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March 5-7, 2009

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 5-7, 2009
UW Conference Center, Salon C**

The Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming met in Laramie, Wyoming, March 5 and 6, 2009. On the morning of March 5, the Board held committee meetings, met in public session for approximately two hours, and then went into Executive Session to work over lunch. The lunch lasted from 12:00-1:30 p.m., and Regular Session commenced at 1:30, all at the UW Conference Center. At 6:00 p.m., President and Mrs. Buchanan hosted a welcome dinner for newly appointed Board member, Brad Mead. The dinner was held at the Buchanan residence, and the Executive Council was invited as well.

On Friday, March 6, each Board member attended class as part of the "Take a Trustee to Class" program coordinated by the Office of Academic Affairs. The Trustees then had lunch with Faculty Senate and a select group of faculty members at the Foudation House following class.

There was no business conducted on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Long Range Development Plan Presentation, Harris

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
 Education Session
 Information Item
 Other Specify:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Vice President for Administration Phill Harris introduced Daniel Iacofano from Moore, Iacofano & Goltsman (MIG). MIG has been working with the University to design a plan for expansion of the University of Wyoming's east campus. Mr. Iacofano commented that the campus has done a great job with design on the UW campus thus far. He then began a lengthy powerpoint presentation detailing the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) which includes east campus expansion.

Mr. Iacofano stated that the LRDP gives a flexible picture, with different possibilities as to how the UW campus might evolve in the future. He gave a historic perspective, providing pictures of historic buildings and comparisons of how campus looked then as compared to now. Mr. Iacofano stated that his team has been working with the city throughout this planning process.

Mr. Iacofano discussed the quantity of space available on campus as well as the quality of those locations. He provided comparative information for other schools and their campus size and structure. He discussed UW's enrollment growth and how this may affect future planning, research growth and research space needs, housing plans, development capacity, site planning and design principles, "bikeable" space, sustainability, land use districts, and green areas, similar to Prexy's Pasture, for future plans.

Mr. Iacofano then discussed the traffic and pedestrian use of 15th Street, Lewis Street, King Street, and 22nd Street. There was some discussion by the Board regarding closing off 15th Street. He then discussed all potential building sites and footprints of buildings that might occur.

Mr. Iacofano stressed how important it is to link and unify everything on campus. He also stated that it is important to make sure the shuttle system plans work.

Trustee Brown thanked Mr. Iacofano for his presentation. Trustee Willson inquired about projections with consideration of outreach students. He asked if we are looking at alternative options, if there is a considerable shift in the population that would affect these numbers.

Mr. Iacofano stated that the campus is a physical entity that will always be important. He continued that interaction space on campus is important and that they have considered the increasing numbers in the Outreach School. He also mentioned building a communication hub, which would be considered later.

Mr. Iacofano discussed parking; surface parking compared to building parking, how parking affects attendance to events on campus (event circulation), and surface movement and underground structures. He then commented on foot traffic through the cemetery located on 15th street. Mr. Iacofano stated that the city had approached the group regarding allowing foot traffic through the cemetery; they are considering that option in some of their designs.

Roger Baalman, Director of Facilities Planning, stated that mailers regarding the East Campus Master Plan will go out to all Alumni and community members. There is also a website where interested individuals can access all the information. The maps, which were discussed today, will be available on the website soon.

There were additional questions from the Board regarding grass, trees, and other landscaping in the projected plans, campus sustainability, and bond refunding for this project.

President Buchanan stated that he wanted the Board to have a view from 3000 feet rather than 30 feet. There are levels of detail that will be covered throughout the implementation process.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: K-12 Connections, Abernethy

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Associate Provost Rollin Abernethy led a presentation and discussion of the highlights of the University's K-12 connections. Joining him were College of Education Dean Kay Persichitte and Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson. They distributed a booklet outlining the College of Education programs and connections with Wyoming K-12 education.

