

**Minutes**  
Weber State University  
Board of Trustees  
Feb. 14, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.  
Betty Hess Lampros Boardroom (MA 319)  
3850 Dixon Parkway, Ogden, UT 84408

**Trustee Members:**

Mr. Nolan Karras (Chair)  
Ms. Kearston Cutrubus (Vice Chair)  
Ms. Danielle Croyle  
Mr. Scott Parson  
Mr. Don Salazar  
Mr. Jordan Slater

**Excused:**

Ms. Karen Fairbanks  
Mr. Jeff Stephens

**Via Telephone:** Ms. Karla Bergeson and Mr. Marty Carpenter

**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. Frank Harrold, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Dr. Randy Boyle, Associate Professor of Information Systems  
Dr. Brenda Kowalewski, Associate Provost and Professor of Sociology  
Dr. Jason Barrett-Fox, Assistant Professor/Composition Director/English  
Dr. Aaron Ashley, Professor/Chair/Psychology  
Mr. Robert Hunter, Director, Walker Institute  
Ms. Jackie Shafer, Chair, Staff Advisory Committee  
Mr. John Kowalewski, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications  
Ms. Sherri Cox, Administrative Associate

**Press:**

Ms. Jean Norman – The Signpost

Welcome

Approval,  
Ratification of  
Meeting Minutes  
(Jan.10, 2019)

Dean's  
Presentation  
(Dean Frank  
Harrold/Dr.  
Aaron Ashley/Mr.  
Robert Hunter)

Faculty Report  
(Dr. Randy  
Boyle)

Digital Literacy  
(Dr. Brenda  
Kowalewski/Dr.  
Jason Barrett-  
Fox)

- I. The Board of Trustees meeting convened at 9:35 a.m.
- II. Chair Mr. Nolan Karras welcomed those in attendance.
- III. Upon a motion from Mr. Scott Parson with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the meeting minutes from Jan. 10, 2019.
- IV. Dr. Frank Harrold, Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, gave a history of the college including: 10 academic programs, the departments and several interdisciplinary minors. Dean Harrold discussed the positive impact of the newly renovated Lindquist Hall.

Dr. Aaron Ashley, Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology, explained how psychology is a scientific hub and demonstrates collaborative problem solving. Psychology's high impact educational practices have educational benefits.

Mr. Robert Hunter, Director of the Walker Institute, gave information on the program, which sets up internships with many different entities. He discussed several projects with which the institute is currently involved.

- V. Dr. Randy Boyle, Associate Professor of Management Information Systems, gave a faculty report on the information tech programs WSU offers and the types of tech jobs in high demand. The highlight of his presentation was the recent partnership between Weber State University and the Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University. This partnership offers huge benefits to WSU students.

- VI. Dr. Brenda Kowalewski, Associate Provost and Professor of Sociology, gave a brief presentation on the digital literacy initiative and how it benefits students. Included in her discussion were different pilots in which the program is engaged.

Dr. Jason Barrett-Fox, Assistant Professor/Composition Director/English, gave a brief overview of writing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as the internet turns 50 years old in 2019. He discussed the digitally-enhanced freshman composition pilot, its goals and structure, challenges, and preliminary findings after the first semester.

WSUSA  
President's  
Report  
Written Reports

VII. Student Body President Jordan Slater gave a report on WSUSA involvement and events included in his handout.

VIII. President Brad Mortensen gave an update on higher education. His report included that the legislature had, in their base budget bills, \$87 million for capital project funding. The infrastructure committee recommended that \$44.5 million of that should be used for the Noorda Engineering & Applied Science building.

Danielle Croyle added information to the alumni report. March 11–16 the Big Sky Championships will take place in Boise and the Weber State Alumni Golf Classic is June 7. Sponsors are needed for this event.

There was no staff advisory committee report given.

Business  
Committee  
Report  
Action Item

IX. Scott Parson, chair of the Business Committee, brought the following report before the Board of Trustees:

1. Quarterly Audit Report

On a motion to approve the quarterly audit report, made by Mr. Scott Parson and seconded by Ms. Danielle Croyle, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

Information Items

2. A public safety report was given by Chief Dane LeBlanc during the Business Committee meeting.
3. A strategic planning process report was given by President Mortensen during the Business Committee meeting.
  - a. The Business Committee recommends that we establish a cadence of strategic planning and review on a three year cycle at the university and college level to establish alignment across the university.

