

A meeting of the

SNOW COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To be held

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2003 LUNCHEON AT 12:30 P.M. PUBLIC MEETING AT 1:30 P.M.

In the

BOARD OF REGENTS BUILDING
THE GATEWAY
60 SOUTH 400 WEST
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

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Agenda for the Snow College Board of Trustees

Monday, April 21, 2003

Board of Regents Building, The Gateway 60 South 400 West • Salt Lake City

Executive Session Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. • Public Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Welcome Scott Wyatt
Action Item: Minutes of Previous Meeting (Tab Mc)
Report from the Chair
Report from the Student Body President
Action Item: Investment Report (Hand carried)
Snow College Mission/Roles (Tab N) Michael Benson
Accreditation
Building Update
Report from the President

Please meet in the President's Office at 10:00 a.m. if you are interested in riding with a group in the state vans. Thanks!



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SNOW COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 17, 2003, MEETING RICHFIELD CAMPUS • RICHFIELD, UTAH

Members Present: Carl Albrecht, Richard Bartholomew, Tim Blackham, LuAnne Brown, Kay Greene, Jerold Johnson, Christian Thompson (by telephone), and Scott Wyatt

Members Excused: Gwen McGarry and Richard Waddingham

College Personnel Present: Michael Benson, Colleen Hermansen, Spencer Hill, Mitch Jenkins, Marci Larsen, Jim Luster, Rick Pike, Rick Wheeler, Rick White, and Brad Winn

Others Present: Dave Anderson (*Richfield Reaper*), David Grant (Board of Regents), and Bradley Johnson (State Legislature)

Call to Order

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He thanked board members for making time to meet, and he expressed appreciation to Rick White and his staff for their hospitality.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Carl Albrecht made a motion to move into an executive session to discuss legal and personnel items. Tim Blackham seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment from Executive Session

Jerold Johnson made a motion to adjourn from the executive session and open the meeting to the public. LuAnne Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Welcome

A few employees and the media joined the meeting, and Chairman Wyatt asked them to introduce themselves. The visitors were welcomed, and President Benson expressed gratitude to Dave Anderson from the *Richfield Reaper* for the fair and professional manner in which the paper handled the reporting of the recent audit findings. President Benson asked Dave to compliment Mark and the rest of the *Reaper* staff.

Minutes

Chairman Wyatt entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2003, meeting. Carl Albrecht so moved, and Jerold Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Chair

Chairman Wyatt had nothing to report.

Report from the Student Body President

Christian had nothing to report.

Report from the President

President Benson began his report by commending Christian Thompson for his leadership. He noted that Christian solicited input regarding student fees, and he – together with his fellow officers – recommended a \$15.00/semester fee increase to renovate the Activity Center. Trustees were supportive of this action, and President Benson reported that the fee increase must be approved by the Board of Regents.

President Benson next shared a campus update with the board. He reminded Trustees of the May 7 commencement exercises, and he informed board members that five employees have been activated to full-time military service. President Benson also told Trustees of the "domino move" happening in Ephraim (computer lab moving to the Library, social scientists moving to the Anderson Building, TRIO moving to Fern Young Hall, performing artists moving into the new Eccles Center, current parking around campus changing to angle parking, and five buildings being razed), and he indicated that the campus will be transformed by the end of the summer. While speaking of changes, President Benson noted that Dr. Darol Rasmussen has committed \$150,000 to remodel the carillon bell tower, and it was reported that the college plans to request a CIB loan/grant to supplement the student fee for the renovation of the Activity Center. The Multi Events Center in Richfield, President Benson reported, will complete the physical changes of the two campuses.

President Benson announced that Zions Bank has committed additional money to purchase and refinish the floor for the Multi Events Center, and he reported that he hopes to see several events hosted by the college in the new facility. Speaking of fund-raising, President Benson introduced Rick Pike, the college's Director for Development, and asked him to give a brief update on the status of the Foundation Board. Rick reported that the board membership is currently being considered, and he invited all Trustees to the Heritage Club banquet on April 25.

Brad Winn asked for a few minutes during President Benson's report, and his request was granted. He informed Trustees of an Engineering Initiative approved by the 2003 Legislature, and he told of his plans to petition the appropriate committee for some of the appropriated money. He noted that the money would be used to enhance and improve the college's engineering program, and he asked board members to write letters of support.

Legislative Summary

President Benson expressed sincere appreciation to Representative Johnson, Senator Blackham, and Representative Styler for their support of Snow College. He praised Representative Johnson for sponsoring HB 161 and reported that the passage of the House Bill was the high point of the legislative session for Snow. Rick Wheeler reported that the outcomes of the session were better than expected. He noted the appropriated O&M money for both buildings (Eccles Center and Multi Events Center) and commented on how much this money means to the college. Representative Johnson communicated his support for HB 161 and confidence in the future of Snow College-Richfield. Copies of a legislative summary sheet were provided.

President Benson asked Rick White if he had any additional Richfield-related items to address, and Rick White accepted the invitation to address the group. He first thanked the legislators for their work on HB 161. He reported that the staff members in Richfield are maintaining positive attitudes – in spite of the audit and related stress – and doing their best to serve students. Chairman Wyatt asked about morale, and Rick reported that staff are hopeful but fearful of what is to come. Rick noted that there is much work to be done, and he thanked the Trustees for meeting on the Richfield campus. Carl Albrecht reiterated his – and CATC's – support of HB 161. He also commended the business office employees for their work, he complimented Rick and President Benson, and he expressed optimism for Richfield's future.

Chairman Wyatt asked if anyone else had comments or concerns regarding HB 161, the audit, or issues in Richfield. President Benson recognized Spencer Hill for his willingness to help the employees in Richfield with their budgets, and he thanked Carl Albrecht and Jerold Johnson for spearheading the CATC Board's support of HB 161. Jim Luster voiced concern for differences in salary/benefits between the two campuses, and he questioned the process of maintaining academic quality on branch campuses and outreach sites. Representative Brad Johnson responded by saying that the academic quality absolutely should not diminish at outreach sites; he expressed strong opinion that the quality should be consistent, regardless of location. President Benson concluded the discussion by reminding everyone that both campuses are now on the same team. He recognized the challenges that lie ahead, but he too expressed optimism for the future of Snow College.

Tour of the Multi Events Center

Because Regent David Grant had not yet arrived, the group decided to tour the Multi Events Center prior to their discussion regarding the future of the college. All were in favor of this action. Jason Beal, director for the Multi Events Center, led the group tour. Trustees were impressed with the progress of the building. Chairman Wyatt thanked Representative Brad Johnson for his help in securing the O&M funds for the facility.

Future of Snow College

Regent Grant arrived, and President Benson introduced him to the group. Regent Grant explained the history and future of Regent Policy R312, and he encouraged the Trustees to have an open, candid conversation with the Regents regarding Snow's mission and role. He acknowledged the discussions regarding four-year programs and indicated that R312 was the college's "window of opportunity." A positive discussion followed. Regent Grant encouraged the Trustees to prove the college's capabilities by first partnering with the University of Utah and then possibly with Utah State University. He expressed his personal support for four-year programs at Snow – particularly in cases where the college can fill a demand – and President Benson thanked him for his time.

Regent Grant communicated Chairman Nolan Karras' (State Board of Regents) desire to have healthy dialogue, and the Trustees requested a meeting with him. The board discussed the possibility of having the next Board of Trustees meeting in Salt Lake to better accommodate Chairman Karras' schedule.

Adjournment

LuAnne Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Blackham seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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