Dean Persichitte began the presentation by calling attention to a bulleted list of ongoing programs within the College of Education that connect with Wyoming K-12. Two of the ongoing programs she particularly addressed were the Initial Teacher Preparation and Other School Personnel & Advanced Preparation. The Initial Teacher Preparation encompasses 18 concurrent major options in Secondary or K-12 subject areas, plus Technical Education, Elementary Education, Music Education, and Physical Education. The Other School Personnel & Advanced Preparation includes Principal, Superintendent, School Counseling, Special Education, English as a Second Language, Reading, Curriculum and Instruction, Instructional Technology, Adult Learning, and other subject area specializations.

Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson summarized the outreach programs available through Student Affairs and also Academic Affairs. These programs include GEAR UP Wyoming, which receives \$2.5 million each year from the Federal Department of Education and serves approximately 2,000 students. Upward Bound and the Math/Science Initiative Project, and the Summer Research Apprentice Program receive about \$2 million and are very powerful, successful programs whose purposes are to expand the pipeline to higher education. Some of the

programs bring students to campus, while others go out to the communities. A dedicated faculty and staff contribute to the success of these programs.

Vice President Axelson added that the Graduate School provides a program called the Science Posse. They are serving 826 middle and high school students. The Energy School brings 9th graders on campus for a program called the Energy Institute. The longstanding High School Institute brings about 150 high school sophomores to campus each summer. Participation rates in these programs are increasing, and the Hathaway Scholarship contributes to this. The college going rates have increased to 58%, which is up from 54% in the previous few years.

Associate Provost Abernethy gave some history of the P-16 Education Council. He said UW was initially responsible for taking the lead and procuring the grant from the federal State Scholars Initiative. In order to receive the grant, they had to form a stand-alone non-profit entity which is now one-and-a-half years old. Vice President Abernethy outlined some of the activities and accomplishments of the council. The council is represented by five school districts, the Wyoming Department of Education, Western Community College, and the Wyoming Education Association.

The goals of the P-16 Education Council are to increase the percent of students who receive a high school diploma and increase the percentage of 9th graders who will complete formal postsecondary education.

Associate Provost Abernethy went on to list five issues he, Dean Persichitte, and Vice President Axelson felt were important. They include:

1. Data systems for K-12, Community Colleges and UW
2. Hathaway Success Curriculum implementation and assessment
3. Completion rates at every level
4. Testing
5. Teacher quality

Dean Persichitte addressed the topic of testing. She said there has been increased attention from citizens for accountability in education, from pre-school to college. The topic of testing

permeates nearly every discussion about education. She went on to say that the College of Education tries to help principals, school administrators, and teachers think about three different aspects of testing:

1. Purpose of the tests
2. Frequency of the tests
3. Access to data about the tests

She said if one thinks about the purpose of the testing, the frequency and access to the results should also be considered. There is a divergence of standardized and formative testing. What is the validity of the testing? Are we really testing for what we want to assess?

Teacher quality also comes up frequently in conversations about education. It cuts across all aspects of education and cannot be lumped into one issue. Teacher quality is influenced by the quality of teacher preparation programs, but it is also influenced by programs from 40 years ago. State and federal regulations influence teacher quality. Recruitment of people to work in schools affects quality, as does access to continuing higher education and contemporary teaching methods. The quality of the local instructional leadership has an effect as well as the culture of the community – whether or not teachers are respected.

Dean Persichitte added that there is a significant amount of data supporting the fact that nationwide, recruitment is not the problem. Retention is the problem. Thirty percent of new teachers leave the profession in the first three years and 50% leave within the first five. They are replaced by new teachers. However, recruitment is still a problem nationally in Math, Science, and Special Education and Wyoming is no exception.

A discussion followed with Trustee Taylor Haynes commenting that, as mentioned, the community perception can pertain to parental expectation and responsibilities. What he has observed is that parents expect their children to be warehoused and entertained at school. He suggested that schools need to be able to discipline and challenge students.

