

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES**

**May 2-4, 2007**

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## **University of Wyoming Mission Statement** (April 2002)

The University of Wyoming aspires to be one of the nation's finest public land-grant research universities, dedicated to serving as a statewide resource for accessible and affordable higher education of the highest quality, rigorous scholarship, technology transfer, economic and community development, and responsible stewardship of our cultural, historical, and natural resources.

In the exercise of our primary mission to teach and educate students, we seek to provide academic and co-curricular opportunities that will:

- Expose students to the frontiers of scholarship and creative activity, and the complexities of an interdependent world;
- Ensure individual interactions among students, faculty, and staff;
- Nurture an environment that values and manifests diversity, free expression, academic freedom, personal integrity, and mutual respect; and
- Promote opportunities for personal growth, physical health, athletic competition, and leadership development for all members of the University community.

As Wyoming's only university, we are committed to outreach and service that extend our human talent and technological capacity to serve the people in our communities, our state, the nation, and the world.

The primary vehicles for identifying the specific actions and resource allocations needed to achieve this complex mission are the University's *Academic Plan*, *Support Services Plan*, and *Capital Facilities Plan*, each revised periodically.

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Members of the Board and the UW Cowgirls' basketball team were hosted at dinner at President Buchanan's home on Thursday, May 3, 2007. The Board also had a tour of the Classroom Building on Friday, May 4, 2007 with lunch provided in the Health Sciences Atrium. Trustees then participated in various commencement ceremonies and dinner on Friday, May 4, 2007.

Work sessions were conducted Thursday and Friday, May 3-4, 2007. The Board held their Business Meeting on Friday, May 4, 2007.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:**

**Introduction of New ASUW President and Vice President, Axelson**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session  
 Education Session  
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Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson will introduce the new ASUW President, David Kiren, and ASUW Vice President, Zach Guier, to the full Board.

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Trustee President Dick Davis said recognition was first on the agenda and asked Sara Axelson, Vice President for Student Affairs, to introduce the new ASUW executives. Vice President Axelson began by introducing David Kiren, the new ASUW president and noted some of his accomplishments at UW. She next introduced Zach Guier, vice president of ASUW and spoke about his accomplishments at UW.

Trustee Davis welcomed everyone to the public meeting. President Buchanan asked Faculty Senate Chair Mark Sunderman and Staff Senate President Birgit Burke to stand up. He spoke about their representation of their respective groups and noted that most of the leaders for these groups have served in an extraordinary capacity. Professor Sunderman and Ms. Burke both did outstanding jobs for their constituents, and they have outstanding successors.

Vice President Axelson spoke of the two top students that received awards: Mr. Travis Jordan, recipient of the Tobin Award and Christine Salo, recipient of the Spitaleri Award. Members of the Board congratulated them on their accomplishments.

Trustee Rounds then made the following motion: "I move that in accordance with Article VIII of the By-Laws of the Trustees, Section 3-2 of the By-Laws regarding the order of business during a meeting be suspended for the purpose of voting on the employment contract of President Buchanan, and approval of the MOU with the University of Wyoming Alumni Association;" Trustee Haynes seconded. This motion required a vote of two-thirds of the Board. Trustee Trosper took the roll call vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Trosper moved to approve the President's contract as discussed by the Board; Trustee Neiman seconded. Trustee Davis spoke about the work of the Board and their decision to extend President Buchanan's contract. They have worked on overcoming any concerns related to his appointment and feel that they have agreed on goals and objectives. They also reviewed his performance at UW, and Trustee Brown managed the review of the President. A comprehensive questionnaire was sent out to over seventy individuals inquiring about President Buchanan's performance. The returned questionnaires were very supportive of President Buchanan, and they emphasized that under President Buchanan's leadership the Board has achieved unity. Trustee Davis spoke of President Buchanan's accomplishments, including good working relationships with faculty, staff, students, as well as cooperation and collaboration with the trustees, positive relationships with the Governor's office, the legislature, and the foundation. The President has engendered trust and confidence. He worked with the Alumni Association, and demonstrated his skill in leadership and proceeding to resolution. Additionally, the School of Energy Resources (SER) has become a reality in a short amount of time. Trustee Davis said it is important to recognize this and vote positively on an extension of his contract for four years. Trustee Trosper spoke about the qualities of a UW President that are essential to maintaining equal representation

of the various members of the Board. Trustee Davis called the question. The vote was unanimous to extend President Buchanan's contract. President Buchanan said he was very pleased and appreciates the support from the Board.