Personnel &  
Academic Policy  
Committee

X. Ms. Karla Bergeson, acting chair of the Personnel and Academic Committee, gave the following report concerning the following programs needing the Board's approval:

Information Items

1. Certificate of Proficiency – Music Entrepreneurship
2. Certificate of Proficiency – Jazz Studies
3. Proposed Centers:

- a. The Matthew S. Browning Center for Design is focused on design thinking and was proposed by many donors.
  - b. The Wadman Center for Excellence in Construction and Building Sciences puts together degrees that give benefits for students, one of which is opportunities for higher starting pay.
4. New Department Name– The accreditation commission for Athletic Training has new accreditation standards which require athletic training programs be administratively housed with other health care professions. This requires the Athletic Training Program to be moved from MCOE to DCHP.

**ACTION**

Upon a motion by Ms. Karla Bergeson to approve the two certificates of proficiency, the proposed centers, the new department name, and relocation of Athletic Training to the DCHP, with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the motion passed unanimously.

Discontinuance of three emphasis programs:

1. Economics with Legal
2. Quantitative economics
3. International Economics

The first three new academic program approvals listed below are the same programs and content but have the name listed in the degree rather than the emphasis. The fourth is a completely new minor.

1. Economics with Legal Studies
2. Quantitative Economics
3. International Economics
4. Localization (minor)

**ACTION**

Upon a motion by Ms. Karla Bergeson to discontinue the three current programs, approve the new academic program names, and approve the localization minor, with a second by Mr. Jordan Slater, the motion carried unanimously.

PPM Changes:

1. PPM 11-1 Graduate Programs – puts WSU in compliance with the Northwest Accrediting Agency rule.

2. PPM 3-25, V1 One Course Reduction for Tenure-Track Faculty. A one sentence deletion in the PPM prevents the list from needing Board of Trustees approval for this type of low level decision-making.
3. PPM 4-2 Catalog Requirements – Changes to this PPM add a provision concerning certificates and completion dates based on the newest catalog.
4. PPM 6-3 Registration Dates and Deadlines. This change gives clarification to the withdrawal policy.

**ACTION**

Upon a motion by Ms. Karla Bergeson to approve the proposed PPM changes, with a second by Ms. Kearston Cutrubus, the Board of Trustees passed the motion unanimously.

New Academic Program Proposals:

1. Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Leadership Emphasis.
2. Doctor of Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner

These degrees are part of Weber State’s primary role and do not change our mission, but will be necessary to move our programs forward. These will be practical degrees, not research degrees.

**ACTION**

Ms. Karla Bergeson made a motion that, subject to the approval of the Utah State Board of Regents, the two separate degrees at the doctorate level be approved by the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jordan Slater and the motion passed unanimously. It will be sent to the Board of Regents for approval.

Program Reviews:

1. Dept. of Construction Management Technology
2. Dept. of Dental Hygiene
3. Developmental Math
4. Dept. of Economics
5. Dept. of Mathematics
6. School of Radiologic Sciences
7. Dept. of Zoology

**ACTION**

On a motion to approve the program reviews by Mr. Jordan Slater with a second by Ms. Danielle Croyle, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

Personnel Issues:

1. A one semester sabbatical request from Dr. Velton Casler was discussed with the board members.
2. New Dean Approval: Dr. Kristin Hadley, Moyes College of Education, was offered the position of dean, subject to Board of Trustees approval.

**ACTION**

Upon two motions, 1- to approve the one semester sabbatical request, and 2- approve the new dean appointment in the Moyes College of Education, made by Mr. Jordan Slater with a second by Mr. Don Salazar, the motion passed unanimously.

Honorary Degrees (Pres. Mortensen)

President Brad Mortensen brought forward four names for approval to award honorary degrees at April's commencement: Jeanne Hall, as commencement speaker, Dr. Jack Wahlen, Dr. Judith Mitchell, and Robert Harris.

**ACTION**

On a motion to approve the honorary degree recipients by Mr. Don Salazar, with a second by Ms. Kearston Cutrubus, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

Consent Calendar

- XI. Upon a motion by Mr. Scott Parson to approve the Consent Calendar items, with a second by Mr. Jordan Slater, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

- VI. With no further items, the meeting came to a close.