#### **Minutes**

### Weber State University Board of Trustees Training Aug. 13, 2018

#### **Trustee Members:**

**Excused:** 

Ms. Karla Bergeson

Mr. Marty Carpenter

Ms. Kearston Cutrubus (Vice Chair)

Ms. Danielle Croyle

Ms. Karen Fairbanks

Mr. Nolan Karras (Chair)

Mr. Scott Parson

Mr. Don Salazar

Mr. Jordan Slater

Mr. Jeff Stephens

#### **Weber State University Representatives:**

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Interim President, Vice President for Administrative Affairs

Dr. Madonne Miner, Provost

Dr. Brad Mortensen, Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs

Mr. Shane Farver, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Ms. Sherri Cox. Administrative Associate, President's Office

Mr. Richard G. Hill, General Counsel

Ms. Stephanie Hollist, Deputy General Counsel

Dr. Wendy Holliday, Dean, Stewart Library

Dr. Scott Sprenger, Dean, Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities

Dr. Jeff Steagall, Dean, Goddard School of Business & Economics

Dr. Doris Geide-Stevenson, Faculty Senate Chair

Dr. Julie Rich, Professor, Geography

Dr. Adolph Yonkee, Professor, Geosciences

#### **Press Present:**

No Press Present

I. The training convened at 9 a.m.

Welcome/Introductions

II. Chair Nolan Karras welcomed those in attendance. Shane Farver, secretary for the Board of Trustees, introduced Sherri Cox, administrative associate for the President's Office. Cox is expected to take over for Farver as secretary for the Board of Trustees starting in September 2018. Farver has taken an opportunity elsewhere on campus.

**Dean Presentations** 

- III. Three deans were asked to give presentations to trustees regarding their colleges.
  - 1. Wendy Holliday, dean of the Stewart Library, provided the attached presentation on her vision for the future of the library.
    - i. Highlights included integrating information literacy into the university curriculum and developing a peer learning program.
  - Scott Sprenger, dean of the College of Arts & Humanities, gave the attached presentation on how to better convince prospective students of the value of an A&H degree.
    - i. Strategies included aligning A&H curriculum with the labor market.
  - 3. Jeff Steagall, dean of the Goddard School of Business & Economics, gave the attached presentation on strategies for his school's success.
    - i. Strategies included identifying programs that could be highlighted for national recognition.

Break

IV. Trustees adjourned to a short break before the next round of presentations.

Fiduciary Responsibility

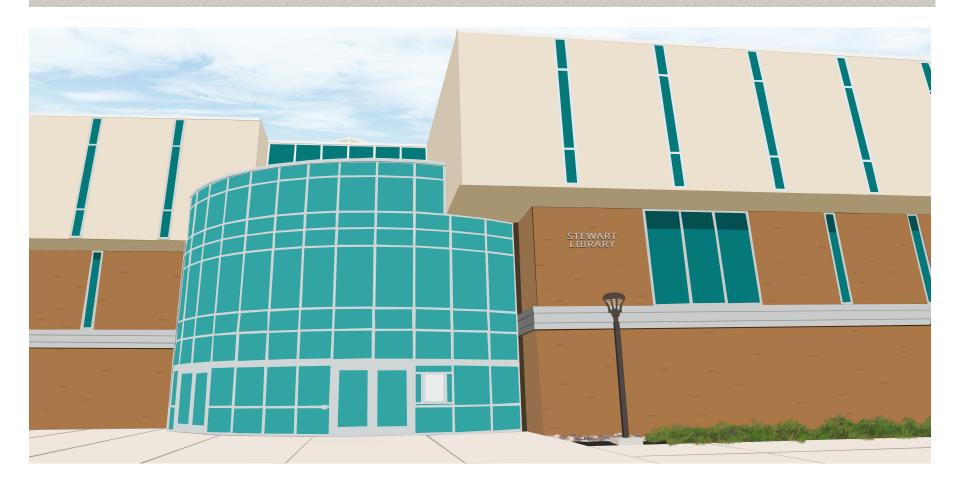
- V. Rich Hill, general counsel for WSU, provided training on trustees' fiduciary responsibility.
  - 1. Talking points included the need to avoid conflicts of interest.

Roles of Trustees/Regents	VI.	Interim President Norm Tarbox provided the attached presentation on the history of Utah's educational system, boards of trustees, and trustees' current powers and role.	
Committee Charters	VII.	Tarbox next discussed charters for subcommittees associated with the WSU Board of Trustees. The charters were in the works, and drafts would be presented at a later Board of Trustees meeting.	
WSU Organizational Chart	VIII.	Tarbox—along with Provost Madonne Miner and vice presidents Brett Perozzi, Bret Ellis and Brad Mortensen— spoke about their responsibilities in relation to WSU's organizational chart.	
Lunch	IX.	Trustees adjourned for a lunch.	
Academic Master Plan Update	X.	Miner provided the attached presentation on the academic master plan. A brainstorming session on the best method for allocating resources ensued.	
WSU's Sabbatical Program	XI.	Professors Julie Rich and Adolph Yonkee provided the attached presentations on how they spent their sabbaticals. Their sabbaticals were often spent with students on educational field trips and projects.	
Shared Governance	XII.	Doris Geide Stevenson, Faculty Senate chair, gave the attached presentation on WSU's approach to shared governance. She discussed relevant policies and procedures and charges of the senate.	
Other	XIII.	Mortensen invited trustees to the Aug. 20 Opening of School Breakfast.	
Adjourn to Closed Executive Session	XIV.	Upon a motion from Marty Carpenter seconded by Don Salazar, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to adjourn to a closed executive session for the purposes of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, as well as to discuss reasonably imminent litigation.	
Reconvene to Public Meeting	XV.	Upon a motion from Carpenter seconded by Salazar, the trustees reconvened into a public meeting. Trustees thanked organizers for the training.	

Adjourn	XVI.	Upon a motion from Carpenter seconded by Danielle Croyle, the meeting adjourned.



# A New Vision for Stewart Library



## Vision

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## Mission

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# Learning

Empower learners and foster independent, critical thinking through high-impact and personalized educational experiences.

## Strategies:

- Partner with faculty to integrate information literacy throughout the curriculum.
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   assistance to learners,
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- Develop a peer learning program.

## Access

Promote equitable access to higher education and community learning opportunities.

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- Provide access to information resources that our communities need, at no cost to them.
- Reduce barriers to degree completion through inclusive services, technology, and other resources.
- Promote a sustainable information landscape through our choices and leadership in open access and open educational resource initiatives.

- Develop an Open Educational Resources (OER) program.
- Expand equipment lending and provide more digital media tools.
- Increase student employment opportunities.

# Community

Contribute to the well-being and strength of the campus and local communities in which we are embedded.

## Strategies:

- Create spaces and services that promote campus-wide collaboration and connection.
- Create physical and online community spaces and programs that bring people together.
- Place diversity, inclusion, and equity at the center of all of our work.

- Diversify library collections.
- Expand library programming.
- Recruit and retain a more diverse library staff.