Dean Persichitte answered that she did not disagree with Trustee Haynes, but that state and federal laws govern policy and she was not sure that the College of Education has any impact on federal regulations, not to mention local control issues.

Trustee Haynes asked that Dean Persichitte address just the federal aspects of the situation.

Dean Persichitte said that teacher certification and professional standards boards have been deeply affected by certain provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. One consequence is that the college could not continue to prepare elementary teachers to teach in middle schools because the Act clearly and precisely defined middle grades teachers to be aligned with secondary grades content. Therefore, elementary grade teachers were not qualified to teach in middle schools, and the College of Education classes and majors had to be adjusted accordingly.

There was further discussion regarding K-12 school districts electronically transferring student records to community colleges and other districts. So far 37 out of 48 districts have this capability. Superintendent of Public Instruction Jim McBride said Wyoming is a full decade ahead of other districts in this regard. Associate Provost Rollin Abernethy added that they were working toward integrating existing systems in the state rather than implementing an entirely new stand alone system.

Trustee Palmerlee questioned if what is being done about education in Wyoming is the right path.

After some discussion, President Buchanan said he thought we were on the right path. We also need to step back and evaluate from time to time. He felt the national economic picture will bear on the future of this path and what we accomplish.

Trustee Nieman added that there should be an obligation by the business community to emphasize education in their hiring practices.

President Buchanan referred to the rhetorical question posed by Trustee Palmerlee - how do we know we are getting it done? President Buchanan said no single method or measurement will tell, but multiple methods and multiple measurements, and an accumulation of information focusing on a full array, both objective and subjective, will be telling.

A brief recess was held, starting at 2:45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: FY 2010 Salary Distribution Policy, Harris

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
 Education Session
 Information Item
 Other Specify: Committee of the Whole (Consent Agenda)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Vice President for Administration Phill Harris referred the Board to pages 2 and 3 of the Report. He said approval of the salary administration policy is presented annually to the Board when funds are available to increase salaries. Approval customarily happens at this meeting before the budget approval in May. As a result of the 2008 legislative appropriation, \$4.8 million is available for the second year of the biennium, for a 4% salary increase, plus \$1.1 million for employer paid benefits. In addition, funding is available for Medical Education pay increases in the amount of \$224,000.

The University distributes funds for merit based raises, which have three components. They are: a satisfactory performance evaluation; differences in performance may justify differences in raises; and supervisors may take into account other factors, particularly equity, experience, and market discrepancies when recommending raises for their employees. Trustee Neiman asked how this would fit into the budget should there be a 5% reduction.

Vice President Harris said Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal would rather see salary increases to compensate the people that are here and look at other ways to reduce expenses. He added that this is also in keeping with President Buchanan's guidance. This item will be on the Consent Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Endowment Update, Blalock

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Ben Blalock, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, updated the Board on issues discussed at the Foundation Board meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, February 5-7, 2009. Also in attendance at the Foundation Board meeting were Trustees Davis, Brown, Lauer, Bostrom, and Spicer.

The Wyoming State Legislature recently passed the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA). About 30 states have already passed UPMIFA, and it allows non profit entities the opportunity to look at spending policies differently. Vice President Blalock thanked the legislature for working hard to pass this act.

One of the items the Foundation Board worked on was payout policies. Vice President Blalock referred to a handout which outlined a model factoring in prior years' spending, inflation and long-term investment performance. He said this method helps to smooth the payout and make it more consistent.

President Buchanan commented that the reason the model is available to us is through the passage of UPMIFA. He added that the level of cooperation and support from the Foundation Board, in helping us get past what would be a difficult situation, has been tremendous.

Another point Vice President Blalock addressed was that the Foundation Board will partner with Trustees to create a prudent reserve policy. The dollars we have today may be the right number

but it may need to increase. The Foundation will work closely with the Board to monitor that situation.

