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

**December 11, 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**  
**December 11, 2024**  
**Via Video Conference**

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**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**  
**Via Video Conference**

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London called the roll.

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

Ex officio members participating: University President Ed Seidel. ASUW President Kameron Murfitt, Governor Mark Gordon, Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz; and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder were not present.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter Executive Session. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Session was called back to order at 9:31 a.m. Discussion of the November 20-22, 2024, UW Board of Trustees Meeting minutes was postponed to the January 2025 meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Reorganization of Office of Alumni Affairs – Seidel**

University President Ed Seidel discussed the proposal to reorganize the Office of Alumni Affairs from the Division of Student Affairs to the Office of the President, stating the reorganization aligns with the university's focus on enrollment by allowing Student Affairs to prioritize current student success, and will enhance the University of Wyoming Alumni Association's (UWAA) visibility, increase opportunities for engagement with senior leadership, and strengthen alumni connections to the university. UWAA Board President Jane France stated support for the proposed reorganization. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Carol Linton, Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean discussed the transfer of administrative staff and budget to the Office of the President's budget in the next cycle. Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans clarified that the new reporting structure will be in place by January 2025.

***Reorganization of Office of Alumni Affairs***  
***12/11/2024 @ 9:35 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to execute the reorganization of the Office of Alumni Affairs to the Office of the President effective January 1, 2025. Trustee Schmid-Pizzato further moved to authorize administration to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming Alumni Association. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Modifications to UW Regulation 11-8 (Incoming Student Live-In Requirement) – Turpen/Kean/Griswold**

UW Regulation 11-8 currently requires all incoming students enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per semester to live in residence halls during their first academic year and purchase a dining plan with a minimum of 12 accesses per week or an equivalent plan. This requirement applies to first-time freshmen, including those enrolled in fully online programs, even though these students do not

typically alter their living arrangements or dining needs due to the flexibility of online learning. University President Ed Seidel discussed the proposed change to UW Regulation 11-8 would exempt students enrolled exclusively in online programs from these housing and dining requirements. The revision also includes housekeeping updates to reflect the transfer of Housing and Dining to the Division of Budget and Finance and to correct job titles. Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean stated that the Biennium Budget Committee had previously reviewed the modifications. In response to Trustee Carol Linton's concern about the clarity of Section G, Kean explained the exemption process, which involves an application and a review by the administration to determine whether the student is meeting the exemption requirements. Trustee Kermit Brown asked whether administration was comfortable with the language as written. Kean responded that the administration has the ability to track student enrollment in online programs.

***Modifications to UW Regulation 11-8 (Incoming Student Live-In Requirement  
12/11/2024 @ 9:42 a.m.***

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve modifications to UW Regulation 11-8 as presented. Trustee Macey Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING**

***Academic Personnel***

***12/11/2024 @ 9:45 a.m.***

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the academic personnel report as provided. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

***Template Research and Operating Agreement for the Wyoming Gas Injection Initiative  
12/11/2024 @ 9:45 a.m.***

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to negotiate and execute the Research and Operating Agreement for the Wyoming Gas Injection Initiative with Continental Resources, Inc., Occidental Petroleum, Devon Energy Corporation, and Ballard Petroleum. If changes are made to the template agreement, they will be brought to the Board for review and consideration at its January 2025 meeting. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Date of Next Meeting**

January 22-24, 2025, Laramie, Wyoming

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

**Executive Session Information**

*[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, via video conference.]*

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 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 session was attended by:

- Trustees Brad Bonner (Secretary), Kermit Brown (Chairman), David Fall, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton, Jim Mathis, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer), Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman), and Dave True.
- Ex-officio members UW President Ed Seidel. Governor Mark Gordon, State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder, Executive Director of the Wyoming Community College Commission Ben Moritz, and ASUW President Kameron Murfitt were absent from the meeting.
- 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
- Interim Provost Scott Turpen
- Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

And the following administrators will attend during their respective topics:

- Senior Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal
- Athletic Director Tom Burman
- Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis
- Petroleum Engineering Professor Mohammad Piri

Respectfully submitted,



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