# Stewardship

Maintain an effective and sustainable organization as the foundation of all of our work.

## Strategies:

- Enrich the user
   experience by placing
   the user at the center of
   our work and decision making.
- Invest in people by creating an environment of support, caring, and opportunity for all library workers.
- Transform work practices to better meet user needs.

- Conduct usability testing of the Library website and physical spaces.
- Address salary and equity issues and increase career advancement opportunities.

# Questions?



## Strategic Framework 2018-2023





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# Summary of Goddard School Strategic Planning Process Since 2011 for WSU Board of Trustees

August 13, 2018

Jeff Steagall, Dean

John B. Goddard School of Business & Economics



# Strategic Goal

- Enhance Goddard School reputation nationally, regionally & locally
  - Actual quality
  - Perceived quality
- Method: Identify a small number of "strategic program" for which we can earn national recognition
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# Format for Strategy Creation

- Format
  - Series of retreats (approximately once every two years)

# First Retreat

- Fall 2011: Goal was ONLY to identify strategic program(s)
  - Supply Chain Management as college flagship program (85% of faculty & staff supported as #1 choice)
  - Master of Taxation as fairly close second
- Dean Steagall talked with many alumni & community leaders during 2011-12 and added three areas
  - Entrepreneurship (no program even existed at WSU)
  - Sustainability (a research area for 18/44 faculty)
  - Study Abroad (personal interest, but also Utah offers unique opportunities)

# Follow-up Retreats

- Spring 2014 retreat covered many other areas of strategy, such as
  - Department/program goals
  - Budget & faculty/staff compensation
  - Accreditation
  - Physical plant
  - Marketing & public perception
- Spring 2016 retreat covered High Impact Practices (in advance of university initiative, now called HIEEs)
- Spring 2019 or Fall 2019 Retreat TBD
  - Significant faculty pressure to reconsider strategic programs,
     since few of the faculty that voted in 2011 are still on the faculty

# Summary of 2017-2022 Strategic Plan

- See reverse side of handout for summary of current strategic plan & progress
  - Plan dates align with 5-year re-accreditation schedule for AACSB-International
  - We don't have a formal document other than this summary
    - Good tracking format, as compared to a 40-page document

# Q&A

## Goddard School Strategic Plan and Goals for 2017-2022

Revised & Approved by Faculty, January 22, 2017 (minor edits made in summer 2017 with the approval of the Executive Team and the Strategic Planning Committee; additional edits on Completion made by Dean in August 2018)

		1	made by Dean in August 2018)		
	Department, if			Person(s) Responsible for Remaining	Expected Date of Completion of
Topic	applicable	Subtopic	Goals for 2017-2022	Goal	Goal
		School of Accounting &	Secure naming gift for department Solicit funds for increased discretionary funding	Chair  Dean, development director, and chair	2020 2018
		Taxation	Locate financial support for annual student trip to Chicago/Seattle	Development director, and chair	Summer 2018
	School of	Master of	Expand continuing education programs	MACC director	Continuous
	Accounting &	Accounting	7		
	Taxation	U U	Secure naming gift for program	Dean & development director	2020
		Master of	Texts published by Goddard faculty and adopted by other universities	MTAX director	Continuous
		Taxation	Improve ranking across all quality rankings	MTAX director	Continuous
			Expand continuing education programs	MTAX director	Continuous
		Business Admini-stration	Create Pre-MBA Minor	Chair, Bus. Admin. Dept.	Done
			Split department into two smaller departments	Dean, Chair, BusAdm faculty	Done
			Implement changes based on program review	IS&T faculty, BusAdm chair	8/18 Retreat Fall 2018
		<del>                                     </del>	Strategic plan for IS&T major and collaboration with other programs Increase enrollment in minor by 10%/year	BSAD chair, IS&T faculty Director	Continuous
	Department of	Entrepre-	Enhance quality of student business ideas	Director	Continuous
	Business	neurship	Raise profile of students' companies	Director, marketing manager	Continuous
	Administration		Hall Global Entrepreneurship Center rebranding & marketing campaign	Director, marketing manager	Done
			Hire three additional faculty (would be 8 SCM faculty)	Dean & chair	Fall 2021
		Supply Chain	Recruit students nationally	SCM faculty, marketing manager	Continuous
	1	Management	Improve placement at top firms	SCM faculty	Continuous
	<b>D</b> : -		Enhance national ranking	SCM faculty, marketing manager	Continuous
	Department of Economics	Economics	Increase number of domestic majors to 33% of total majors	Chair, faculty, advisors	Continuous Agr'm'nt done
	Economics		Increase international diversity of Int'l Econ 2+2 program (Argentina)  Complete paperwork to officially create center	Chair, dean, faculty Director	Done Done
		Sustain-ability	Host successful speaker series in ethics & sustainability	Director & associate director	Continuous
		,	Secure naming gift for Center	Dean & development director	On-going
			Dramatically increase student participation in programs of all durations	Assoc.Dean, SA advis., mktg. mgr	Improvement
			Educate students & employers on value of study abroad	Assoc.Dean, SA advis., mktg. mgr	Continuous
			Annual MBA study abroad course	MBA director & faculty	Annual
	College-wide	Study Abroad	Increase number of faculty-led programs annually	Associate dean, faculty	Annual
	Programs		Begin Faculty Liaison Program to support exchange partnerships	Associate dean	Fall 2018
			Increase scholarship funding by \$30,000/year (recurring)	Dean, development director  Dean, marketing manager, study	On-going
			Recruit students nationally for double-degree programs	abroad advisor	2018-19
			Name MBA program (\$5m)	Dean, director & dev't director	On-going
		MBA		Graduate enrollment director, MBA	Done
		IVIDA	Increase the percentage of female MBA students to 30%	director	12/31/2017
			Annual MBA study abroad course		Continuous
Budget and			Name three departments/programs and three centers by 2020	Dean, development director	2020
Fundraising			Raise an average of \$5m annually for the next five years	Dean, development director	Annual
			Secure funding from provost for 4-6 additional faculty by 2022	Dean	On-going
Faculty			Add 3 SCM faculty Assimilate large number of new faculty members	Dean, chairs Chairs, dean, senior faculty	2022 On going
					On-going Fall 2018
			Consider need for experimental lab and funding for experimental research Create innovation classroom (3D printing, holo-lenses, etc.)	Economics chair and experimenalists  Dean, IS&T faculty	Done 8/2018
Physical Plant			Create new space for student clubs	Dean, student clubs	Done 8/2018
			Renovate all remaining restrooms	Dean	Summer 2020
			Completely replace interior Wattis Building signage	Marketing manager	Done, 8/18
Continuing					
Professional			Rationalize revenue-sharing model with Continuing Education	Dean	On-going
Education	1	1		Dean, MTAX director, marketing m'ger,	<u>.</u> .
Program	-	1	Improve marketing and attendance at CPE tax courses	continuing education staff	Continuous
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Add additional course in accounting, finance, leadership, etc.	Executive Team	Continuous
Moultotina			Continue to improve website and social media	Marketing manager	Continuous
Marketing			Market business programs, study abroad and double degrees both on campus and in	Marketing manager, SA advisor	2018-19
	<u> </u>		high schools	ivial keung manager, 3A duvisur	2010-13
AoL and			Revisit metrics and thresholds to determine whether changes are needed	AoL Committee, Executive Team	Summer 2018
Curricula			Measure effects of curricular changes and make appropriate adjustments	AoL Committee, Executive Team	Summer 2018
Management			200-1 and angular deligations	,	2020
	İ			İ	
Compliance with					
New AACSB Standards			Continue conversations about and define clearly what we mean by and how we measure innovation, engagement and impact	Executive Team, faculty	2018-19
Strategic Planning			Formulate High-Impact Practices (HIP) strategy and implementation timeline	SPC, Exec Team, faculty	2018-19
Committee (SPC)	ĺ	1	Assist in defining and executing Goddard School marketing and branding strategy	SPC, marketing manager	Continuous

