11-21-2024 @ 3:38 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center North Drive project funded via UW Foundation Agency Funds with a total budget of six hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$670,000.00). Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

Memorial Fieldhouse Wrestling & Tennis Offices – Project Approval I

11-21-2024 @ 3:40 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with the Memorial Fieldhouse Wrestling & Tennis Offices project, for a total budget of seven hundred ninety-eight thousand five hundred eighty-six dollars (\$798,586.00). Trustee John McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

Memorial Fieldhouse Wrestling & Tennis Offices – Project Approval II

11-21-2024 @ 3:40 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton further moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor with GH Phipps Wyoming, LLC, in the amount not-to-exceed six hundred and six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$606,900.00) for the Memorial Fieldhouse Wrestling & Tennis Offices project. Trustee Dave True seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

***University of Wyoming Regulation 6-9
11-21-2024 @ 3:42 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve the changes to UW Regulation 6-9, with the additional housekeeping edit changing Vice President for Operations to Vice President for Campus Operations throughout. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

***Chris Navarro Statue
11-21-2024 @ 3:42 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board accept the donation of the Chris Navarro statue as presented to the committee to be located at the roundabout at 15th and Iverson; and the cost of the pedestal in the roundabout will come out of the construction budget. Trustee John McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee – Macy Moore (Chairman)

Trustee Macy Moore provided the Board with a summary of the Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee discussion and proposed the following recommended action.

***Annual External Audit Financial Report
11-21-2024 @ 4:57 p.m.***

Trustee Macy Moore move the Board accept and approve the University of Wyoming Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements, University of Wyoming Single Audit Report and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, Wyoming Public Media's Independent Audit Report and Financial Statements, and the Agreed-Upon procedure reports for Intercollegiate Athletics and Cowboy Joe Club for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Trustee Dave Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad Bonner, Brad LaCroix, and Carol Linton were absent for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Research and Economic Development Committee – David Fall (Chairman)

Trustee David Fall provided the Board a brief summary of the information received by the committee to include a presentation by Associate Professor of Zoology and Physiology Sarah Collins on research conducted at the AMK Ranch. The committee also received presentations by MS student in Botany Anne Beeman: *Sagebrush Steppe Restoration Outcomes: Early responses of seed mix design and soil tilling on species composition and shrub establishment in Grand Teton National Park*; PhD student in the Hydrologic Science Program Patrick Hofstedt: *Angler preference under alternative climate scenarios in Northwestern Wyoming*; prospective graduate student in Anthropology Connor Bell: *Archaeological survey of ice patches in Grand Teton National Park*; and MS student, Haub School/Zoology and Physiology Lauren Wettreau *Red squirrels as ecosystem engineers and drivers of biodiversity at AMK ranch*.

***Modification to UW Regulation 1-1
11-22-2024 @ 11:21 a.m.***

Trustee Dave Fall moved the Board approve and adopt the revised language of UW Regulation 1-1. Trustee John McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix, and Laura Schmid-Pizzato were absent for the vote.

Friday, November 22, 2024

Marian. H. Rochelle Gateway Center

The UW Board of Trustees engaged in its annual joint meeting with the Energy Resource Council and received an update from the School of Energy Resources Executive Director Holly Krutka.

10:00 a.m. - Noon - Business Meeting

Meeting Location – Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, Salon D

The business meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London took roll.

The following Trustees were present: Brad Bonner (secretary) (via video conference); Kermit Brown (chairman); David Fall; Brad LaCroix (via video conference); Carol Linton (via video conference); Jim Mathis (via video conference); John McKinley; Macey Moore (via video conference); Laura Schmid-Pizzato (treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (vice chairman); and Dave True. The following ex-officio Trustees were present: University President Ed Seidel; Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz (via video conference); Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder (via video conference). Governor Mark Gordon was absent. Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: *Legislative Relations Committee* – John McKinley (Chairman)

- **Consideration and Action: Draft Rule related to Concealed Carry in UW Facilities**

