

Ogden Campus

Online Forum –Zoom Meeting

Trustee Members:

Mr. Nolan Karras (Chair)

Ms. Kearston Cutrubus (Vice Chair)

Ms. Karla Bergeson

Mr. Clint Costley

Ms. Amanda Covington

Ms. Louenda Downs

Mr. Ben Ferney

Mr. Don Salazar

Excused:

Mr. Marty Carpenter

Ms. Karen Fairbanks

Weber State University Representatives:

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Ravi Krovij, Provost

Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Affairs

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

Ms. Sherri Cox, Secretary to the Board

Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Mr. Luke Jenkins, Chair, Staff Advisory Council / Senior Network Engineer

Dr. Casey Neville, Vice Chair, Faculty Senate / Associate Professor, Radiologic Sciences

Mr. Rich Hill, General Counsel

Ms. Stephanie Hollist, Deputy General Counsel

Mr. John Kowalewski Executive Director, Marketing and Communications

Dr. Jeff Hurst, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Daniel Kilcrease, Executive Director, Student Affairs Auxiliaries

Ms. Kelly Simerick, Student Affairs Strategic Initiatives/Assistant to VPSA

Dr. Matthew Mouritsen, Dean, Goddard School of Business and Economics

Dr. Carl Porter,

Welcome

Approval of  
Meeting Minutes  
(Aug. 10

Initial Weber State Observations

Economics. His presentation included showing the exponential growth the school has experienced since fall 2019, options provided for students to earn their degrees through the different methods offered, and the GSBE strategic initiatives for 2020-2025. Numbers of newly declared and transfer students has quadrupled due to engagement with students and recruitment. Retention methods are a focus as well using faculty assistance.

VI. Provost Ravi Krovi was asked to share his initial observations, as he joined Weber State University six months ago and started right when COVID-19 impacts were felt. He felt that this gave him a front row seat of how things really work here. It is a culture of working together to promote success. Provost Krovi feels we have good councils, interdisciplinary programs, and has been able to see how faculty adapt and has been innovative in classrooms and uses creativity for retention and completion. He has been impressed with our mission clarity and how it complements our strategic initiatives. As for competing with other institutions that have more funding, our mission clarity gives us an edge on other schools and points to three core themes: Learning, access and community. Provost Krovi likes WSU's location and visibility, along with our defense and aerospace sectors as a significant driver of our recent economic development in several of our programs in science, EAST, and several of our colleges. He also likes our Davis County Campus, giving us a significant brand presence. He feels we need to capitalize on and improve on opportunities concerning retention and graduation, students of color, high school students matriculating to college and non-traditional adult students. How can we adjust our vision to match the needs of these groups especially after COVID-19? We need to leverage our existing academic programs to make the link between interdisciplinary programs and colleges.

WSUSA Report

VII. A WSUSA report was given by Mr. Ben Ferney, WSUSA President. He expressed how impressed with the student leaders he has been this semester. He said to continue to show up and engage with students. The Student Senate made some changes to bylaws and senator titles. President Ferney was holding weekly events on Fridays called "Friday with Ferney", where he handed out swag and visited with students. However, he has now changed this event to Tuesdays when there are more students on campus, and calls it "Ferney Wants Feedback". Many workshops, conferences





Consent Calendar items without discussion.

ACTION On a motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Ms. Amanda Covington, with a second by Ms. Kearston Cutrubus, the motion was unanimously approved.

Information Items XIII. Information Item, FY2022 Budget Development Guidelines from the Utah State Higher Board of Education was discussed by Vice President Norm Tarbox. Due to COVID, there are low expectations on receiving tax funds. Accommodations for budget reductions are being proposed in the form of employee separation options. The subject of student fees vs. tuition is being looked into. There are many moving parts as we continue to work on and move forward with reductions.

Other XIV. Other items that were discussed included:

1. Addition of a report from Trustees on their respective

Meeting  
Adjourned