# Strategic Planning in Arts & Humanities:

I. Challenges

II. Opportunities

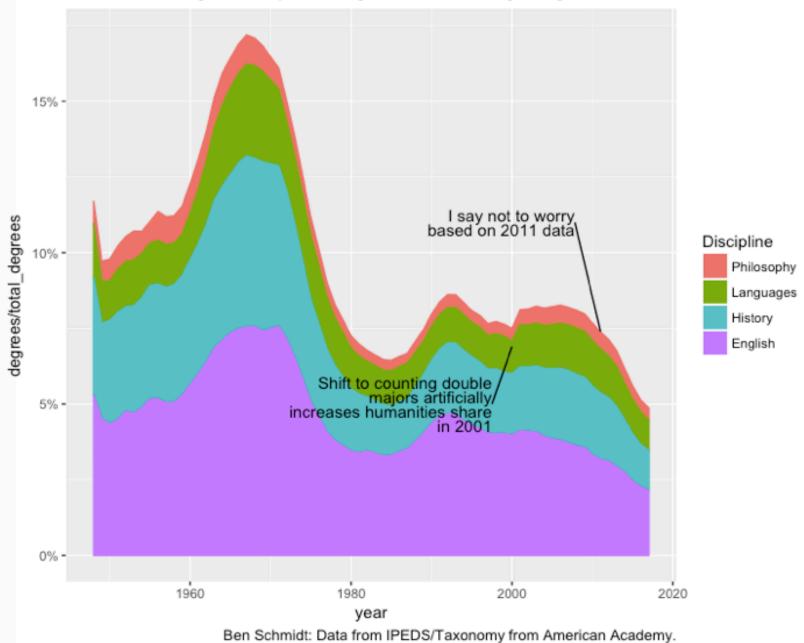
III. New Initiatives

Scott Sprenger, Dean August 13, 2018



# I. Challenges: national context

## Humanities Degrees as percentage of all US college degrees, 1948-2017

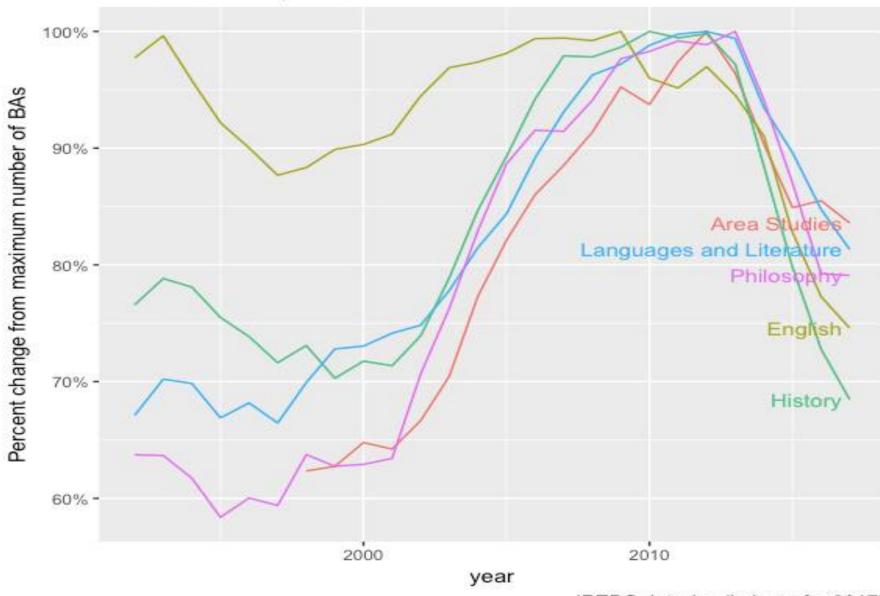




national context

# The big humanities majors continue to decline

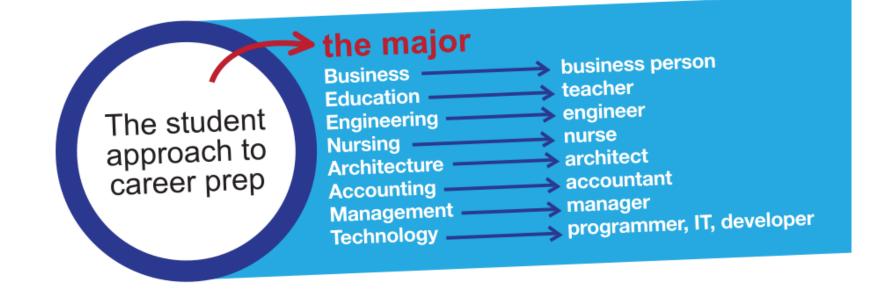
Raw number of BAs; all US institutions



IPEDS data (preliminary for 2017) Chart by Ben Schmidt, 2018



"major-to-career" thinking #1 reason for college cited by 90% of students : career preparation





"major-to-career" thinking

# How does this logic work for:

Philosophy
English
History
Literature
Foreign Language
Humanities?



# If the major is the path, what about the other 60% of a college degree?

"major-to-career" thinking

- -General Education
- -Electives...

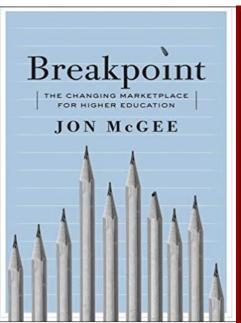


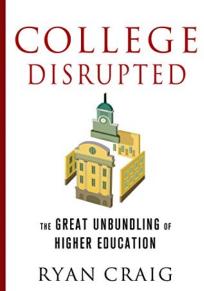
## Have We Entered a New Era?

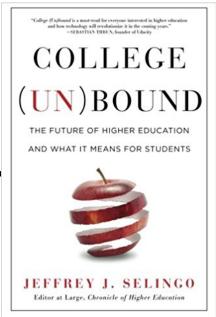
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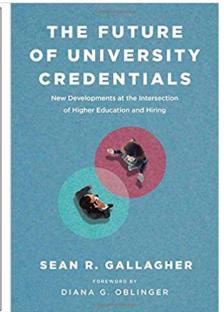
a new approach to college since 2008 :

transactional skill unbundling return on investment











"minding the gap"

career readiness requires 3 things beyond the degree





How do we educate for market disruption?