Trustee John McKinley provided summary of the evolution of University Regulation 6-4. Trustee McKinley discussed past legal challenges to the regulation, and legislative changes to local control related to the K-12 system, at which time the university was included. Trustee McKinley discussed repeal gun free zones legislation during the 2024 Legislative Budget Session which, if not vetoed by Governor Mark Gordon, would have impacted the university. Trustee McKinley discussed the Senate Judiciary Committee's failed attempt to preserve the university's local control during the 2024 legislative session. McKinley discussed the Trustees Legislative Relations Committee work on the draft rule for consideration, stating it received public comment during its November 20, 2024, meeting and addressed the requests for modification. Trustee McKinley stated the Legislative Relations Committee met upon recess November 21, 2024, and recommends the November 20, 2024, version of the draft rule. Trustee McKinley stated this draft rule attempts to address external and internal viewpoints related to firearms on campus. University President Ed Seidel provided his perspective and expressed appreciation to the Legislative Relations Committee for its thoughtful work on the draft rule.

***Policies that Allow for the Safe Carry of Concealed Weapons within UW Facilities
11-22-2024 @ 10:51 a.m.***

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board adopt the rule titled storing or carrying dangerous weapons in university facilities with the header dated 11-20-24. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion.

Trustee John McKinley moved to amend the motion to insert: effective January 1, 2025. Trustee Dave True seconded the amendment. The motion to amend carried.

State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder thanked the work of the Trustees in support of the “second amendment.” Staff Senate President Adam Comeau reiterated that the majority of staff senate membership is in favor of maintaining the current University Regulation 6-4. Comeau discussed Staff Senate Resolution #249 and thanked the Legislative Relations Committee for incorporating stakeholder feedback in a revised draft for consideration during its November 20, 2024, meeting.

Trustee Macey Moore stated the proposed rule is a disruption to the mission of the university, and only serves as a response to some unknown future legislative action. Trustee Moore stated the Board has received comment from constituents that the rule will not make the campus safer, and said she cannot support the rule. Trustee Dave Fall discussed his fundamental belief that guns do not belong in school settings. Trustee Michelle Sullivan discussed the overwhelming response from the campus community, saying the adoption of the proposed rule will not make the campus feel safe. Trustee Sullivan stated she was particularly struck by faculty feedback. Sullivan stated her knowledge of adolescent development causes her to be unable to support the proposed rule. Trustee Brad Bonner stated he has given the rule thought and will respectfully vote against change to the current university regulation. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato stated she is a gun owner and does not object to concealed carry, and expressed appreciation for the feedback the Board has received on the matter. Trustee Schmid-Pizzato stated the Legislative Relations Committee worked hard on the proposed rule and in spite of revisions made during its November 20, 2024, meeting she will still vote no. Trustee Carol Linton also discussed the work of the Legislative Relations Committee, stated she too is a gun owner who is not against concealed carry, but has decided to vote no.

Trustee John McKinley discussed the current University Regulation 6-4, and that the draft rule addresses concealed carry and does not amend the current rule. Trustee John McKinley called the question. Trustees Kermit Brown, Brad LaCroix, John McKinley, and Dave True voted yes. Trustees Brad Bonner, David Fall, Carol Linton, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, and Michelle Sullivan voted no. The motion as amended failed.

Trustee John McKinley stated that “only one trustee” was at the 2024 legislative session and engaged in interaction related to HB125. Trustee McKinley encouraged trustees to visit the legislature during its 2025 session to express concerns related to future repeal of gun free zones legislation and provide solutions to members of the legislature on behalf of the university. Trustee McKinley stated a letter to a legislator is not as effective as a face-to-face conversation. Trustee McKinley stated that if members of the Board do not engage in person, the vote it has taken on

Policies that Allow for the Safe Carry of Concealed Weapons within UW Facilities today will likely be short-lived. Trustee McKinley stated his presence during the 2025 legislative session will be minimal.

Trustee Kermit Brown stated to members of the Board that if your position on the matter is strong, it is incumbent upon you to begin engaging legislators immediately. University President Ed Seidel thanked the Board for deeply considering the issue.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

11-22-2024 @ 11:17 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the September 19, 2024, September 25-27, 2024, and the October 16, 2024, public and executive session meeting minutes. Trustee Dave Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent for the vote.

Reports

ASUW President Kameron Murfitt was absent and did not provide a report.

