



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes July 20, 2012

Individuals in Attendance

Trustees: Theresa Alder, Scott Bushnell, Eddie Cox, DeVere Day, Mary Greathouse, Dan Jorgensen, and Jim Shank

College Personnel: Marvin Dodge, Marci Larsen, Craig Mathie, Rob Nielson, Gary Smith, and Scott Wyatt

Others: Tom Anderson (partial)

Welcome

Chair Alder called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She thanked the Board for making the time to meet.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Alder entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2012 meeting. Trustee Shank so moved. Trustee Bushnell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Student Success Items

Vice President Mathie discussed current student success initiatives, which were summarized on a handout provided. He reviewed the College's Core Themes and explained how the work in his area fits into the overall mission of the College. He provided copies of the Student Success organizational chart and thanked his staff for their efforts to help students reach their academic goals.

Vice President Mathie also provided copies of the *HigherEd Utah 2020* booklet and noted an updated report will be distributed soon. He referred the Trustees to the College's portion of the report and said his employees were working towards the goals outlined therein by the Board of Regents. Chair Alder thanked Vice President Mathie for his leadership and asked him to relay the Trustees' appreciation to his staff.

Academic Affairs Items

Academic Committee Chair Shank said the Academic Committee had met prior to the regular Board meeting and discussed pertinent issues. The Humanities Division Program Review was presented to the Trustees for their consideration, and Trustee Shank recommended the Trustees approve this program review and move it through the process. Trustee Cox so moved. Trustee Greathouse seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

For the next agenda item, Restructuring of Academic Affairs, Dr. Smith reported the OCHE had rejected the proposal to change the College's current "divisions" to "schools." He said he will readdress the issue in time. When told the Commissioner's staff refused to give a reason for denying the request, Trustee Jorgensen expressed his dissatisfaction with their response and asked specifically to have his opinion recorded.

When speaking of new programs, Dr. Smith said the Industrial Mechanics and Nursing programs previously approved by the Board of Trustees would be reviewed by the Board of Regents during an upcoming meeting. He said his office has responded to a few questions and fine-tuned the requests. No difficulties in the approval process are anticipated, Dr. Smith reported.

Training on Open Meetings

Assistant Attorney General Tom Anderson joined the group, and the Trustees agreed to jump ahead to his agenda item. He referred the group to Tab XYZ and reviewed the Open Meetings Act. He answered questions and informed the Trustees that Kevin Olsen would be the College's new legal counsel. Chair Alder thanked Mr. Anderson for his service and wished him well in his retirement. President Wyatt said Tom was given a nice resolution during the last Board of Regents meeting, and Vice President Mathie added his thanks for the special attention and time Mr. Anderson has given to the College.

Business Office Items

The "Budget Book" had been previously distributed to the Trustees, and Vice President Dodge had copies of the document available. He again apologized for the delay in getting the latest version of the document to the Trustees. Because the group had received spreadsheets months ago, there was not a great deal of discussion on the budget. Vice President Dodge responded to questions, and when questions ceased Trustee Cox made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 budget as presented. Trustee Jorgensen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. As in years past, the Trustees commended Vice President Dodge for his impressive work with this annual assignment.

Next, Vice President Dodge referred the Trustees to Tab W and reviewed investment reports for February, March, April, and May. Trustee Bushnell asked who makes the investment decisions for the College, and Vice President Dodge said he and his staff have the responsibility. With the reorganization of the Foundation Board, Vice President Dodge said he hoped to have input from that Board. He reminded the Trustees of the restrictions on the donated funds and said he had explored options to partner with another school, per the Trustees' request. Hearing no other comments or questions, Trustee Jorgensen made a motion to accept and approve the report as given. Trustee Shank seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Report from Athletics

President Wyatt introduced Rob Nielson, the College's new athletic director, to the group, noting his expertise and broad-base experience as a coach and administrator. Mr. Nielson then gave a detailed report of athletic happenings and goals. It pleased Trustees to hear him say he determines success by graduating students and getting the next two years of school paid for for the athletes. Mr. Nielson also said he and his staff are trying to develop more service opportunities for athletes and improve facilities. Coaches have been busy bringing students on campus to various camps and workshops, Mr. Nielson reported, and he recapped the 2011-2012 season. He was most proud to share the student athletes' academic successes. On a related note, he said the decision had been made to discontinue hosting the Top of the Mountain Bowl Game and provide opportunities for the football team to travel to a bowl game if they qualify and are invited.

To conclude his report, Mr. Nielson introduced the idea of adding an intercollegiate women's bowling team. He shared his research and proposed joining the established, virtual bowling league. Trustee Cox so moved. Trustee Greathouse seconded the motion. Before voting, Trustee Bushnell clarified there would be no tuition waivers associated with the new athletic team and Trustee Day asked if this was only a women's team. Mr. Nielson said both assumptions were correct. With those questions answered, Chair Alder called for a vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion.

While speaking of adding athletic programs, Mr. Nielson said the College is considering rodeo, which would be a minimal cost to the College. Trustee Day asked about liability, and Mr. Nielson said athletes would be required to provide their own insurance, as in other sports. Trustee Jorgensen asked about a wrestling program, to which Mr. Nielson said it is not very likely because of the limited number of schools with a program. Trustee Bushnell asked about reinstating baseball, and Mr. Nielson said cost was the only challenge with that sport. He said he is looking at new programs (e.g. bowling and rodeo) only to boost enrollment and respond to the College's unique student demographics. When asked to share their opinion on adding a rodeo team, Trustees were very supportive of the idea. Trustee Bushnell suggested the College look at liability issues, start-up costs, and involvement opportunities for students when considering any addition. He also commented on the value of a strong athletic program and the help it gives in recruiting students. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Nielson for looking for ways to enhance opportunities for students. Chair Alder expressed her appreciation for his leadership as well.

Adjournment

Due to time constraints, the meeting was adjourned. Unaddressed agenda items will be discussed during a future meeting.