Trustee Brown then made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Alumni Association and UW. Trustee Spicer seconded. Trustee Brown spoke about his representation of the Board as a liaison with the Alumni Association. Although past problems caused UW and Alumni to separate, it became apparent over time that it would be the most beneficial to restore the historical relationship. This motion was before the Board to vote upon. Trustee Davis called the question. The motion carried unanimously. Trustee Brown invited Ms. Jill Lucero and Mr. Jacques Beveridge to speak to the Board on this historic moment.

Ms. Lucero spoke about the Alumni Association and expressed her pleasure with President Buchanan's appointment as UW's president. She thanked Mr. Jacques Beveridge, the incoming President of Alumni Association, the Alumni Board of Directors, and Robbie Darnall, executive director of Alumni. Ms. Lucero then introduced Mr. Jacques Beveridge and he also congratulated President Buchanan on his contract renewal. The MOU is a win-win situation and will allow UW to further engage alumni. The Alumni Association will be able to collaborate with UW to provide more outreach programs as well. Mr. Beveridge thanked Trustee Brown and President Buchanan for their leadership in helping bring the Alumni Association back to partner with UW. The Alumni Association looks forward with working with Student Affairs during this great time.



**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Budget Planning 2008, Buchanan**

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President Buchanan will give a presentation to the Board. Materials will be distributed at the meeting.

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Myron Allen, Vice President for Academic Affairs, had a presentation for the Board on budget planning. He assured the Board that there would be few numbers at this meeting and said this is not the final set of proposals. He talked about the principles behind budget requests, timelines, and he proposed a set of priorities for managing new facilities and capital budget. Vice President Allen also talked about other budgets that are part of the University's mission, and spoke about things to keep in mind for the budget session for 2008. He drew attention to the fact it is a budget session and should be thought of as a foundation for subsequent requests. It has been UW's policy to have continuity over time in the University's budget requests. Vice President Allen's first item was principles discussed and that the legislature expects that there will be no supplemental request for permanent funding in the 2009 legislative session, with the understanding that there are exceptions and extraordinary circumstances that may arise. The priorities need to be consistent with the institutional priorities outlined in the Academic Plan, the Support Services Plan and the Capital Facilities Plan. The President has proposed using major institutional themes as conveyed in last fall's convocation to provide a framework of excellence in education and leadership statewide. UW will try to keep those themes in mind while crafting the document. Politics play a role as well, and although UW has a block grant, it is important to

recall that the legislature and Governor expect UW to manage needs internally by setting priorities.

Next, Vice President Allen spoke about the process and timeline that was previously followed in the late 1990's and early 2000's, noting it was not very elaborate. The state did not have many resources, and UW's salary needs were significant from the budget difficulties experienced in the 1990's. UW listed salaries as the highest priority. Salaries have recently caught up to national markets and Wyoming has more resources to deliberate over. The timeline was also discussed. In January-February, the President and Executive Council develop and draft institutional priorities for consideration. March-April is the time period when UW constituents review draft institutional priorities and the Vice President's relay feedback to the President. In May the Board of Trustees will review the priorities and finally approve the budget at the June meeting. The completed budget request is due at the end of August for submission.

After that, the discussion provided information on operating budget priorities such as the structure of Section 067, which includes the standard budget to request continued funding for the things UW already has in place and the exception budget, which is a list of additional requests for increases, etc. Vice President Allen explained the standard budget request in more detail. It includes the request for funds to extend salary adjustments made in FY08, a request to adjust university salaries consistent with the Governor's recommended salary increases for state agencies, and adjust the health insurance premiums required to maintain UW's 85% employees' contribution. He spoke about projects identified in 2006-07 sessions which UW believes the legislature wants brought forward. These include the library collections funding and

membership in GWLA and ARL, School of Energy Resources funding, NCAR funding, WTBC funding; Athletics/competitiveness plan, utilities and endowment match. These items are not listed in priority order.

Other initiatives previously discussed with policymakers include: salaries to continue competitiveness, instructional enhancements such as lab supplies and equipment, information technology items not funded in 2006, and parking and transportation operational funding as a distinct item from capital funding. Additional items include outreach, NCAR-related activities, workforce development, health care, water issues, housing operations, and many others.