Vice President Blalock said he spoke with the Foundation's investment managers today, and reported that last year we were hit with a 27% decline in investments, which is about middle of the pack compared with other university endowments. If we were passively invested starting the new year, we would be down about 14%, but UW's investments are only down about 5%. Alternative investments seem to be working well and holding up over the past couple of months. This could be a year where we could be down 5-6% or up 5-6%.

Vice President Blalock added that, remarkably, we continue to have a successful fundraising year and expressed his appreciation for UW's donors and the state matching funds.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: University Planning, Allen

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen presented a brief update on the status of the University Plan 3 (UP3) document. A draft of the Plan came out in January. It contained a series of action items prompted by a series of position papers. Since that time he has been receiving a steady stream of comments and feedback, which are used to fine tune action items that already appear.

Some items have already been started, such as the Salary Management Policy. The idea for this has appeared in all versions of the University Plans, and it was initiated by President Buchanan about a month and a half ago.

Other items being considered include domestic partner benefits and partnerships with historically African American colleges and universities. The final plan will be available at the end of March and ready for Board approval.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Legislative Briefing, Miller/Buchanan

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Vice President for Governmental, Community & Legal Affairs Rick Miller briefed the Board on the recent state legislative session.

He called attention to bills of particular interest to UW, which he listed in a handout. He said all of these bills had passed. In addition, the 2009 Supplemental Budget Final Results handout was reviewed. He went through items in the supplemental budget, which included projects for endowments, athletics, academic facilities, a brucellosis consortium, Clean Coal Task Force research, NCAR, the State Vet Lab, Fine and Performing Arts level III design, parking and transportation purchase of the south lot, GE & UW HPG-ATC, CO2 sequestration and capture, the School of Energy Resources, reclamation ecology, clean coal research, and an Excellence in Higher Education Endowment. He gave brief descriptions of the projects and their status'.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Budget Planning, Allen

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- Work Session
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen called attention to page 6 of the Board Report, which contains a letter to all UW Vice Presidents, Academic Deans and Directors, the Athletic Director, the Staff Senate President, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) President, and the Faculty Senate Chair. Provost Allen addressed the directive from President Buchanan that asked campus entities to start planning for budget reductions, should they be necessary. Provost Allen walked the Board through the process that the administration is pursuing at the moment. He identified eleven constituency groups, listed in his letter, who will present a white paper outlining measures that could be taken to reduce budgets in each area. These papers will be submitted to Academic Affairs by March 13, 2009.

Provost Allen offered some perspectives on the subject of budget cuts. From an optimistic point of view, we have had almost a decade of significant budget increases. There has been an 83% increase in Section One money since fiscal year 2000, which averages out to a 7% increase each year. When we underwent cuts in the 1990s, the budget was already quite lean and the task was harder. Should cuts be necessary, we are applying them at the end of a pretty good run. The dollars at stake are a subset of the Section One Budget. Five percent of the general fund appropriation calculates to just under \$10 million, while a ten percent cut would be just under \$20 million.

Provost Allen then gave some examples of budgets of entities whose Section One funds approach \$10 or \$20 million. He said there is no single measure we can take and anything we do

will carry some controversy. He mentioned employing Central Salary Management, with a potential savings of \$750 million in one year, as one method to save.

Vice President Miller added that we will have better numbers at the May Board meeting, to help plan for the next biennium. We can get a head start rather than waiting until the fall.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Stimulus Package, Miller/Don Richards

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Deputy Director of Government Relations Don Richards gave an update on the Federal Stimulus Package passed by Congress in mid-February. He said there are four avenues for potential revenue for Wyoming and the University.

The first avenue increases Pell Grants and work study funding for students. This has no impact on the University, but is great for students who qualify and helps with college costs.

The second avenue is the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund and could result in a potential \$82 million for Wyoming. However, acceptance of the funding requires some assurances or strings. One assurance is that \$67 million of the fund can only be used to bring the budget up to FY 2009 levels, which are about 4% below FY 2010.

