Call to Order and Attendance

Committee Chair Regent Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
Committee Members Present: Regents Ayer (Chair), Blake, Shanahan

Approval of Minutes

Regent Ayer announced that, hearing no objections, the minutes from the Committee meeting on July 10, 2014, were approved as distributed.

UW Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee Membership Appointments (Agenda no. G–1) (Action)

Bill Ayer presented this item. He said Regent Smith, Board Chair 2013-14, asked Regent Simon to put together this new advisory committee and serve as Chair. Herb requested the appointments of Regent Harrell, Mike Egan, Jerry Grinstein, Rob McKenna and Tony Williams.

Regent Blake moved, and the Committee voted, to approve item G–1.

UW Investment Committee (UWINCO) Membership Reappointments (Agenda no. G–2) (Action)

Bill Ayer presented this item to reappoint Jeff Brotman and Mary Pugh to UWINCO for three-year terms, and for Jeff to continue as Chair of UWINCO. Bill said the Board and the University are grateful for their long-time service to this important advisory committee.

Regent Blake moved, and the Committee voted, to approve item G–2.

Board of Regents Committee Appointments (Agenda no. G–3) (Action)

Bill Ayer presented this item to appoint Regent Rice to the Governance Committee, effective on January 1, 2015, and to reassign Regent Simon from the Finance and Asset Management Committee to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, effective upon Board approval.

Regent Blake moved, and the Committee voted, to approve item G–3.

ICA Liaison (Agenda no. G–4) (For discussion)

In recent years the Board has asked one Regent to serve as an informal liaison to Intercollegiate Athletics. Regent Jaech served in that role since July, 2013. Jeremy has asked to no longer act as liaison and recommends that this role is not needed.
Regents request that ICA provide three annual reports about the following:
1) Compliance, presented to the full Board,
2) Financial, presented to the Finance and Asset Management Committee, and
3) Student athlete academic achievement, presented to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

There was no further discussion about this position and no action was required, as this liaison position is not specified in the Board’s bylaws.

Board Survey Results – Board Assessment and Leadership Matrix (Agenda no. G–5) (For discussion)

Regents, and key administrators, were asked to complete two on-line surveys.

*Leadership Matrix Survey:*
Regents reviewed a matrix of self-identified results and discussed next steps. It was recommended the survey be repeated periodically, and possibly not be completed anonymously. Joan will send the excel spreadsheet to committee members.

*Board Assessment Survey*
Regent Smith prepared an analysis and summary of results. Discussion focused on the Board having a clear set of goals and metrics to measure progress toward those goals. This would extend to committees, also. The goals would be developed to align with the President’s goals and the Board would provide input to the President to support his goals.

The Committee discussed holding an off-site retreat to formulate strategic issues facing the university and reaffirm the President’s goals. President Young will present a draft list of his and the University’s goals at the dinner meeting in November.

The Committee discussed effective committees – the cycle of items in FAM and ASA in a more deliberate and less random way. Kristi believes committee meetings could be longer and more in depth depending on the content. Committee time could be spent exploring institutional goals and items developed based on what Regents might need to know or understand more about to make decisions.

A suggestion was made to consider concurrent committee meetings for FAM and ASA (rather than the current practice of consecutive). Alternatively, the Board could consider meeting in committees of the whole?

2015 Governance Committee Meeting Dates (Agenda no. G–6) (For discussion)

Bill asked if the dates originally planned for the Governance committee to meet are still correct and if the meeting time still good for committee members’ schedules. If so, the dates, times, and locations will be included in the Resolution of 2015 meetings for approval at the Board meeting in November.

Other Business

*Dinner Meetings in 2015*
The committee held a very brief discussion about dinner meetings in 2015, including the format, location, and number of meetings.
The Committee also briefly discussed venues for Board Meetings and supported Bill’s suggestion to meet annually at UW Tacoma in October and at UW Bothell in March, rather than alternating campuses in March each year. This will be reflected on the 2015 regular meeting schedule. A possible return to UW Medicine, South Lake Union, with a tour of the facilities there, was suggested.

Adjourn

Hearing no other business to come before the Committee, Regent Ayer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Approved at the meeting of the Committee on May 13, 2015.