



MEMORANDUM

To: University of Wyoming Board of Trustees

From: University of Wyoming Foundation

Re: Liaison Report for May 2026 meeting

Date: April 28, 2026

Thank you for this opportunity to update you on the activities of the University of Wyoming Foundation through our liaison officers, Trustees Bonner and Fall. Please see below.

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As reflected in the monthly giving report through March 31, 2026, year-to-date private support to UW is \$58,738,148.

ADVANCEMENT SERVICES

Work continues in collaboration with our BWF consultant. Donor Relations is also partnering with Development to allocate additional staff resources toward scholarship tracking and stewardship.

The Information Services teams is working on integration with the athletics department’s Paciolan system is underway, supporting improved data integrity, better system alignment, and more reliable giving and constituent data for reporting and decision-making.

The Prospect Management, Research, and Analytics team is developing multiple prospect lists and briefing materials in preparation for onboarding President-elect Shane Reeves.

CAMPAIGN PLANNING

The foundation continues its partnership with BWF to evaluate advancement infrastructure, systems, and donor relations, while also developing a principal giving program to strengthen campaign readiness.

Members of the foundation’s executive team recently presented an update on campaign planning to the Deans and Directors. The presentation highlighted progress from the whiteboard sessions and identified several consistent themes emerging across colleges and departments, including a focus on hands-on learning, student scholarships and success, endowed faculty positions, and service to the state.

DEVELOPMENT

Philanthropic support continues to demonstrate strong momentum, with the Development team on track for another record-setting fiscal year in both total dollars raised and number of donors.



Building on this success, the team is advancing a “principal giving” program designed to deepen investment from loyal alumni while also expanding engagement with non-alumni who align with the University of Wyoming’s mission, impact, and statewide relevance.

The Development team remains actively engaged with campus partners and external stakeholders. Recent efforts include a presentation to the College of Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Natural Resources (CALSNR) Advisory Board, as well as participation in an upcoming panel with members of the Arts and Sciences Board of Visitors. In addition, the team hosted a presentation from Athletics to strengthen the foundation’s understanding of Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) and revenue-sharing developments, and to identify strategic opportunities for partnership in growing philanthropic and programmatic support.

Significant donor investment continues to advance priority initiatives. A Wyoming family has pledged substantial matching funds in support of the Boone and Crockett Working Lands Wildlife Conservation Professorship and its accompanying excellence fund. This commitment will enhance faculty support, expand graduate student opportunities, and advance applied research focused on sustaining wildlife populations while strengthening the productivity and profitability of Wyoming’s working ranch and rangeland landscapes.

Corporate philanthropy also remains an important component of overall support. During the third quarter, 178 companies contributed to UW, including a notable scholarship gift aimed at preparing future nurses and nurse practitioners to serve communities across the state.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

The university budget process is currently underway, alongside the development of the internal foundation budget. Efforts are also in progress to renew the foundation’s internal insurance agreements to ensure continued coverage and risk management alignment.

In parallel, the foundation is coordinating campus-wide input and business planning related to the reinvestment of funds, with multiple rounds of engagement to support thoughtful and strategic allocation. Additionally, the foundation is actively interviewing and onboarding new employees to fill both existing vacancies and newly created positions, strengthening organizational capacity and supporting ongoing initiatives.

INVESTMENT SERVICES

The Investment team reports that year-to-date performance indicates that all public active managers, along with directed passive managers, are outperforming both the S&P 500 and the ACWI indices.

Recent activity within the Endowment Pool includes renewed commitments to two VC managers, with \$7 million allocated to each.

As of March 31, the Endowment Pool’s estimated value stands at \$966 million.



ANNUAL EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

The UW Foundation conducted its annual Employee Engagement Survey—the fifth year in a row the survey has been administered by Quantum Workplace, our external vendor partner.

Despite a slight decline since 2025, participation continues to be strong at 93%. Overall favorability and Engagement Index stayed steady at 77.7% and exceeds external benchmarks when compared to organizations with 50-99 employees and educational services organizations.

The most favorable items for foundation employees include belief in the future success of the foundation at 95% and understanding how the individual employees' roles contribute to the foundation's mission and vision at 92%.