The third avenue involves Competitive Research Funding. UW is well-positioned to compete for funding within institutional priorities. There is well over \$10 million in national research funding identified.

The last avenue involves sub-grants and coordination. Deputy Director Richards concluded that key activities will promote this coordination, which include a regular weekly update to the Board of Trustees, UW participation in Governor's Office subgroups, regular communication with campus researchers, monitoring federal agency developments and being actively engaged with state coordination efforts.

A detailed list of identified federal stimulus monies, by category, was included in Mr. Richard's handout.

There was some discussion about the consequences of a cut in Wyoming's portion of the Abandoned Mines Lands (AML) fund.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: WWAMI Policy, Allen

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- Other Specify: Committe of the Whole (Consent Agenda)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

President Buchanan reported that he had met with a contingent from the University of Washington Medical School, our medical program, and members of the Governor's staff. At the WWAMI meetings last week, they talked about WWAMI repayments, physician recruitment and retention, and our program in general. The Governor's office asked if we would be interested in sitting down with them and interested parties to ensure that all the state and UW policies were headed in the same direction. However, there has not been a meeting yet. This topic will be on the agenda again at the May Board of Trustees meeting. President Buchanan then presented a showing of a 15 minute CD on the WWAMI program.

The session ended at 4:55 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Construction Contracts, Harris

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- Work Session
- Education Session
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- Other Specify: Committee of the Whole (Consent Agenda)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

This item was removed from the agenda, as there were not construction contracts to come before the Board of Trustees at this time.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Bond Refunding, Harris

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- Work Session
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- Other Specify: Committee of the Whole (Consent Agenda)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Board briefly discussed bond refunding. This will be ready for Board approval at the May Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Lauer mentioned the passing of former University of Wyoming Trustee C.E. Hollon. He provided some biographical information on Mr. Hollon and noted that his funeral is this afternoon. The Board then took a moment to acknowledge the passing of this great person.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Carbon Sequestration, Frost

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
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 Other Specify:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development Carol Frost gave a powerpoint presentation to the Board. She began by discussing global energy and demand. She then discussed how carbon sequestration works, stating that it is a complicated process.

Demand for energy in the State of Wyoming is increasing. The world's energy demand will increase by 45% between now and 2030. Energy sources are still planning to run on fossil fuels for their energy source. The reality is that those are the abundant sources that will be counted on in the next several years.

Associate Vice President Frost detailed a specific slide in the presentation regarding net domestic energy exported versus imported. This graphic shows the state of Wyoming to be the top energy provider in the nation. We are pivotal to the American economy. These numbers are for 2007 and they are collected on an annual basis.

Associate Vice President Frost discussed carbon production per year. She provided a specific example of an SUV and the average amount of carbon it produces per year. She noted that President Buchanan drives a hybrid SUV.

Associate Vice President Frost commented that the state of Wyoming has a proactive position on energy and climate. She discussed legislation, regulation, and science and technology being pursued in our state.

Associate Vice President Frost discussed the process of carbon sequestration, favorable areas in Wyoming for carbon sequestration, carbon sequestration elements, and industry support. She then noted that there will be a conference in Laramie, Wyoming, in late March, to discuss carbon sequestration. She would be thrilled if the Board would attend the event.

There was discussion by the Board regarding concerns for global warming and the production of carbon, climate change, research funding, and the highly debated nature of this topic.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Tenure and Promotion Overview, Ballenger

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

- Work Session
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Associate Provost Nicole Ballenger presented a powerpoint slideshow regarding tenure and promotion. Associate Provost Ballenger explained what tenure is, why the University uses a tenure system, what standards are used in awarding tenure at the University, how the tenure process is administered, and how the University is doing compared to other schools.

Associate Provost Ballenger explained that there is a committee of faculty who review the tenure cases. She discussed the multi-level review process. She noted that the Trustees take action on cases and faculty are not granted tenure until the Trustees confer it. She also noted that the process is fact based and based on performance of job duties. Associate Provost Ballenger stated that there is no official record of tenure denial.