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# II. Opportunities:

broad liberal arts prepares for disruption

PROGRAM PLANNING AND DESIGN

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## A Case for Applied Liberal Arts: Adapting to Disruption

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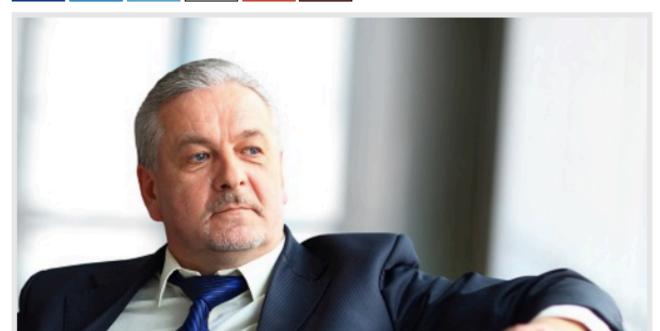
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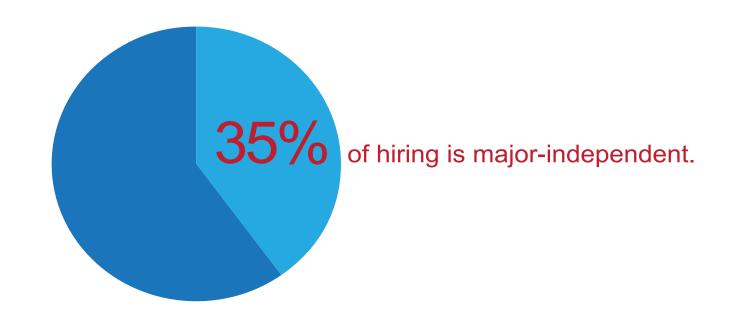
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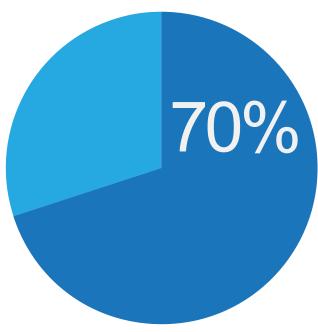
many employers focus on skills, not the major



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# employers value skill hybridity



of the labor market wants students with a combination of disciplines, capacities, experiences.

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more hybridity = more options



## Phil Gardner:

"There are really only two choices for graduates who want a lot of options:

to be a technically savvy liberal arts graduate or a liberally educated technical graduate."

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# essential job skills

(NACE, 2017)

## Most Sought-After Essential Skills, National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2017

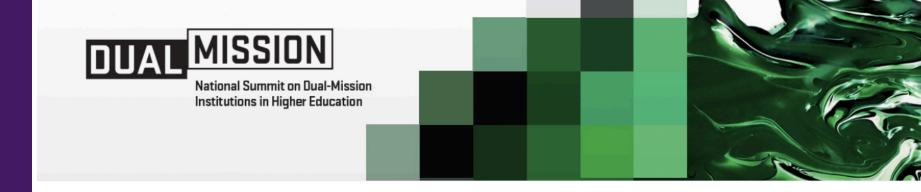
Figure 1: Employers Rate the Essential Need of the Career Readiness Competencies

COMPETENCIES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATING*
Critical Thinking/Problem Solving	4.62
Teamwork/Collaboration	4.56
Professionalism/Work Ethic	4.46
Oral/Written Communications	4.30
Leadership	3.82
Digital Technology	3.73
Career Management	3.46
Global/Multi-cultural Fluency	3.01

Source: Job Outlook 2018, National Association of Colleges and Employers. \*5-point scale, where 1=Not essential, 2=Not very essential, 3=Somewhat essential, 4=essential, 5=Absolutely essential.



WSU's dual mission



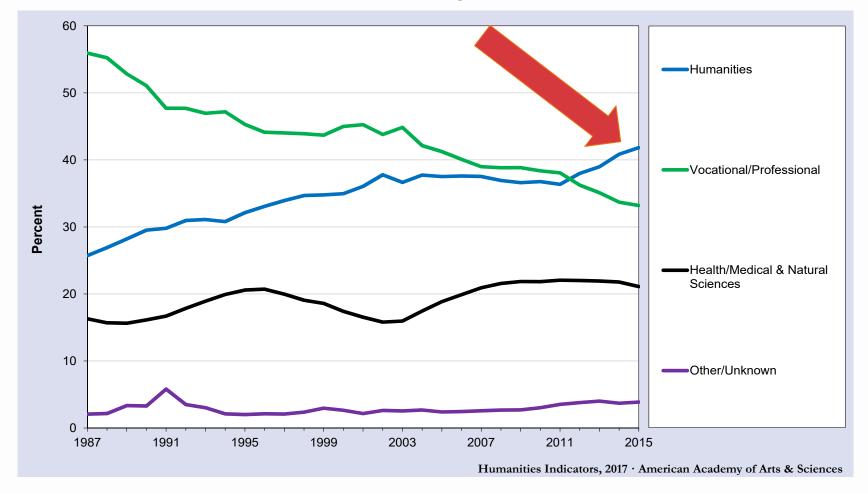
National Summit on Dual-Mission Institutions in Higher Education

Combining Community College and University Programming for Greater Access and Excellence in Higher Education

- \*Certificates and Associates in an era of "unbundling"
- \*Ethos for tech+arts crossover combinations
- \*Career Technical Education (CTE Pathways)
- \*AA/AS is Growth Area in Humanities (!)



# Associate's Degree Completions in Selected Fields as a Percentage of All Associate's Degree Completions





## II. Opportunities:

Utah's unique position for a global market

# Global Reach: Foreign Experience & Languages:

- \*Language Service Industry
- \*Localization
- \*International Health, Business
- \*Criminal Justice (FBI)
- \*Defense / Intelligence / State Dept



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\$46,5 billion industry, projected to grow to \$56 billion by 2021

LANGUAGE INDUSTRY

# FACTS AND DATA



### Translation and Localization Industry Facts and Data

### Language is Big Business

The language industry is big business. According to the report on "The Language Services Market: 2018" by Common Sense Advisory (CSA), the global market for outsourced language services and technology will reach US \$46.52 billion in 2018. As organizations both large and small make their products and services available in more languages, CSA predicts that the language services industry will continue to grow and that the market will increase to US\$56.18 billion by 2021.



