Members present: *Amy Schioldager, Chair; Jack Acosta; Evelyn Buchanan; Mike Coke; Jim Hannan; Larry Hilty; Johan Klehs; Marvin Remmich; Linda Renteria; Leona Tang*

Absent: *Jenny Linton*

Trustees Present: *Randy Davis; Kay Pitman*

Guests & Staff: *Brian Du, Professor; May Hernandez, Director, Educational Foundation; Dan Tichenor, Graystone Consulting; Fern Tyler, Director, Advancement Services & Analytics*

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Schioldager called the meeting to order at 3:48pm.
   a. **Introductions-Mike Coke, Vice Chair:** Amy welcomed Mike Coke in his new role as Vice Chair of the Finance & Investment Committee.
   b. **Approval of October 14, 2025 Meeting minutes:** No changes to the minutes were brought forward. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

   MINUTE ACTION: The committee approves the minutes as prepared from October 14, 2025.
   Motion by: Jack Acosta Seconded by: Larry Hilty Motion: Passed

2. **Investment Performance Report as of January 31, 2026:**
   a. **Investment Recommendations:** Dan Tichenor presented the investment performance report and provided an overview of current market conditions. He noted that markets have been volatile in early 2026, with strong economic fundamentals but elevated valuations creating uncertainty around future market direction.
   Dan reviewed portfolio performance through December 31, 2025. Returns were approximately 2% for the quarter, 7% fiscal year-to-date, and 15.5% for the calendar year. Three-year annualized returns remain strong at approximately 12%. He noted that while the MacKenzie Scott gift has temporarily shifted overall allocations, the existing portfolio remains close to target allocations when the gift proceeds are excluded.

   Dan also reviewed recent portfolio actions, including portfolio rebalancing and the reinvestment of proceeds from a maturing structured note. He recommended placing the Geneva Small Cap Growth SMA on an informal watchlist following recent underperformance.

   On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

   MINUTE ACTION: The committee approves the Graystone Consulting recommendations.
   Motion by: Larry Hilty Seconded by: Jack Acosta Motion: Passed

3. **Committee Education Session-Alternative Investments:**
   Dan provided an educational presentation on alternative investments and their role within a diversified portfolio. The discussion focused on private equity, private credit, and private real estate strategies, as well as the potential benefits of diversification. He noted that alternative investments may help reduce portfolio volatility and enhance long-term returns when incorporated appropriately into an investment strategy.

4. **MacKenzie Scott Gift Investment Plan:**
Dan presented Graystone's proposed investment plan for the $41 million portion of the MacKenzie Scott gift designated for endowment. The recommendations include adjusting target asset allocations to reflect the Foundation's growth from a $28 million portfolio to a portfolio approaching $100 million in assets and taking a more institutional approach to private investments.
The committee reviewed the proposed implementation strategy, including a phased investment approach and long-term pacing plan designed to achieve target allocations over the next four to six years. Dan noted that the proposed strategy remains consistent with the Foundation's current Investment Policy Statement.

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

MINUTE ACTION: The committee approves the MacKenzie Scott Gift Investment Plan, contingent upon approval of the MacKenzie Scott Gift allocation by the Board of Trustees.
Motion by: Larry Hilty Seconded by: Jack Acosta Motion: Passed

5. **Allocation of MacKenzie Scott Gift:**
Vice President Buchanan reviewed the proposed allocation of the $50 million MacKenzie Scott gift. The proposal allocates 82% of the gift to endowment and 18% to current-use initiatives. Evelyn provided a high-level overview of each proposed funding category and discussed how the allocation aligns with university priorities.
The committee also reviewed investment options for the intermediate-term portion of the gift. Following discussion, the committee recommended an allocation of 85% fixed income and 15% equity for those funds.

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

MINUTE ACTION: The committee recommends approval of the proposed MacKenzie Scott Gift allocation to the Board of Trustees.
Motion by: Jack Acosta Seconded by: Johan Klehs Motion: Passed

The committee then considered the recommended intermediate-term investment allocation.

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

MINUTE ACTION: The committee approves an investment allocation of 85% fixed income and 15% equity for the intermediate term portion of the MacKenzie Scott gift.
Motion by: Johan Klehs Seconded by: Larry Hilty Motion: Passed

6. **Foundation Budget Reports:**
   a. **Operating Budget Actuals Through January 31, 2026**
   Amy Schioldager reviewed the operating budget report. Revenue and expenses are generally tracking in line with expectations, and the Foundation's reserve position remains strong.

7. **New Business:** No new business presented.

8. **Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Amy adjourned the meeting at 5:03pm.

Dated: February 26, 2026