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

**April 16, 2025
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
April 16, 2025
Via Video Conference
and Old Main Boardroom

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Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Via Video Conference

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

Trustees participating: Brad Bonner (Secretary); Kermit Brown (Chairman); David Fall; Mike Greear; Brad LaCroix; Carol Linton; Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); Paul Ulrich; and Tom Walters.

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. Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on behalf of Governor Gordon.

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

Public Session was called back to order at 9:44 a.m.

Approval of the March 26-28, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, March 31, 2025, Board of Trustee “Special” Meeting Minutes, and April 8, 2025, Board of Trustees “Special” Meeting Minutes (both public and executive session) was postponed until the May 2025 Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Proposal to Reorganize the School of Computing pursuant to UW Regulation 2-13 (Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance)

University President Ed Seidel recused himself from the discussion and exited the meeting. Interim Provost Scott Turpen commenced the presentation by referencing the January 2025 directive from the Board of Trustees to initiate the UW Regulation 213 process, aimed at reorganizing the School of Computing (SoC) into an independent academic unit. In alignment with this directive, on February 28, 2025, Turpen received a formal proposal supporting the reorganization, jointly submitted by the former Dean of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS) and the Director of the SoC. In March 2025, the proposal was reviewed by the Faculty Senate, which expressed no opposition. A survey was subsequently distributed to faculty, staff, students, and external stakeholders, yielding a positive response overall. Based on these steps, Turpen recommended to the Board that the SoC be formally established as an independent academic unit. Trustee Michelle Sullivan addressed the letter dated April 14, 2025, from university deans in which was expressed concern about potential redistribution of resources and the resulting impact on existing institutional programs. Turpen stated he felt deans were primarily expressing a desire to be included in future decisions impacting resource distribution, and that UW Regulation 2-13 does not currently require dean input. Turpen, however, acknowledged the concern and suggested that revisiting the regulation—with input from the Faculty Senate and other stakeholders—could allow for broader future involvement. Trustee Kermit Brown requested clarity regarding the financial impact of the proposed reorganization; Turpen stated the SoC has operated under a siloed budget, and the reorganization would not involve transferring funds from the CEPS. In response to further inquiry, Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean stated that while initial funding came

from pooled college contributions, the current structure is independent, and no new resource reallocation would be triggered by the reorganization.

Trustee Kermit Brown called for public comment and none was given.

UW Regulation 2-13 (CEPS/School of Computing Reorganization)

04-16-2025 @ 9:49 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the recommendation to reorganize the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences to establish the School of Computing as an independent unit within the UW organizational structure. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

University President Ed Seidel entered the meeting.

Laramie Regional Airport Ground Lease with University of Wyoming

04-16-2025 @ 9:57 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to (1) exercise the option to renew the existing Lease Agreement between Laramie Regional Airport Board and the University of Wyoming; or in the alternative (2) execute the new Laramie Regional Airport Ground Lease Agreement with University of Wyoming on the terms as discussed in executive session. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

Non-Academic Personnel

04-16-2025 @ 9:55 a.m.

Per UW Regulation 1-1, Deans shall be appointed by the Trustees upon the recommendation of the President following consultation with the appropriate University Officers and faculty. Upon the recommendation of President Seidel, Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to negotiate with the top candidate for the Interim Dean of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences with the parameters discussed in executive session and if successful, to appoint the Interim Dean of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

Date of next meeting: May 12-13, 2025, Budget Hearings; May 14-16, 2025, UW Board of Trustees Meeting, Laramie, Wyoming.

Public Session adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Session Information:

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Via Video Conference

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:03 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)); and
 2. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix))
- Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee John McKinley was absent from the vote.

The session was attended by:

- Brad Bonner (Secretary); Kermit Brown (Chairman); David Fall; Mike Greear; Brad LaCroix; Carol Linton; Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); Paul Ulrich; and Tom Walters.
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- Interim Provost 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 will attend during their respective topics:

- Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai
- Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Dave Bagley

Respectfully submitted,



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