



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2016 • Richfield, Utah

Trustees Attending

Theressa Alder, Chair
Doug Barton
Scott Bushnell
Bailey Dalton
Leslie Keisel
Emilee Kuchenmeister
Erma Kaye May

Trustees Absent

David Christensen
Michael McLean

Others Attending

Janet Carlston

College Personnel Attending

Gary Carlston, President
Jacob Dettinger, Finance VP
Steve Hood, Academic Affairs VP
Marci Larsen, Board Secretary
Craig Mathie, Student Success VP
John Stevens, Marketing Director
Kristal Ray, Science Division Faculty
Dan Black, Science Division Dean
Garth Sorenson, Science Division Faculty

Welcome

Chair Alder called the meeting to order at 11:35. The group reviewed the commencement schedules and visited informally for a few minutes while a quorum gathered. Chair Alder welcomed Dean Dan Black and faculty members Kristal Ray and Garth Sorenson from the Science Division.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Software Engineering

Dr. Hood, Academic Affairs Vice President, started this four-year degree discussion by referencing the strategic plan, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in November, 2013. The previous administration issued an open call for all four-year degree proposals, and Dr. Hood said initially the current proposal was a four-year degree in computer science. After additional research, meetings with stakeholders, and the added expertise of a new engineering faculty member, the degree morphed to the proposed degree in software engineering. Dr. Hood expressed his appreciation to Dean Dan Black and faculty members Kristal Ray and Garth Sorenson, all from the Science Division, for their work on the proposal and said he fully supports the degree proposal. President Carlston added that the college community supports the proposal, as does the broader community, including the economic development leaders from the area. He too voiced his support for the sound proposal.

Chair Alder shared her experience with the then-chair of the Board of Regents when the first four-year degree (commercial music) was approved and asked if regents had been approached about this proposal. Dr. Hood said he hoped this approval process would not be as challenging as the first, and President Carlston said the addition of another four-year degree is within current regent definition and policy for the college. He said this has been a very deliberative, open process and acknowledged that some may question if the intent is to change the mission of the college. He clearly stated his opinion, expressing his desire to maintain the small, unique, and residential two-year experience for students. Student Body President Dalton said it would be helpful for student life programming to have another four-year degree, and she added her support for the degree approval. Dean Black, Dr. Ray, and Professor Sorenson answered questions and thanked the trustees for their support.

Hearing no more discussion, Trustee Barton made a motion to approve the Bachelor of Science Degree in Software Engineering. Trustee Kiesel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. To celebrate this accomplishment, the group offered a round of applause.

Investment Policy

Vice President Dettinger presented a slightly modified version of the investment policy, which the trustees approved in December. He highlighted the changes suggested by the Commissioner's Office staff, and there were no questions.

Trustee Barton made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Trustee Kuchenmeister seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

College Master Plan

Vice President Dettinger shared a power point presentation which summarized the newly-completed master plan for the college. He and President Carlston said this is the first comprehensive master plan to include both campuses and noted this is significant for several reasons. President Carlston said the master plan process has been inclusive and provides the college some thoughtful direction as leaders continue to build relationships with Ephraim and Richfield cities.

At the conclusion of Vice President Dettinger's presentation, President Carlston asked the trustees to take note of three items prior to taking action on the agenda item: the improvements to the football stadium, the acquisition of properties on 200 North, and the completion of a soccer field. President Carlston said all three projects are included in the master plan and requested that the trustees approve the administration moving forward on these things (as funds become available) as part of the master plan motion.

Chair Alder thanked the administration for their work on the master plan and commended VCBO Architects for their assistance in the process. Trustee Kiesel stated how impressed she is with the strategic plan and master plan; both plans, she said, contribute to the vision of this college.

Chair Alder entertained a motion to approve the master plan and, as funds permits, continue with improvements to the stadium, acquire the properties outlined, and make the necessary improvements to accommodate the newly added soccer program. Trustee Kuchenmeister so moved. Trustee Barton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:45. Members of the board then participated in the commencement ceremony.