Capital facilities funding priorities include 100% state-funded projects, projects funded through private funds matched by state funds, funding through revenue bonds, and combinations of these sources. Vice President Allen also spoke about the high-priority capital facility proposals: COB construction funding 100% state funding, Fine Arts facility, UW support for state's efforts in funding 2 multiagency BSL-3 facilities (focus on human health and one on wildlife/livestock diseases), science teaching lab facility, and joint facilities at Casper College.

Other projects in CFP include student housing, power plant conversion/energy efficiency initiative, parking/transportation facilities, second wing of WTBC, others, and a pool of academic matching funds for smaller projects (classroom renovations).

Additional budgets include the medical education budget (section 167) including WWAMI, family practice, dental education contracts and psychiatric nurse practitioner loan program;

(Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute) EORI (Section 070) separate from UW's budget, and WICHE (Section 069). In the future, EORI may become a part of the School of Energy Resources (SER).

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: FY 2008 Section I Operating Budget, Harris**

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Phill Harris, Vice President for Administration, spoke about the section I operating budget and the various sections to be discussed that the administration is seeking approval of from the Board. The following items were discussed: the 2005-06 Section I operating budget decrease, FY07 operating budget increase for Wyoming Conversation Corps in Section I, FY07 operating budget increase for state climatologist, and the changes affect a couple bienniums. FY08 operating budget for UW Section I budget authority approval, FY08 Section I proposed operating budget for agency 067, and agency 167 for UW-medical education for the FY08 biennium.

Vice President Harris then spoke about the proposed Section I operating budget for the medical education program as discussed by Vice President Allen. He reviewed the Section II budget information that was presented in the report. Trustees asked if it was appropriate to start making plans to have the Casper program funded, and Vice President Harris said the answer is to prepare to partially fund Casper. Those plans for funding are being thought through at this time. Vice President Harris also clarified that the Casper Family Practice residency program is not operated the same as the Cheyenne Family Practice residency, as Casper is operated under the Community Health Center of Central Wyoming (CHCCW), which provides funding through federally-funded

programs. President Buchanan noted that he wanted to address where UW is going in the long-term with the family practice residency centers, and how this factors into UW's budget process. He noted that UW's budgets will begin to show budget requests for family practice residency centers reflecting increasing costs and adjustments to the programs. The programs will also be addressed in the academic plan. Trustees also asked if UW was making any plans to return the Casper program to its previous structure, which was similar to the Cheyenne program. The response was that the issue is being partially addressed at this time. The other question from the Board was if UW was making preparations for UW's information technology department to be included in the statewide initiatives across the state for providing full healthcare to the state.

The item is on the Consent Agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: FY 2008 Section II Operating Budget, Harris**

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Vice President Harris spoke about the section II budgets that are handled through auxiliary services and authorization for the FY08 budgets. He noted that the budgets do include the salary increases for employees in the section II areas. The item is on the Consent Agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Alcohol Education Awareness, Axelson/Cozzens**

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Mr. Dave Cozzens, Associate Vice President, Student Affairs, spoke about the alcohol prevention and education program on campus, Alcohol Awareness Alternatives, Research and Education (AWARE). Students have problems in the use and abuse of controlled substances, and Associate Vice President Cozzens said UW is making headway on this initiative. Lena Edmunds, AWARE Coordinator, will talk about some of the initiatives she is working on. Associate Vice President Cozzens doesn't want to send a message that alcohol is the only substance that students might use, but it is used most frequently. He shared a quote from Dr. Judith Ramaley, former president of University of Vermont: "Underage drinking and excessive drinking have negative effects on everything we're trying to do as a university. They compromise the educational environment, the safety of our students, the quality of life on campus, town-gown relationships, and our reputation." The consequences of alcohol usage were reviewed, and he noted that alcohol causes death, sexual assaults, injuries, and assaults. National alcohol data compared to UW shows we are better with students choosing not to drink, reporting alcohol negatively affecting academics, binge drinking, driving after having five or more drinks, and the average blood alcohol content (.21) of students arrested by UW police. This is a complex multi-dimensional problem with no easy solutions and the entire program works to promote legal and responsible information on alcohol.



