#### **Minutes**

Weber State University Board of Trustees Sept. 4, 2019 – 9:30 am WSU Davis Campus 2750 University Park Blvd., Layton, UT 84041 Stewart Center (D-3), Room 201

## **Trustee Members:**

## **Excused:**

Ms. Kearston Cutrubus (Vice Chair)

Mr. Nolan Karras

Mr. Bret Alexander

Ms. Karla Bergeson

Mr. Marty Carpenter

Mr. Clint Costley

Ms. Amanda Covington

Ms. Louenda Downs

Ms. Karen Fairbanks

Mr. Don Salazar

## **Weber State University Representatives:**

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Affairs

Dr. Madonne Miner, Provost

Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Ms. Adrienne Andrews, Assistant Vice President of Diversity & Chief Diversity Officer

Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Mr. Rich Amon, Utah Board of Regents Representative

Dr. Eric Amsel, Associate Provost and Professor of Psychology

Ms. Stephanie Hollist, Deputy General Counsel

Ms. Amy Huntington, Chair, SAC / College Access & First Year Transition Coordinator

Mr. John Kowalewski, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications

Ms. Jessica Greenberg, Associate Professor of Theatre

Dr. Catherine Zublin, Professor/Performing Arts

Dr. Timothy Herzog, Chair, Faculty Senate / Associate Professor of Chemistry Ms. Sherri Cox, Secretary to the Board

# **Press:**

No members of the press were present

I. The meeting of the Board of Trustees convened at 9:38 a.m.

II. Vice Chair, Ms. Kearston Cutrubus, welcomed those in attendance.

III. Newly appointed trustee, Ms. Amanda Covington, took the official oath of office administered by Board of Trustees Secretary, Ms. Sherri Cox

IV. Upon a motion from Ms. Louenda Downs with a second by Mr. Marty Carpenter, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the meeting minutes with corrections from Aug. 6, 2019.

V. Ms. Stephanie Hollist, Deputy General Counsel, introduced a new Conflict of Interest Committee charter, based on PPM 3-36a. The committee will consist of a chair, vice chair and two members selected. Committee members will be selected at the Oct. 9, 2019 meeting when Chair Nolan Karras is present.

Upon a motion to adopt the new charter by Ms. Karla Bergeson, with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

VI. Dr. Eric Amsel, Associate Provost and Professor of Psychology gave a presentation on the Wildcat Scholars Program and the types of students involved in the program. He discussed dev-dev courses and introduced 5-year project goals of improved GPAs, retention, and 6-year graduation rate.

Ms. Amy Huntington, College Access and First Year Transition Coordinator, added the following information to the presentation: SIP Grant to support funding, tutoring, accelerated pathways, coursework, development and individualized plans. There has been significant growth in the program with 35 students last year and about 75 enrolled this fall. Both Academic and Student Affairs are involved, as Wildcat Scholars reports to them.

VII. Dr. Catherine Zublin, Professor in Performing Arts, introduced Ms. Jessica Greenberg, Associate Professor of Theatre, specializing in lighting, sound and production, who gave a faculty presentation on apprenticeships for students she coordinates in NYC and Utah with professional theatre productions where she does shows. This give the students

Installation of

New Trustee

Welcome

Approval of Meeting Minutes (Aug. 6, 2019)

Conflict of Interest Committee

**ACTION** 

Presentation: Wildcat Scholars Program

Faculty Presentation (Ms. Jessica Greenberg) experience and life skills in real world situations.

# WSUSA President Report

VIII. Student Body President Bret Alexander, gave a report on recent events as well as upcoming events involving students on campus. Highlights included: The Late Night at Weber event was a success with 300 more students participating from last year. Student-oriented events are being well-attended. The block party was the largest one ever with more booths and attendance. "Breakfast with Bret" will allow him to meet with students and generate conversation. Wildcat Welcome is a 6 week time period where there are many events to educate and involve students. Homecoming week is coming up in October with many events outlined. Mr. Alexander asked the board members what they would like to see in his reports. They asked for photos of events and more notice of upcoming events.

Written Reports (President, Alumni Assoc., SAC)

Personnel & Academic Policy Committee

Early Retirement Requests

Emeritus Faculty Recommendation

## ACTION

PPM 3-38b, Staff Advisory Committee Changes

- IX. Written reports were acknowledged and in the packet for reference. Amy Huntington was introduced as the new Staff Advisory Council chair. Events were also acknowledged as an agenda packet item for reference.
- X. Ms. Karla Bergeson, chair of the Personnel and Academic Policy Committee, gave the following report concerning the following programs needing the Board of Trustees approval:
  - 1. Early Retirement Requests
    - a. Candace Busby, Student Success Center Date of Retirement: 01/15/2020
    - b. Dr. Shawn D. McQuilkin, Student Health Center Date of Retirement: 12/31/2019
    - c. Dr. Clifford Nowell Office of the Provost Date of Retirement: 12/31/2019
  - 2. Emeritus Faculty Recommendation
    - a. Eva Szalay, Professor Emerita of German

On a motion to approve the Early Retirement Requests, and Emeritus Faculty Recommendation by Ms. Amanda Covington, with a second by Ms. Louenda Downs, the motion was approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees.

3. PPM 3-38b Changes – Staff Advisory Committee. The name of the Staff Advisory Committee has been proposed to be changed to Staff Advisory Council.

### ACTION

On a motion to approve the change of title to PPM 3-38b made by Clint Costly, with a second by Ms. Louenda Downs, the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.

### Consent Calendar

4. Consent Calendar
All Trustees were able to review the Personnel
Reports from June, July and August, 2019 and no
Trustees had any additional questions.

#### **ACTION**

On a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items, made by Mr. Don Salazar, with a second by Ms. Louenda Downs, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Business Committee Report XI. Ms. Karen Fairbanks, serving as chair of the Business Committee, brought the following report before the Board of Trustees:

Construction Report 1. The Construction Report listed nine new approved construction projects that are underway on campus.

#### ACTION

Upon a motion to approve the Construction Report by Mr. Clint Costley, with a second by Mr. Bret Alexander, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

Athletic Report

2. Interim Athletic Director Tim Crompton presented an athletic report to the Business Committee listing the following: The Youngberg Football Center ribbon cutting scheduled for Friday, Sept. 6. The Alumni basketball game featuring Damian Lillard was a success. The President's Cup is back at Weber State University, and fall sports are underway.

#### **ACTION**

On a motion to approve the Athletic Report, made by Mr. Marty Carpenter, seconded by Ms. Karen Fairbanks, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

Consent Calender

3. All Trustees were able to review the reports in the Consent Calendar items presented. No Trustees had any additional questions.

#### **ACTION**

On a motion to approve Consent Calendar items by Ms. Louenda Downs, with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Closed Executive Session

XII. Trustee Bergeson made a motion to close the meeting, as permitted under law for purposes of "discussion of the

character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual," including for purposes of discussing potential honorary degree recipients and commencement speakers. Trustees Bret Alexander, Karla Bergeson, Marty Carpenter, Clint Costley, Amanda Covington, Kearston Cutrubus, Louenda Downs, Karen Fairbanks, and Don Salazar voted unanimously to close the meeting, as permitted under law.

### **ACTION**

A motion to adjourn the closed session was made by Ms. Amanda Covington with a second by Mr. Bret Alexander. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to end the closed session.

## Meeting Adjourned

XIII. With no further items in the meeting of the Board of Trustees, and upon a motion by Mr. Don Salazar to adjourn the meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion and the meeting adjourned.