

Minutes  
Weber State University  
Board of Trustees  
November 4, 2014

**Trustee Members:**

Ms. Louenda Downs  
Ms. Karen Fairbanks  
Mr. Joseph Favero  
Mr. Alan E. Hall, Chair  
Mr. Nolan Karras  
Dr. Jeff Stephens  
Mr. Kevin Sullivan, Vice Chair

**Excused:**

Mr. Andre Lortz  
Mr. Scott Parson  
Mr. Steve Starks

**Weber State University Officials:**

Dr. Charles A. Wight, President  
Dr. Norm Tarbox, VP for Administrative Services  
Dr. Mike Vaughan, Provost  
Dr. Brad Mortensen, VP for University Advancement  
Dr. Jan Winniford, VP for Student Affairs  
Dr. Bret Ellis, VP for Information Technology  
Dr. Eric Amsel, Faculty Senate Vice Chair  
Dr. Brenda Kowalewski, Director, Center for Community Engaged Learning  
Mr. John Kowalewski, Executive Director, University Communications  
Ms. Debbi Murphy, Chair, Staff Advisory Committee  
Ms. JoAnne Robinson, Executive Assistant, President's Office

**Others Present:**

Ms. Susan Alexander, Associate Professor/Dental Hygiene

**Ogden City Officials Present:**

Mike Caldwell, Mayor  
Richard Hyer, Council Chair  
Caitlin Gochnour, Council Vice Chair  
Doug Stephens, Council Member  
Marcia White, Council Member  
Mark Johnson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Bill Cook, Council Executive Director  
Tom Christopoulos, Community and Economic Development Director  
Mike Mathieu, Fire Chief  
Mike Ashment, Police Chief  
Jay Lowder, Public Services Director

**Ogden City Officials Present** (Continued)

Gary Williams, City Attorney

Gregg Buxton, Management Services Director

Amy Sue Mabey, Council Communications Manager

**Press Present:**

Ms. Becky Wright, Standard Examiner

Welcome

I. Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

II. Chair Alan Hall welcomed those present.

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III. On a motion by Nolan Karras and seconded by Jeff Stephens, the minutes of the October 7, 2014, Board of Trustees meeting were approved unanimously

On a motion by Kevin Sullivan and seconded by Louenda Downs, the minutes of the October 7, 2014 Business Committee and the Personnel and Academic Policy Committee were ratified unanimously.

Joint Presidential Citation

IV. Board of Trustees Chair Alan Hall and President Charles Wight read the following citation recognizing Ogden Community support:

**WHEREAS**, Weber State Academy began in the heart of downtown Ogden to serve the needs of the city and surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than 125 years, Ogden has been a welcoming home to our university and provided the steadfast support required to enable a small religious academy to grow into a public university with more than 26,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, That support has been made abundantly evident through the years. For instance, through a statewide

referendum, Ogden residents led the charge to reverse a 1953 Utah Legislature decision to return Weber College to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ogden City Council members and Mayor Mike Caldwell have also recently recognized the special relationship with the university through various resolutions, and

**WHEREAS**, Ogden is a great place for students, faculty and staff to live, work and play. Historic 25<sup>th</sup> Street, recently recognized as one of the 10 Great Streets in America by the American Planning Association, offers modern amenities in an amazing historic atmosphere. Downtown Ogden offers movies, restaurants and more entertainment. The foothills are home to the beautiful Bonneville Shoreline Trail and other wonderful outdoor experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, Ogden City has played a major part in revitalizing our town-and-gown partnership through the signing of a College Town charter with the university. The charter has provided a framework for long-term collaboration and has resulted in demonstrable steps forward for the university and city; and

**WHEREAS**, Weber State University would not have reached the great heights that it has without the support of the government, business owners, nonprofits and residents of Ogden.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Charles A. Wight and members of the Weber State University Board of Trustees jointly issue a presidential citation recognizing Ogden City leaders, business owners, nonprofits and residents for their steadfast support of Weber State University.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this fourth day of November, 2014.

Trustee Louenda Downs stated that she has worked closely with Mayor Caldwell and the attention paid to this partnership is very apparent. She added that she is very impressed with the vision for the future and is grateful to be part of good things happening.

Nolan Karras said that he knows many of the people present today and the city and the university is led by very competent people.

Karen Fairbanks added that she's a resident of Ogden and it's exciting to see the energy infusing the institutions and this partnership. She stated she wanted to recognize President Wight, Chair Alan Hall and Mayor Caldwell for their work.

Jeff Stephens reported that he's a hometown boy and grew up in Ogden. He's proud of both Ogden and Weber State University.

Kevin Sullivan stated that he spent 35 years traveling around the country and the world, but when he retired he elected to come back to Ogden.