Ms. Lena Edmunds, AWARE program coordinator, spoke about the program and about the most current research in the field. She spoke about the background on this program and the redesign based on that research. Her overarching goal is to look at the problem with a comprehensive approach and addressing it at several different levels. There are two focus-points: the 3-in-1 approach and the harm reduction philosophy. UW doesn't want to eliminate alcohol but place a focus on safe, legal and responsible use of alcohol. The 3-in-1 approach includes a campus community coalition (A team). Some of their accomplishments include reviewing and updating the UW alcohol policy and making recommendations, and creation of a strategic plan. They also spearheaded the program to bring Clint Haskins to speak on campus. The second component includes: classroom presentations, Cowboy CHOICES peer education program (safe party packs, e-chug online alcohol education program) led by students for students, and the Safe Spring Break campaign. At the individual level, AWARE works to assist students that have received some kind of alcohol-related citations or violation. The AWARE intervention process addresses the various levels of abuse with five hours of individualized and group education, which requires a student to be honest and self-report regarding their problems. To date, the intervention program has grown with approximately a 6% increase in referrals over the last year. Ms. Edmunds reviewed the intervention process through AWARE at the different levels. Associate Vice President Cozzens and Ms. Edmunds answered questions from the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Safety and Security Issues, Axelson/Buchanan**

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Sara Axelson, Vice President for Student Affairs, presented information to the Board on the safety and security issues at UW, noting that everything is available on various UW websites. She introduced Kevin White, acting UW Police Chief; Commander Jeff Bury, Laramie Police Department; and Jim Pond, Sheriff, Albany County Sheriff's Office who are involved with UW's crisis team efforts. Vice President Axelson spoke about the discussions of safety and security, the roles and responsibilities of the university, the UW student code of conduct, and policies, protocols and practices.

Vice President Harris spoke about the UW emergency response plan that has been in place for more than 25 years. Some of the activities and processes were reviewed and the structure of the development of policy, beginning with the President of the University. UW also has an emergency management team that is mobilized depending on the type of situation, and is chaired by Vice President Harris. Within the emergency management team are an operations director, campus police, community police, sheriff, fire department, environmental safety office, and others as necessary. The plans are headed by the appropriate authority and unit. UW has also reviewed pandemic planning efforts and developed a plan linked with the community, county, and state agencies. To keep the plans up-to-date, at the end of this month an emergency response

exercise will be held in the Arena-Auditorium and involve federal, state, and local response teams in terms of a major incident involving casualties in a large venue event. The campus security report is required annually under federal law and is available on the UW website. Members of the Board asked about how UW interacts with the community, county and state.

Vice President Axelson spoke about how the group is working on this to form an ongoing information and safety advisory group (crisis team). At this time, the crisis intervention team is working in response to Virginia Tech and watching the outcomes and information. The crisis team is very focused on responding to an egregious event or violence. The advisory group reviews policies and procedures on a continuous basis and will look at national best practices. The areas that President Buchanan asked the advisory group to look at included: residence life staffing and training, and a PA system; low staff/student ratios; intensive training programs; and 24-hour desks in all residence halls.

Vice President Axelson reviewed communication protocols and training such as contacting UWPD, receiving a daily activity report from UWPD, and formal/informal communication with UWPD, community law enforcement personnel, the dean of students, and Residence Life and Student Affairs. She clarified that the freshmen residence halls are alcohol-free. The group determined they need memorandums of agreement with the LPD, UWPD, dean of students, and Residence Life and Student Affairs. The next area reviewed was weapon storage and comparator policies. The group added some language to the student code of conduct to make certain administrative changes and can be viewed online at <http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/DOS/filesWORD/codedoc>.

They also looked into parental notification and Vice President Axelson reviewed the current policy and the cases when parents are contacted. The recommendation was incorporated in the student code of conduct. President Buchanan commented that part of the reason the changes were made were directly related to student alcohol incidents because that's where the majority of history at UW has been. The related programs are the alcohol team, the S.T.O.P. Violence project, gatekeepers training, peer education, and building community. One of the main objectives of the group's work is to stress that UW needs to be watchful and knowledgeable of those on campus.

