



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2017 • Conference Call
Anchor Location: Noyes Building

Trustees Attending

Scott Bushnell, Chair
David Christensen
Randy Cox
Kerry Day
Leslie Keisel, Vice Chair
Erma Kaye May
Seth Robertson
Rick Robinson
Karen Soper

Trustees Absent

Michael McLean

Others Attending

N/A

College Personnel Attending

Gary Carlston, President
Steve Hood, Academic VP
Marci Larsen, Board Secretary
Craig Mathie, Student Success VP

Welcome

Chair Bushnell called the meeting to order and turned the time to President Carlston for introductory comments. President Carlston reminded the trustees of their visit with Stacey McIlff, Business Department Chair, about a potential partnership when they were on the Richfield campus last week. He said the Memo of Understanding (MOU) for the Snow College Business Department and Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University has now been finalized and approved by the college's legal counsel.

Snow College/USU Business School Partnership

Dr. Steve Hood reviewed the provided MOU and noted the partnership has also been approved internally by the Dean's Council and Curriculum Committee. He answered questions from the trustees regarding ID cards, face-to-face/on-line ratio of classes, the timeline for adding additional faculty for Ephraim, which physical space would be used, and how much interest there is for students. Dr. Hood said the Business Department did an informal survey and a great number were interested. Anecdotally, he said, students tell faculty and staff they want to stay in Ephraim.

President Carlston said some may ask where this partnership takes the college with regard to its mission. He reminded the trustees that Regent Policy (R312) allows Snow College to have 10% of its degrees be four-year and added that there are currently two four-year programs offered: commercial music and software engineering. President Carlston explained that the Business Department had this opportunity, but did not think it was in the best interest of the college or students to pursue this path. This partnership with Utah State University, he said, is a great solution. President Carlston also addressed the possible concern that some have voiced about this partnership being a step towards a total takeover by Utah State, similar to what happened with Price. President Carlston said he and USU's president, President Cockett, discussed this before this business school partnership was proposed, and he told trustees that President Cockett expressed her confidence in Snow and had no interest in that.

Chair Bushnell thanked everyone involved in the partnership development and expressed special appreciation to Professor McIlff. Hearing no more questions, he entertained a motion to approve the Snow College/USU Business School Partnership as presented. Trustee Kiesel so moved. Trustee Robinson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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