Trustee Willson asked if faculty are granted tenure when hired—do they arrive with tenure. Associate Provost Ballenger explained how faculty can be hired with tenure.

There was a small break in the presentation to allow time for special guests, Wyoming Senator John C. Schiffer and House of Representative Speaker Colin M. Simpson, to speak.

Following Senator Schiffer and Representative Simpson's talk, the Board continued discussion of University Tenure and Promotion. Trustee Rochelle inquired about post tenure review. There were also some questions regarding UW Regulation 5-803.

Associate Provost Ballenger stated that the University has a high standard of quality, and once our faculty receive tenure, we want to have something in place as a review policy. She stated that some UW Regulations are very old and the administration is in the process of reviewing regulations regarding faculty dismissal and tenure review. Associate Provost Ballenger noted that most faculty are given an annual evaluation.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Western States Energy and Environment Symposium, Miller
(special guests Wyoming House of Representatives Speaker Colin M. Simpson and
Wyoming Senator John C. Schiffer)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Wyoming Senator John C. Schiffer and House of Representatives Speaker Colin M. Simpson were special guests at the Board of Trustees Meeting. Mary Byrnes, Deputy Director for Energy Outreach in the School of Energy Resources, was also in attendance.

Senator Schiffer and Representative Simpson spoke to the Board of Trustees regarding House Bill 295. House Bill 295 discusses the Western States Energy and Environment Symposium. Representative Simpson stated that the symposium will be led by the School of Energy. He continued by saying that the group will establish a cooperative agreement among the participants to develop a high level cost/benefit economic analysis, assessing the challenges of energy development, production, marketing, use, and environmental protection within the western states. The conversations at the symposium will be about policy. The group will look at the states around Wyoming and their energy needs, as well as what the market needs. Representative Simpson stated the President Buchanan has been invited to attend this meeting, as well as legislators, experts, and others.

Trustee Brown thanked Senator Schiffer and Representative Simpson for visiting with the Board of Trustees, and he commented that the Board supports the efforts completely and totally. This is very important legislation for the University. This role will be challenging but we are delighted to be part of the effort.

The rest of the University is available whenever we can be helpful.

Trustee Neiman asked Senator Schiffer and Representative Simpson if they had a sense of the national outlook. They responded by stating that this is one of the issues that this symposium will evaluate, and that perhaps the policies that come from this symposium will have some influence on the national perspective.

Trustee Neiman commended Senator Schiffer and Representative Simpson's foresight.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Election of Officers (discuss the process), Trustee Brown

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

After Senator Schiffer and Representative Simpson spoke, Trustee Davis commented on the process of election of officers to take place at the May meeting. He stated that the Board will do as they have in the past several years. There will not be a committee nominating Trustees for positions, but rather nominations will come from the floor.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Presidential Review Process, Trustee Brown

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

This item was not discussed.

Friday, March 6, 2009

Business Meeting, UW Conference Center, room Salon C

Roll Call

Trustee Lauer took roll.

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Trustee Brown asked if there were any additions and/or corrections to the Minutes for January 22-24, 2009, and February 13, 2009. There were not additions or corrections. Trustee Bostrom moved to approve all minutes listed and Trustee Rochelle seconded the motion. There was no discussion by the Board. Vote was taken and passed—all minutes were approved. Trustee Haynes abstained from voting, as he was absent from the February Board meeting.

Reports

ASUW

ASUW President Kelsey Day stated that ASUW has been working hard on the white paper regarding budget cut recommendations. She commented that ASUW is trying to determine what is important to the University, from the student perspective.

Ms. Day noted that ASUW is working through the spring budget. They are also discussing what can be done to instill traditions on the UW campus. Ms. Day stated that the student radio station has made a lot of progress. They are on-line to launch at the beginning of April.