Staff Senate – President Adam Comeau

Staff Senate President Adam Comeau thanked the Board for valuing staff input regarding the topic of safe carry of concealed weapons on campus. Comeau expressed his thanks to staff senators for their professionalism representing their colleagues in Senate meeting discussions. Comeau reported the Annual Holiday Market is scheduled for Friday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UW Conference Center. Comeau noted the event offers staff an opportunity to showcase community-made products. Comeau reported that Staff Senate is working with Human Resources to make the tuition waiver form more accessible to staff. Comeau closed his report by stating that as a member of the Access Engagement Working Group, he remains committed to representing staff opinions, particularly regarding the recent changes to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

Faculty Senate – Chairman Ray Fertig

Faculty Senate Chairman Ray Fertig reported that Faculty Senate is focused on reviewing and providing feedback on the proposed revisions to the University Studies Program (USP). Fertig reported a draft proposal has been circulated, and faculty across campus are sharing their input on the potential impacts on their departments. Fertig noted meetings have been held with key USP committee members including Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and full Faculty Senate, with a formal Senate response likely finalized and approved by early December 2024. Fertig discussed faculty concerns regarding integrating recruiting responsibilities into their roles, as faculty believe this is not a part of their job description, training, or reward structure. Fertig noted that data suggests the primary driver in students moving from admitted to enrolled status is price sensitivity, questioning how this suggests a primary change to enhance recruiting should be additional faculty involvement. Fertig reported faculty believe efforts should focus on creating excellent academic programs rather than engaging in potentially ineffective recruitment strategies. Fertig reported that the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee is exploring ways to appropriately involve faculty in recruitment while protecting their primary responsibilities. Fertig suggested this would include establishing clear boundaries to prevent overburdening faculty with recruitment duties, encouraging indirect involvement, such as showcasing student successes through social media or

events, and supporting graduate recruitment efforts by involving current graduate students, who often connect better with prospective students. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Fall, Fertig suggested improving prospective student experiences by encouraging organic promotion by current students, as well as leveraging departmental coordinators to handle prospective student interactions more effectively.

Wyoming Community College Commission – Executive Director Ben Moritz

Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz reported that the rules for the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program are progressing through a public feedback phase, which is expected to take a few months. Moritz noted that the results of the feedback and any subsequent changes will be presented at the February 2025 commission meeting in Cheyenne and encouraged university representation at the meeting. Moritz reported preparations for the legislative supplemental budget process are underway, with a major focus on the College Administrative Computing System (currently Banner/Ellucian). Moritz stated this is a critical but costly system requiring legislative and institutional collaboration. Moritz reported that ongoing work on the Common Course Numbering System continues, with biweekly meetings involving representatives of the community colleges, the Commission, and the University of Wyoming. Moritz stated that the system ensures accuracy and consistency in course designations over time, and thanked university leadership, and staff for their support. Moritz reported that the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP) is thriving and remains a major focus for the community colleges. Moritz reported that discussions at a recent retreat focused on sustaining the program and embedding it into the culture of Wyoming higher education, beyond political influences. Moritz reflected on the progress over the past five years, noting the significant advancements made since the partnership began. Moritz concluded his report by encouraging members of the Board to engage with their local community colleges to learn about their work and contributions to Wyoming's higher education landscape.

Public Comment *[Scheduled on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.]*

The Board received public comment from the campus community related to *Firearms on Campus and the Governor's March 2024 Directive to Establish Policies that Allow for the Safe Carry of Concealed Weapons within UW Facilities*. (See Appendix A for a list of those who registered to provide remark.)

Committee of the Whole

Board Committee Reports

Trustee Committees *[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
- UW Foundation Board – Brad Bonner & David Fall
- Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources – Michelle Sullivan
- Energy Resource Council – Dave True
- Cowboy Joe Club – John McKinley

Information Only Items: [*written report received in advance, no action or work session*]

- Annual Report: Faculty Workload (per UW Regulation 2-9) (Academic Affairs) [*postponed to January*]
- Annual Report: Family Medicine Residency Program (College of Health Sciences)
- Fiscal Year Carry Forward Report (per UW Regulation 7-10) (Biennium Budget Committee)
- Contracts and Procurement Report (per UW Regulation 7-2) – Evans
- Capital Construction Report – Brown/Mai (Facilities Contracting Committee)
- Foundation Monthly Giving Report – Stark

OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING

Modifications to the Trustees Annual Schedule of Items to Approve, Discuss, or Report, and notice of update to Bylaws

11-22-2024 @ 11:18 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve and adopt the housekeeping updates to the Bylaws of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming, and modifications to the Trustees Annual Schedule of Items to Approve, Discuss, or Report. Trustee John McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix, and Laura Schmid-Pizzato were absent for the vote.