### III. Strategic Initiatives:

# 7 faculty-generated priorities

# The Lindquist College Commitment: Strategic Plan: 2017-2020

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- 7. Integrate new technologies



### III. Strategic Initiatives:

today's focus: #3, #4, #6

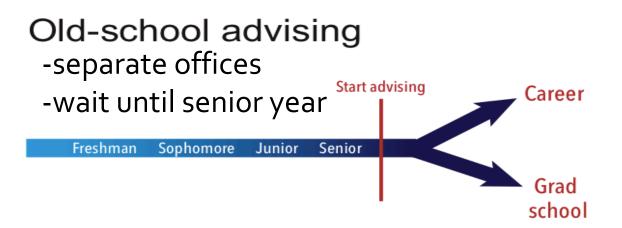
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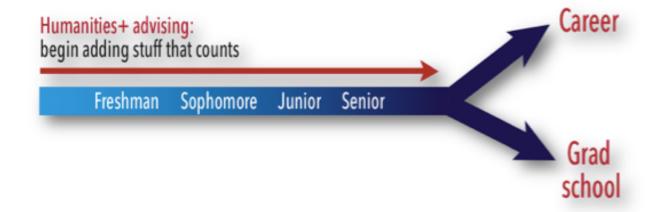
advising/career
 strategies:

integration of academic/career advising



### New-school advising:

- -integrate academic/career advising
- -add experiences and skills early



# What counts?

Internships

Leadership in a professional organization

Facultysupervised consulting projternational interrect with compaship

Study abroad

> Supervised civic engagement

Leadership in a nonprofessional organization Scholarly research with faculty



1. advising/career strategies

# Internship Experiences

Traditional
Self-Designed
On Campus



1. advising/career strategies

build internship infrastructure

# On-Campus Internship Idea





2. develop marketoriented curriculum

# Market-aligned Programs Created, 2017-18

Translation Studies, BS Sound Recording, minor Workplace Comm & Writing, AA, AS



2. develop marketoriented curriculum

# Market-aligned Programs Slated for 2018-19

Filmmaking, AS, BS
Localization, AS, BS
Sound Recording, AS
Arts Administration, AS, minor (?)



2. develop marketoriented curriculum

# CTE Pathways (Under Consideration)

Localization
Sound Recording
Graphic Design
Photography
Videography
Theatre Stagecraft
Technical Writing/Comm



# 2. market-oriented curriculum

# Other Emerging Programs:

Adobe Tools in Freshman Composition
Coding Camps for A&H
Art & Science of Metalworking
Partnerships in Design and UX with EAST
Digital Design & 3-D printing

# BOOTCAMP

### ART MEETS CODING

Arts and Humanities students will discover ways to use empathy, accessibility, creativity and coding to build effective websites and learn the building blocks of designing for digital media in this 3-day intensive course.

August 9 -11 | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm | weber.edu/cs/bootcamp Cost: \$10\* for Arts & Humanities Students Only!

\*non WSU Arts & Humanities students \$195 | Contact danadellinger@weber.edu for grant code



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2. market-oriented curriculum:

Design



Funding Proposal

The Matthew S. Browning Center for Design

Weber State University

Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities



3. PR/marketing:

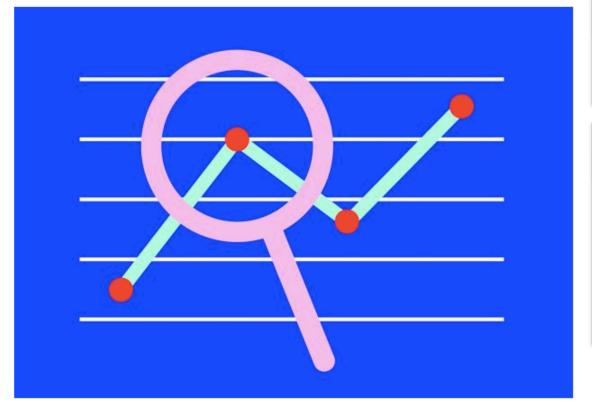
Arts are big business

### **Contributions to the National Economy**

### **NEWS**

### The Arts Contribute More Than \$760 Billion to the U.S. Economy

New Findings Released on Economic Impact of Arts



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3. PR/marketing:

projecting story beyond campus

### **Browning Presents!**







3. PR/marketing:

A&H = adaptability

# Workforce Development: Where Do Arts & Humanities Students Go?





PR/marketing:

"expect the unexpected"

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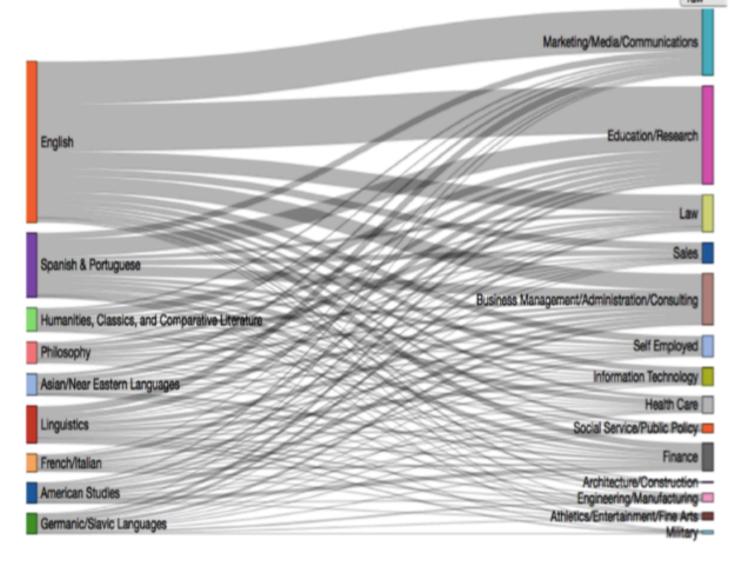
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market intel on value of A&H

### **College Career Blog:**

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### **Arts & Humanities Paths 2 Careers**

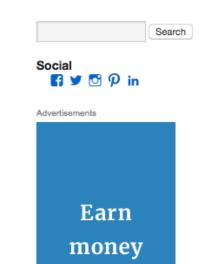
Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities



### National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine Report that Graduates Are Missing Essential Training in the Humanities

Posted on August 6, 2018

Excerpt: The Board on Higher Education and Workforce of the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) released a report recommending that humanities, arts, crafts, and design (HACD) practices be integrated with science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM) in college and post-graduate curricula (1). The motivation for the study is the growing divide in American educational systems between traditional liberal arts curricula and job-related specialization. "Ironically," the report notes, "as this movement toward narrower,





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The Little Black Book of Billionaire Secrets

# That 'Useless' Liberal Arts Degree Has Become Tech's Hottest Ticket

3. PR/Marketing: Telling Our Story



3. PR/marketing: telling our story

# Silicon Valley Tech Firms Need Humanities Students

-Stanford News



3. PR/marketing: telling our story

'...technology alone is not enough. It's technology married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields us the results that make our heart sing." Steve Jobs