Ms. Day commented that there are three campaign tickets for ASUW President/Vice President for next year. Finally, she stated that the student group would urge the Board of Trustees to support the domestic partner benefits package for staff and faculty. She stated that ASUW understands that this is a complicated issue but that they want it to be known that they support the benefits extension.

Trustee Lauer commented on the Consent Agenda item, "Revised UW Reg 8-249 and Elimination of UW Reg 8-239." He asked if Ms. Day would care to comment on the UW Regulation revision. ASUW President Day stated that ASUW is trying to achieve a more current set of regulations. She stated that ASUW has put together a committee to review the UW Regulations. Through updating of the UW Regulations, ASUW is able to define who they are and what they do. She commented that she appreciated the Boards review and approval.

Staff Senate

Staff Senate President Jauque Schuman stated that, following President Buchanan and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen's request, the Staff Senate is in the process of writing the budget white papers. The Executive Committee is editing the materials and drafting the paper.

Mr. Schuman noted that Staff Senate is currently soliciting awards for Staff Recognition Day; he then listed the awards that Staff Senate is bestoeing. He stated that Mrs. Nancy Freudenthal would be the guest speaker at the Staff Recognition Day event.

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Chair Hannelore Mundt stated that the Board of Trustees did have an item regarding post tenure review on their Consent Agenda, for approval. She commented that the Board can expect to see several more bills for approval at upcoming meetings and listed some of the University Regulations that Faculty Senate is examining to revise and explained what each is for.

Faculty Senate Chair Mundt stated that Faculty Senate is also reviewing their budget and drafting a white paper for submission to the Provost.

Public Testimony

Ben Kinney, College of Law student, addressed the Board. Mr. Kinney discussed the growth and development of the College of Law, the departure of Dean Jerry Parkinson, the reputation of the University College of Law, and clear direction for the college.

Mr. Kinney thanked the administration for allowing him and other students to assist in evaluating the College of Law Dean candidates.

He then thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

Lauer- Other

Trustee Lauer commented that he had attended the funeral service for C.E. Jerry Hollon. He provided some background biographical information regarding former Trustee Hollon. He noted that there have been many who have sat in these seats who have guided the University, C.E. Hollon being one of those. In respect, Trustee Lauer asked that the Board observe a moment of silence.

President Buchanan announced that he had just received word that both the men's and the women's Nordic ski teams will secure national titles tomorrow.

Committee of the Whole- (Regular Business)

Board Committee Reports:

A. Academics and Research (Allen) – Trustee Palmerlee, Committee Chair

Trustee Palmerlee stated that the Committee had nothing to report.

B. Fiscal and Legal Affairs (Harris) – Trustee Haynes, Committee Chair

Trustee Haynes stated that the Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee are in the final stages of their search to replace Van Jacobson, who served the University for 33 years. The Committee was very pleased with the quality of the candidates.

C. Student Affairs/Athletics/Administration (Axelson) – Trustee Rochelle, Committee Chair

Trustee Rochelle stated that the committee did not meet this morning, but they did have a conference call several weeks ago. During that conference call, they discussed the domestic partner benefits, and at this time, they are requesting additional information before making any decisions.

Committee of the Whole (Consent Agenda)

1. Approval of Contracts and Grants, Gern
2. Personnel (includes First Year Faculty Reappointments), Allen
3. FY 2010 Salary Distribution Policy, Harris
4. ~~Approval of Construction Contracts, Harris~~ (*Removed being that there were no construction contracts for review at this time.*)
5. Revised UW Reg 8-249 and Elimination of UW Reg 8-239, Axelson
6. Revised Regulation on Post-Tenure Review, Allen

Trustee Davis moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Trustee Bostrom seconded the motion. It was noted that the Consent Agenda had been updated with the removal of item 4 (Approval of Construction Contracts, Harris). A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board of Trustees.

Date of Next Meeting: May 6-8, 2009; Laramie, Wyoming

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Cheryl Drake
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