Non-Academic Personnel I (Athletic Director)

11-22-2024 @ 11:19 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the amendment to the non-academic personnel appointment as provided in the materials and as discussed in executive session.

Trustee Dave Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix, and Laura Schmid-Pizzato were absent for the vote.

Academic Personnel Report

11-22-2024 @ 11:20 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the academic personnel report as provided. Trustee Dave Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix, and Laura Schmid-Pizzato were absent for the vote.

***Teamworks Innovation, Inc.
11-22-2024 @ 11:20 a.m.***

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Addendum to the Original Agreement with Teamworks Innovation, Inc. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Brad LaCroix and Laura Schmid-Pizzato were absent for the vote.

New Business

Date of Next Meeting

December 11, 2024 (conference call)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Executive Session Information

[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Thursday, November 21, 2024, and Friday, November 22, 2024, in person and via video conference.]

Executive Session I

Thursday, November 21, 2024

9:00 a.m.

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Trustee Brad Bonner 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. To consider acceptance of gifts, donations and bequests which the donor has requested in writing to be kept confidential (16-4-405(a)(viii)).

Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The session was attended by:

- Trustees Brad Bonner (Secretary), Kermit Brown (Chairman), David Fall, Carol Linton, Jim Mathis, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer), Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); and Dave True. Trustees Brad LaCroix was absent.
- Ex-officio members: UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Kameron Murfitt, and Executive Director of the Wyoming Community College Commission Ben Moritz. Governor Mark Gordon was absent from the meeting; Deputy Policy

Director Lachelle Brant attended on the governor's behalf. State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder was absent.

- Acting Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Tami Benham-Deal
- Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans
- Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley
- Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Engagement Mike Smith
- Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean
- Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

The following administrators attended during their respective topics:

- Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai
- Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis
- Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Stark
- Athletic Director Tom Burman
- Associate Athletic Director Sam Brodie

Executive Session II

Friday, November 22, 2024

9:00 a.m.

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board enter Executive Session

1. To consider the selection of a site or the purchase of real estate (16-4-405(a)(vii))
2. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix));
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)); and
4. 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 Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The session was attended by:

- Trustees Kermit Brown (Chairman); David Fall, Carol Linton (via video conference); Jim Mathis (via video conference); John McKinley; Macey Moore (via video conference); Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); and Dave True. Trustees Brad Bonner and Brad LaCroix were absent.
- Ex officio members: University President Ed Seidel; Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz (via video conference); and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder (via video

conference). Governor Mark Gordon was absent; Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf. ASUW President Kameron Murfitt was absent.

- Acting Provost Tami Benham-Deal
- Interim Provost Designee Scott Turpen
- Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans
- Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley
- Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Engagement Mike Smith
- Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean
- Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

The following administrators attended during their respective topics:

- Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai
- Internal Audit Director Whit Madere

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London
Executive Director and Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees

APPENDIX A

UW Board of Trustees Roster for Public Testimony

Date of Board meeting: _____

Time of Public testimony session: _____

Name

Persons are required to
identify themselves as a
condition of testifying

Representing

If applicable

Topics

Optional

✓ Natalie Enevoldsen	ECEC	Safety / Fire arms
✓ Charli Dziedzic	ECEC	Safety / Firearms
✓ Ven Meester	Students, Faculty, and staff	Concealed carry
✓ Hannah Phalen Ph.D. & J.D.		Concealed carry
✓ Jessica LaBozetta	Campus Community	Concealed carry
✓ Paula Medina	United Multicultural Council	concealed carry
✓ Brooke Culp	Students, Faculty, staff	concealed carry
✓ Brandon Calloway	Self / Student body	Concealed carry
✓ Liz Pierson	Students / UWAM	Concealed carry
✓ Caroline McCracken-Fletcher.		concealed carry
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UW Board of Trustees
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Topics

Optional

✓ Alexia Bibbby

Concealed carry

○ MATTHEW SCHUMER

CONCEALED CARRY

✓ Harvest Kimn

Concealed Carry

✓ Grace Shearer

Concealed carry

✓ SARAH BROWN MATTHEWS

CONCEALED CARRY