The crisis team will continue to work with law enforcement coordination and team initiatives. Vice President Axelson said the group is fine-tuning their work to date and providing more background and detail to possible future situations. There are also several other groups including emergency announcement dissemination systems, anonymous tip communication, and enhancing mechanisms for communication with families and external entities. Orientation will give UW an excellent opportunity to communicate with people and sharing a great deal of information on safety for campus. The ongoing training is essential to success. Members of the Board asked if the plan with the law enforcement agencies is documented, and Commander Bury said the plan is coordinated through the emergency response group and are adaptable to every agency. The document is shared with each new agency head, Laramie emergency agency, homeland security and others. Other questions from the Board included having the system reviewed by external reviewers and timeliness of a response when officials are alerted about concerns regarding an individual. President Buchanan told the Board he meets with the parents during orientation while they are on campus during the summertime and responds to questions they have. He

provides parents with his business card so they can get in touch with UW if they have any questions. Vice President Axelson mentioned the 1-800 phone line available via APUW for parents to call with questions.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NCAR Update, Gern/Allen**

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Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Bill Gern, and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Myron Allen, will give an oral presentation updating the Board on recent developments, including the UW-NCAR retreat scheduled for 24-25 April 2007.

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Trustee President David recognized Laura Ballard representing Dr. McBride's office. Bill Gern, Vice President for Research, talked about the ongoing discussions with NCAR outlining interactions between the two groups. UW is also looking at NCAR and their development of a grant proposal to the NSF with UW as co-signatories. The project should be going forward shortly. Vice President Gern met with the Vice President for research at the University of Colorado. Vice President Allen will talk about the curricular activities along the frontrange, and Vice President Gern believes that NSF will probably provide a decision later this fall.

Vice President Allen spoke about the discussions at the NCAR retreat and governing the partnership. There are two pieces of the relationships: research/information technology piece that involves the data center in Cheyenne and how UW plans the local computational resources on campus. The Academic Affairs piece deals with how to administer joint positions and what areas of expertise are necessary. They also discussed how to put together a curriculum at upper division and graduate level in computational science, shared among UW, NCAR and scientists at the University of Colorado and the School of Mines. The idea is to have full range of expertise that all the faculties could offer. Trustees observed that they hope UW gets some of the

intellectual power as this endeavor continues and don't end up with a machine that lives in Cheyenne, but all the personnel are located somewhere else. Vice President Allen said there have been hirings this year to address the need for computationally-oriented faculty members. Vice President Gern stated his belief that currently the relationship between UW and NCAR is as deep as the relationship between NCAR and CU.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Dental Education Contracts, Miller**

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Rick Miller, Vice President for Governmental, Community and Legal Affairs, advised the Board that he had mailed copies of the draft agreements to them prior to the meeting and they are designed for the new dental education program at UW. There are three copies of agreements in the packets and a fourth that will be put in place, but it hasn't been crafted yet. The agreements are fundamentally identical, and UW has 9 students admitted and ready to go at Creighton and Washington. The cost per student is \$55,000. Over time the schools will try to keep dollar amounts very close so students aren't picking schools based on price only. President Buchanan will consult with the Wyoming dental association and the Board of Dentistry, and will appoint Wyoming dentists to be on the admissions committee for each of the schools. He also spoke about the agreements with Wyoming students that choose to pursue the program without first having to repay their loans. The provisions for loan forgiveness are also included in the contracts in the event that they return to Wyoming to practice. The one point is that when the dentists come back, they serve Medicaid and S-CHIP patients. The focus is to be sure that if dentists want to practice in Wyoming, they serve the patients. UW will build a budget into the medical education budget for next year, and the purpose of today's presentation is to have the Board grant approval to proceed. This item is on the Consent Agenda.



**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Tuition Discussion Continued, Harris**

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Phill Harris, Vice President for Administration, spoke about the tuition discussion. He noted the information provided in the report and said the recommendation is the same as has been previously discussed. The tuition increase would start with the FY08-09 academic year and end in the FY10-11 academic year. Trustee President Davis asked if anyone had comments.

Members of the Board shared their views on their fiduciary duties as well as the fact that UW has a block grant and can allocate their funds as needed. President Buchanan agreed that because of the block grant, UW does have the ability to speak to internal priorities and at this point in time, the administration is on the front edge of the budget cycle. Trustees also shared their concerns on the support budgets and the need to increase them. After information sharing and discussion, Trustee Rochelle moved to not adopt a tuition increase recommendation. Trustee Rounds seconded. Trustee Rochelle stated that she wants to revisit this issue again in two years and feels the Board has acted in a fiscally responsible way. She also would like to see how the Hathaway scholarship impacts enrollment. The motion carried with Trustee Haynes voting nay.