3. PR/marketing:
buses
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### Expect the Unexpected in 2018/19





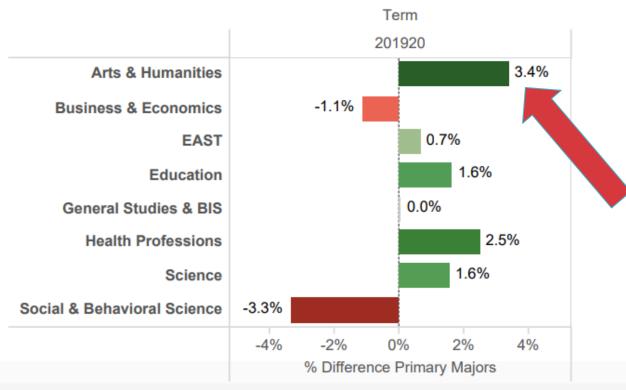
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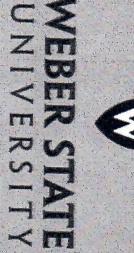
Semester Fall Select Reporting Level WSU Overall Select Point-in-Time for Comparison

### % Change in FTE

### Term 201920 3.22% Arts & Humanities 4.68% **Business & Economics** -4.49% **EAST** 1.78% Education 73.12% General Studies & BIS -1.07% **Health Professions** -0.48% Science 1.80% Social & Behavioral Science 0% 50% 100% % Difference in FTE

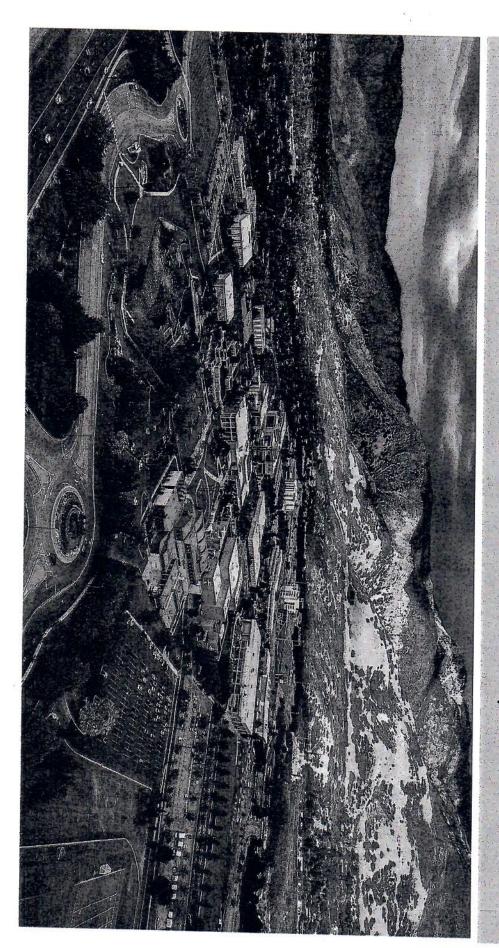
### % Change in Major Counts





# WSU's Trustees --Brief A History

AKA Bedtime Stories w/ Uncle Normie



BOARD OF REGENTS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD OF EDUCATION TECH INSTITUTE



WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

# WSU Board of Trustees 1961-1969

- The Governing Board for WSU
- Authority to Hire/Supervise President
- Authority to Approve Mission w/in Statute
- Authority to Approve Programs
- Authority to Approve Policies w/in Statue
- Authority to Own Campus Real Property



# Higher Education Act of 1969

- Established Statewide Board of Regents
- Regents All Authority of Institutional Boards vested in
- WSU Trustees Effectively Eliminated
- Local "Institutional Council's" Established
- Established Principle of Delegation



WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

# WSU Institutional Council 1969-1991

- Community Relations Facilitate Fundraising, Communication,
- Select Honorary Degree Recipients
- Little if any role in Hiring/Supervising President
- Very Little Regent Authority Delegated to nstitutional Councils



# Trustees Rebirth 1991-2018

- Name Returns to Trustees
- (Presidential Hiring/Supervision, Audit, Real Regents Share Significant Authority with BOT's Estate)
- 2017 Legislature Gives Back to BOT's Program Approval (within Mission)
- Additional Steps Toward De-evolving Under Consideration



# Who is WSU's Governing Board Today?

- The State Board of Regents
- The WSU Board of Trustees
- And the Ever-more involved State Legislature



WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

# So Why The Bed-time Story

- The Role of President is Uniquely Difficult in the USHE
- "It's Helpful for Trustees to Know the Context Continuing Constraints on their Authority" of Their Expanding Roles and also the



### FIDUCIARY DUTIES OF UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES

### Introduction

- A. What is a Fiduciary?
  - A fiduciary is a person who holds a special position of trust and confidence in connection with performance certain duties on behalf of another person or organization.
  - 2. Based upon expectation of trust
  - 3. Expectation of trust is basis of fiduciary duties
- B. What are the Legal Sources of Fiduciary Duties?
  - 1. Higher Education Act
    - a. Board of Trustees
    - b. Appointed by Governor
    - c. Acts on behalf of University
    - d. Performs certain duties, responsibilities and functions
    - e. Delegated authority from State of Utah and State Board of Regents
  - 2. Oath of office
    - a. Discharge duties with
    - b. Fidelity
      - 1. Fealty (Allegiance)
      - 2. Loyalty
  - 3. Common Law of Trusts
    - a. Duty of Loyalty
    - b. Duty of Care (Prudence)
- C. To Whom are Fiduciary Duties Owed?

### The Two Fiduciary Duties

- A. The Duty of Loyalty
  - 1. Faithfulness or Allegiance to Institution
  - 2. Elements
    - a. Good Faith
      - 1. Honesty in belief or purpose
      - 2. Faithfulness in performing one's duty or obligation
      - 3. Observance of reasonable standards of fair dealing
      - 4. Absence of intent to defraud or to seek unconscionable advantage
    - b. Independent Judgment
    - c. Best Interest of Institution

### B. The Duty of Care

1. Serious Attention

### 2. Elements

- a. Reasonable care that degree of diligence care, and skill which ordinarily prudent person would reasonably exercise under similar circumstances (Prudence)
- b. Informed Decisions reliable information and advice
- c. Confidentiality.

### Core Principles for Effective Board Conduct in Fulfilling Fiduciary's Duties1

### A. Fulfill the Fiduciary Duty of Care By:

- Acting at all times in good faith and with the appropriate diligence, care, and skill required under the circumstances.
- Acting in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the institution
- Actively attending and participating in all board and committee meetings, reading and evaluating the materials presented, and asking questions about unexplained results and unfamiliar issues
- Retiring from board service (or declining nominations) if one is no longer able to satisfy the time, effort, and attendance expectations for the institution's governing body members
- Relying when appropriate on experts who serve the board by evaluating complex matters, while questioning their reports when their advice in inconsistent with expectations.