President's Report

(National Make a Difference Day)

(Annual Nursing Research Conference)

(Porter Fox Hosted at WSU)

V. President's Report - President Wight gave a report covering the following items:

1. Weber State University students, staff and faculty participated in the National Make a Difference Day on October 25. Volunteers participated in two community projects. Volunteers packaged 10,000 meals in conjunction with the Stop Hunger Now organization, and canned food at the Ogden Cannery run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The canned food was donated to the Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank in Ogden. During the 2013-2014 school year, volunteers for the Center for Community Engaged Learning (CCEL) logged over 176,000 hours of community service.
2. World-renowned nurses from around the country presented their research at the Ninth Annual Nursing Research Conference hosted by Weber State University on October 24. Nurses and nursing students from throughout Utah were invited to attend at no charge, thanks to generous sponsors.
3. As part of its commitment to sustainability, Weber State University hosted avid skier and environmental activist Porter Fox on November 4. WSU shares Fox's passion for preserving the environment. In 2009, university

(9<sup>th</sup> Annual School Partner Breakfast)

administrators signed the Climate Action Plan with the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. Since 2007, WSU has reduced its electricity and natural-gas consumption by one-third.

4. Education Access and Outreach hosted its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual School Partner Breakfast in October to recognize key partnerships with local school districts in Ogden, Weber and Davis.

(16<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Conference)

5. WSU hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Conference, "Diversity in Education: The Danger of the Single Story."

The detailed report is attached to these minutes.

WSUSA President's Report

- VI. President Joseph Favero gave a report covering the following topics:

("Project Lead")

1. The annual Leadership Training "Project Lead" saw the greatest attendance in its history, especially impressive given the fact that it is held over Fall Break.

(Statewide Initiatives)

2. The two major statewide initiatives for the year continue to move forward: Sexual Assault Awareness and "Holding the Line" of Tuition Costs. I had the privilege of meeting with Senator Urquhart during October to discuss some potential Higher Ed initiatives for the upcoming Legislative Session.

(WSUSA Convocations)

3. We were pleased to welcome television and film actor Jeffrey Tambor to Weber State on October 28 as part of WSUSA Convocations. Former White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Alyssa Mastromonaco, will speak on November 6.

(Students Involved)

4. Even as we are into the 11<sup>th</sup> week of the semester, students are still making time to get out, serve and get involved.

The detailed report is attached to these minutes.

Alumni President's Report

Faculty Report

VII. Due to the absence of President Andre Lortz, no report was given.

VIII. Dr. Eric Amsel, Vice Chair of Faculty Senate, introduced Dr. Brenda Kowalewski, Director, Center for Community Engaged Learning, and Susan Alexander, Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene

Ms. Alexander reported that students in the dental hygiene program are involved in a number of community programs. They have partnered with the Veterans Hospital for 35 years. The Ogden Mid-Town Clinic began in the WSU clinic and our students go to that clinic for internships. The program is involved in children and women's dental health days and funds from the Hall Foundation give them the opportunity to provide dental screenings for low income children in six schools in the Ogden School District.

Trustees Louenda Downs and Jeff Stephens suggested the program expand to the Davis Mid-Town Clinic and the Weber School District.

President Wight asked how this involvement changes the mind set of the graduates. Ms. Alexander responded that they see a broader spectrum of dental needs and it makes them more civic-minded professionals.

Dr. Kowalewski added that the dental hygiene program has a strong commitment to the community and is one of the most engaged programs on campus. Dr. Amsel stated that Dr. Kowalewski does remarkable work communicating the value of community engagement. He reviewed data showing that a sizable percentage of faculty see community involvement as important.

The detailed report is attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports  
Business Committee)

IX. Business Committee - Nolan Karras outlined the following matters discussed and acted upon during today's Business Committee meeting: (For a detailed report of actions taken, see the attached Business Committee minutes for November 4, 2014.)

1. WSU Auxiliary Enterprises Report for Year Ended 6/30/14

On a motion by Nolan Karras and seconded by Jeff Stephens, the WSU Auxiliary Enterprises Report for Year Ended 6/30/14 was approved unanimously.

2. Annual Report of the WSU Retirement Plan Executive Committee

On a motion by Louenda Downs and seconded by Kevin Sullivan, the Annual Report of the WSU Retirement Plan Executive Committee was approved unanimously.

(Personnel and Academic Policy Committee)

Personnel & Academic Policy Committee - Kevin Sullivan outlined the following matters discussed and acted upon during today's Personnel and Academic Policy Committee meeting: (For a detailed report of actions taken, see the attached Personnel and Academic Policy Committee minutes for November 4, 2014)

1. College of Applied Science and Technology Name Change

On a motion by Louenda Downs and seconded by Nolan Karras, the College of Applied Science and Technology Name Change proposal to change the name to College of Engineering, Applied Science and Technology was approved unanimously.

5-Year Plan for Education

- X. Nolan Karras urged Trustees and others to study the 5-year plan for education developed by several groups and learn the talking points to get the Legislature to fund the plan.

Questions

- XI. There were no questions.

Next Meeting Date

- XII. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on December 2, at the Davis campus.

Adjourn

- XIII. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Minutes submitted by:



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JoAnne Robinson, Secretary  
WSU Board of Trustees



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Charles A. Wight, President  
Weber State University