Vice President Miller said the tuition for resident undergraduates will stay the same for the next two years, and he wanted to clarify the intention of the Board. Trustee Lauer said he thought that this would be discussed in two years and is not part of the motion. The recommendation is just that there is no tuition increase for the next biennium.

### **Friday, May 4, 2007**

#### **Business Meeting, Old Main Boardroom**

Trustee President Davis called the Business Meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

#### **Recognition**

Trustee Davis thanked Travis Jordan for his contribution to the Board during the last year and his participation in the various activities. Mr. Jordan received his trustee photo and nameplate to take with him, and Trustee Davis congratulated him, wishing him well in his future work. Vice President Axelson also congratulated Travis for receiving the Tobin award this year.

Trustee President Davis asked Trustee Trospen to take roll call.

#### **Roll Call**

Trustee Trospen read the roll. The following trustees were present: Trustees Brown, Davis, Haynes, Lauer, Neiman, Palmerlee, Richards, Rochelle, Rounds, Spicer, Trospen, and Willson. Trustee Bostrum was unable to attend. Also present were ex-officio Trustees President Tom Buchanan and Trustee ASUW President David Kiren. Ex-officio Trustees Freudenthal and Jim McBride were unable to attend and were represented by Mr. Chris Boswell and Ms. Laura Ballard, respectively.

#### **Approval of Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes**

March 22-24, 2007

#### **Approval of Board of Trustee Special Meeting Minutes**

April 11, 2007 – Public Session

April 11, 2007 – Executive Session (minutes taken by Trustee Dick Davis)

#### **Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

March 22-24, 2007

March 24, 2007 (minutes taken by Trustee Dick Davis)

Trustee Davis stated that he would like a motion to approve the minutes of March 22-24, 2007;

Trustee Spicer; Trustee Haynes seconded. The motion carried.

Trustee Davis asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting on April 11, 2007; Trustee Rochelle moved to approve, Trustee Haynes seconded. The motion carried.

Trustee Davis asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board's Executive Session meetings March 22-24, 2007. Trustee Lauer moved for approval; Trustee Rochelle seconded. The motion carried.

### **Election of Officers**

Trustee Davis said it was time for the election of officers and asked for nominations. Trustee Neiman nominated Trustee Dick Davis for reelection as president of the Board; Trustee Rochelle seconded. Trustee Rounds moved to cease nominations; Trustee Haynes seconded. The motion carried.

Trustee Haynes moved to have Trustee Davis reelected as President by acclamation; Trustee Spicer seconded. The motion carried. Trustee Palmerlee said that he appreciated Trustee Davis' work as president in drawing the Board together, and thanked him for his work.

Trustee Neiman moved to reelect Trustee Brown as vice president; Trustee Palmerlee seconded. Trustee Spicer moved to have nominations cease and Trustee Brown approved by acclamation; Trustee Haynes seconded. The motion carried. Trustee Davis said that Trustee Brown is wonderful to work with and his accomplishments include work with the Alumni Association and chairing the evaluation of President Buchanan. Trustee Brown said the Board is working well

together and he is pleased with the thoughtful discussions. He commended each Board member for what they bring to each meeting.

Trustee Haynes moved that Trustee Trosper be reelected secretary; Trustee Spicer seconded. Trustee Rochelle stated that by acclamation, she moved to reelect Trustee Trosper; Trustee Haynes seconded. The motion carried.

Trustee Haynes nominated Trustee Lauer for treasurer; Trustee Rochelle seconded. Trustee Spicer moved to approve Trustee Lauer by acclamation; Trustee Haynes seconded. The motion carried.

### **Committee Appointments**

Trustee Davis commented on the appointment of committees. The Audit and Fiscal Integrity Committee is a standing committee and he would like to have an opportunity to talk with everyone to determine what committees the Trustees will serve on. That discussion will take place at the June meeting.

### **Reports**

#### **ASUW**

President David Kiren reported on the activities of ASUW. He appreciated meeting all the Trustees, and he commended Travis Jordan for his leadership throughout the last year. ASUW passed legislation at the end of the year to buy a gift for UW from the senior class. That gift is a \$10,000 endowment for Half Acre renovation. At the end of the year, ASUW has a bill to

contribute \$20,000 more to the endowment. President Kiren reported that in the recent elections, they had student-voter turnout of 18%, which is above the national average.