### B. Fulfill the Fiduciary Duty of Loyalty By:

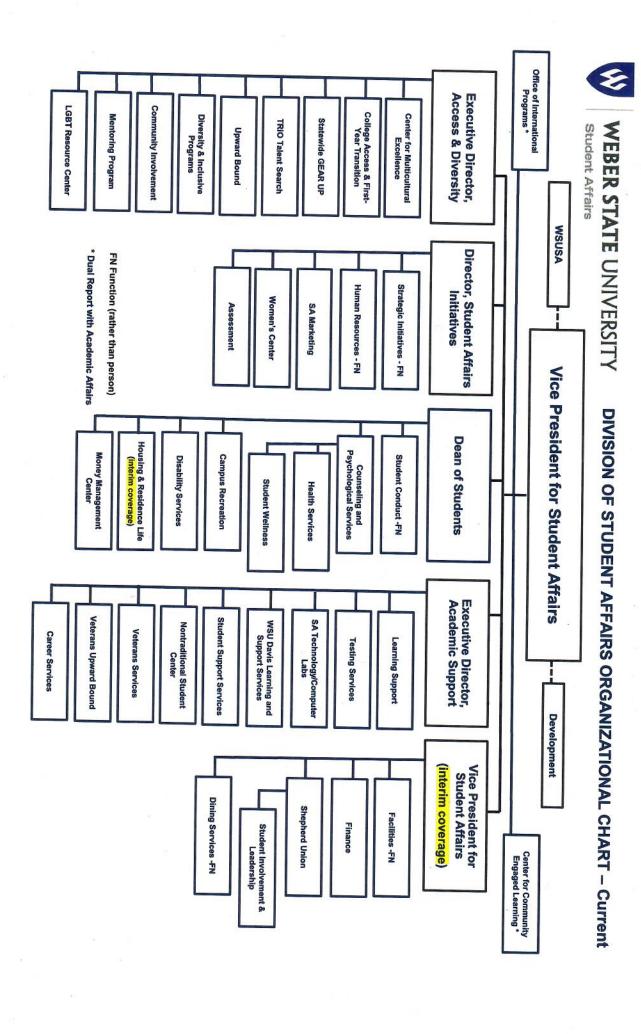
- Faithfully pursuing the interests of the college or University and its charitable or public purposes rather than one's own interests or the interests of another person or organization.
- Actively disclosing existing or potential financial conflicts of interest and dual interests, and recusing oneself from board discussions and votes on transactions or policy matters, in accordance with the institution's conflict-of-interest policy.
- Maintaining complete confidentiality about any matters presented to the governing board at all times, unless otherwise directed by the board and subject to state transparency laws applicable to public institutions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AGB Board of Directors Statement on Fiduciary Duties of Governing Board Members (2015)

• Retaining the governing board's independence from external and internal stake holders in the conduct of its oversight and policy responsibilities.

#### **Liability Concerns**

- A. Business Judgment Rule
  - 1. Legal Presumption Rational Decisions
    - a. Good Faith
    - b. Informed Basis
    - c. Scope of Authority
    - d. Best Interest of Institution
  - 2. Shields Trustees from Liability for Undesirable Outcomes
- B. Utah Government Immunity Act
  - 1. Immunity from Liability
    - a. Acts or omissions occurring during
      - 1. Performance of one's duties
      - 2. Within the scope of employment or
      - 3. Under color of authority
    - b. Exception act or failure to act through fraud or willful misconduct
  - 2. Safe Harbor
    - a. Honesty
    - b. Good Faith
    - c. Sobriety

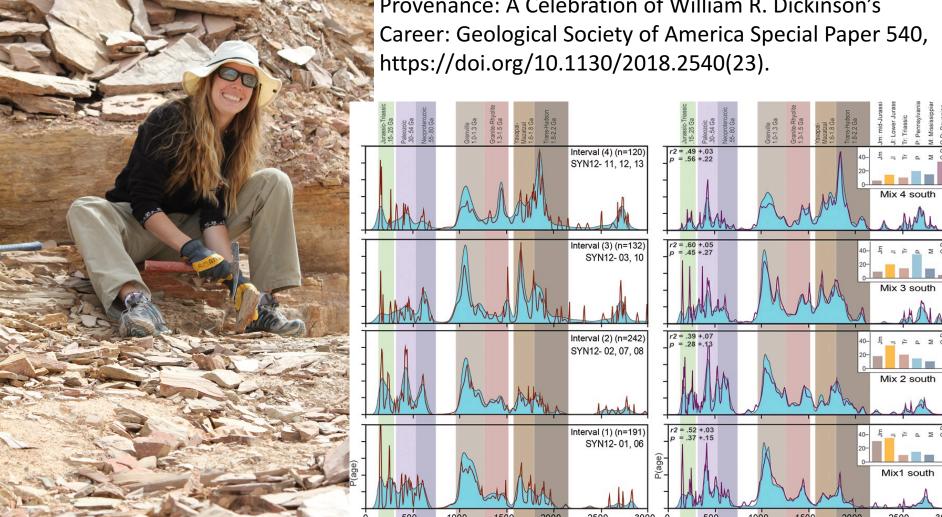


## Faculty and Student Research- Argentina

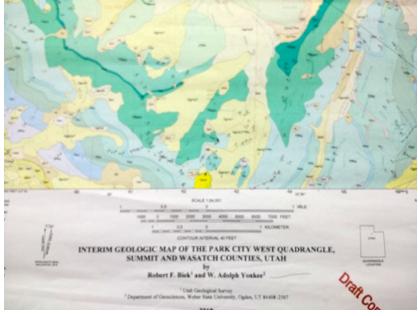


Faculty and Student Research- Western USA

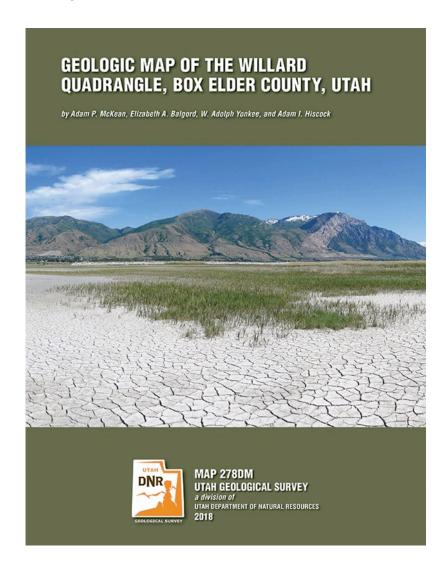
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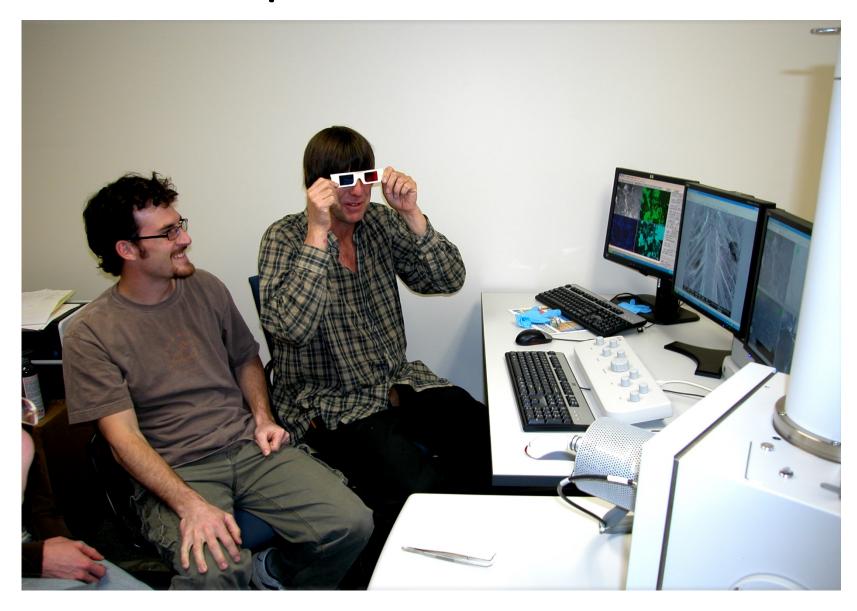
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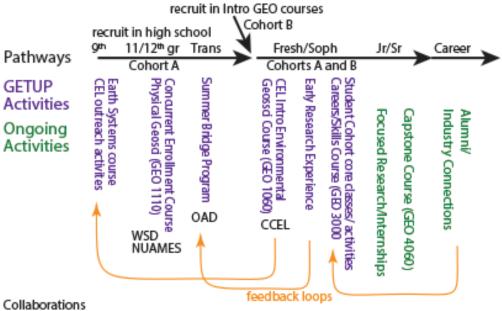




# New Techniques- Fault Studies



# STEM Education National Science Foundation Proposal



WSD, NUAMES-Weber School District, Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering, Science

OAD-Office of Access and Diversity

CCEL- Center for Community Engaged Learning





"I'm taking some time off to get away from the stress. See you in ten years."





Climate Research in Southern Idaho

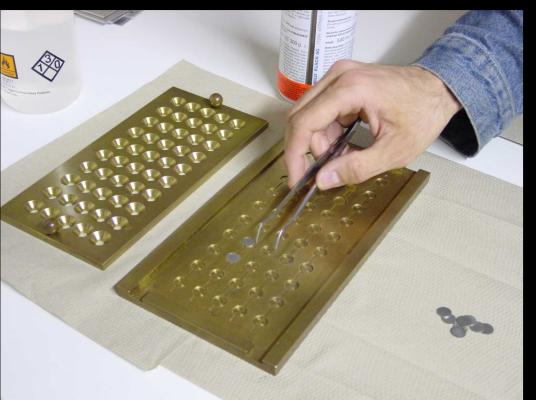


Field Work – Bruneau Dunes

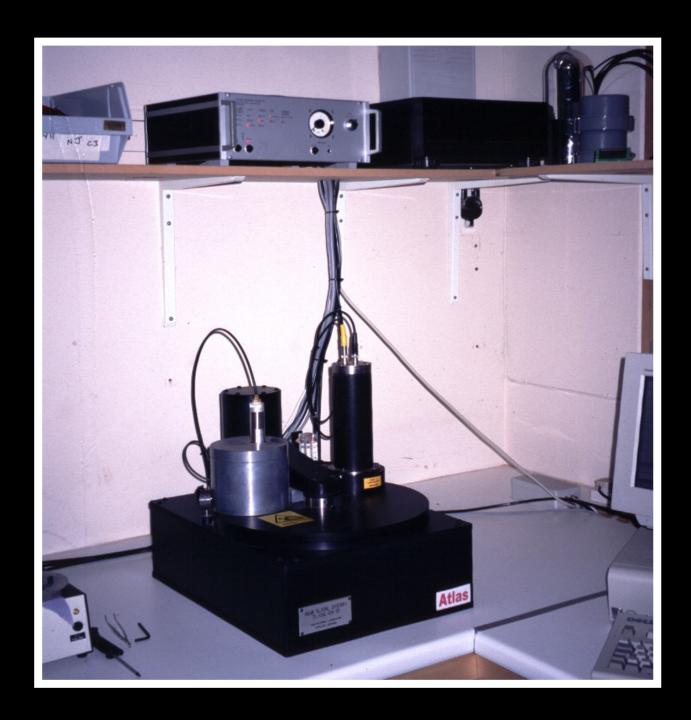


Sediment analysis









# Utah State University Luminescence Lab



Bruneau Dunes field research with WSU students





WSU students attending UN meetings in Geneva, Switzerland





Project Peru







WSU students, faculty, and staff serving in Peru

# Without Sabbaticals





With Sabbaticals



## 2018 Board of Trustees

## **Shared Governance**

## PPM 1-13 Section 4. Faculty Senate - Standing Committees (abbreviated)

#### 4.1 Committee on Academic Resources and Computing

The Committee on Academic Resources and Computing shall recommend policies and operational procedures on the acquisition and utilization of computers and academic resource material.

#### 4.2 Committee on Admissions, Standards and Student Affairs

The Admissions, Standards and Student Affairs Committee shall be concerned with standards for admission, retention and graduation from the University and policies pertaining to student affairs.

#### 4.3 Committee on Appointment, Promotion, Academic Freedom and Tenure

The Committee on Appointment, Promotion, Academic Freedom and Tenure shall formulate policies and operational procedures on these matters and on due process and merit.

## 4.4 Committee on Constitutional Review, Apportionment and Organization

The Committee on Constitutional Review, Apportionment and Organization shall review, update and preserve the integrity of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Weber State University faculty government. This Committee shall study ratios of college representation on the Senate and recommend procedures for electing its members. The Committee shall also be responsible for recommending policies on the organization and operational procedures of the University.

#### 4.5 Committee on Curriculum

The Curriculum Committee (CC) shall study and evaluate the curriculum needs of the University by reviewing program, certificate, and course proposals (including courses proposed to fulfill specific General Education designations as defined in the CC manual), which have been approved by college curriculum committees or programs that report directly to the Office of Academic Affairs.

#### 4.6 Committee on Environmental Issues

The Environmental Issues Committee shall help facilitate the integration of environmental initiatives into academic affairs, student affairs, and facilities management. The committee shall serve as a local and statewide source for scientifically-based information and for leadership on environmental issues affecting Utah, the Wasatch Front and WSU campus communities.

#### 4.8 Committee on Honorary Degrees

Faculty members on the Honorary Degrees Committee shall review the recommendations presented to them and shall act as the faculty representatives on the Committee on Commencement and Honorary Degrees.

#### 4.9 Committee on Research, Scholarship and Professional Growth

The Committee on Research, Scholarship and Professional Growth shall recommend policies on research, scholarship, teaching loads, instructional and faculty development and faculty productivity. It shall facilitate faculty in obtaining grants, travel funds, physical facilities, etc., to pursue research and scholarly activities.

#### 4.10 Committee on Salary, Benefits, Budget and Fiscal Planning

The Committee on Salary, Benefits, Budget and Fiscal planning shall study, evaluate and make recommendations on faculty salaries, benefits, budgets and fiscal planning issues.

### 4.11 Committee on Teaching, Learning and Assessment

The Committee on Teaching, Learning and Assessment endeavors to enhance the learning environment at Weber State University.