### **Staff Senate**

President-elect Alan Tanner reported on the activities of Staff Senate. The Senate worked on the Unireg for staff evaluations. Mr. Tanner is currently the Vice President of Staff Senate, and will become the President as of July 1. He congratulated President Buchanan on his extended appointment and thanked the Board of Trustees, and said he plans to work to create a relationship with Staff Senate and the Board of Trustees. He thanked the Board for attending Staff Recognition Day.

### **Faculty Senate**

Faculty Senate Chair Mark Sunderman reported for the Staff Senate. It has been a good year for faculty senate, and he congratulated President Buchanan on his presidency extension. The faculty senate has had two faculty senate meetings discussing the concerns that ten minutes between classes on campus is unrealistic for students to get from one class to the next. The faculty are concerned about this issue and will look into it further. Professor Hannelore Mundt is going to be the Secretary of Faculty Senate, and Professor Sunderman was elected as chair-elect after Professor Larry Hubbell completes his term. The spring faculty senate speaker was Professor Jim Ahern. Faculty Senate is also working on dealing with post-tenure review and will continue that work in the fall. The final item he spoke of was the resolution to explore the possibility to see if the Faculty Senate chair can become ex-officio on the Board of Trustees.

### **Public testimony**

None

**Committee of the Whole (Regular Business)**

1. Audit and Fiscal Integrity Committee Report, Lowe

Janet Lowe, Associate Vice President for Administration, did not have anything to report on the Audit and Fiscal Integrity Committee. Trustee Brown said that the minutes of the meeting they recently had has not been shared with all members of the committee yet, but a report will be given at the June meeting.

**Committee of the Whole (Consent Agenda)**

1. Approval of Contracts and Grants, Gern
2. Personnel, Allen
3. Elimination of Master of Science in Audiology, Abernethy
4. Approval of Construction Contracts, Harris
  - a. SAREC Wet Lab & Congregate Resident, Architect
5. FY 2008 Section I Operating Budget, Harris
6. FY 2008 Section II Operating Budget, Harris
7. Changes to ASUW Constitution, Axelson
8. Dental Education Contracts, Miller
9. Degree-Option Naming: Francis M. Long Option in Bioengineering, Allen
10. 2007-2008 Committee Appointments, Buchanan
11. Approval of Change to 2007 Meeting Schedule, June 6-7, 2007 in Casper, Wyoming, Davis
12. Master List of Degrees, Abernethy
13. Appointments to the University of Wyoming Research Corporation (d.b.a. WRI) Board of Directors, Gern

Trustee Davis asked about the change to the ASUW constitution. ASUW President Kiren explained the provision would allow the students to go into executive session, and the second part is the provision for severability.

President Buchanan spoke about the Wyoming Research Board appointments that were not included in the packet. The information on the document is the recommendation to reappoint all but one of the same individuals, and save one to serve next year. The new person is Mr. Rob Hurless who is an expert in the state energy policy. The President feels it is important to make

sure to manage the development of energy efforts at UW with the different programs and keep them in concert with the state. Mr. Hurless will bring an aspect to the board that has previously been missing.

Trustee Davis said the June meeting has been confirmed, and it will be held in Casper on June 7, 2007. The Board will have dinner on June 6 with local legislators in Casper, and the Board meeting will take place all day on June 7.

Bill Gern, Vice President for Research, handed out the booklets from undergraduate research day held on April 27, 2007. The event involved 250 students who competed and the proclamation in the booklet was signed by Governor Freudenthal. President Buchanan would like to have a trustees' meeting during undergraduate research weekend to allow the Board to participate.

President Buchanan provided a copy of the book *Beyond Oil* and told the Board it was chosen by the faculty for all incoming freshmen to read. A copy was given to all members of the Board yesterday and he will also send copies to the legislature for their reading.

Trustee Spicer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Trustee Neiman seconded.

The motion carried.

### **New Business**

None

### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Casper as a one-day meeting on June 7, 2007.

Trustee Davis congratulated President Buchanan again on his reappointment for an extended contract. He briefly spoke about the Trustee retreat and asked for ideas of topics to be discussed.

He stated that the Board may want to conduct this meeting without a facilitator this time, and one topic could be a discussion of the Board's roles and responsibilities.

Trustee Brown mentioned that President Buchanan and Jacque will be in Wheatland for a middle school honors program on Monday. It is wonderful to say to the state that UW has a presence in all Wyoming communities.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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