UBF: Advancing and Strengthening Our University

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“(Public university) foundations have been around for over a century: In 1891 a group of community leaders formed a small private corporation called the Kansas University Endowment Association to purchase a parcel of land adjacent to the university at a fire-sale price. State law at the time made it impossible for the university to use funds from private gifts to acquire the property, but the newly created foundation was able to seize the opportunity and secure the basis for the institution's future growth.”
Public University Foundations: Today

“So began the growth of partnerships involving volunteers working together with public university leaders to raise money for institutional enhancements beyond those possible with the revenues normally appropriated by state legislators. Today, the vast majority of public colleges and universities rely on the assistance of private, institutionally related foundations to support and strengthen their institutions' ability to fulfill their missions.”

Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges
What Lies Ahead for University-Foundation Relations; David Bass
UBF Background and History

The University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc. was chartered in 1962 by the Regents of the State of New York as a non-profit educational corporation in the same year in which the private University of Buffalo became part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system. The foundation operates in a manner consistent with the policies of the SUNY trustees and the University at Buffalo. However, the foundation trustees and directors are completely independent of the state and of SUNY in the exercise of their fiduciary responsibilities. Over the years the foundation has distinguished itself by a high degree of entrepreneurialism in all of its activities.
The mission of the University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc., is to support and promote the activities and programs of the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. This is accomplished by providing advice and counsel regarding philanthropy and fund raising, managing gifts and grants on behalf of the university, providing a wide range of financial services for the various units of the university, developing and managing real property on behalf of the university, and providing a strong base of private-sector support for the university through the foundation's trustees and directors.
UB / UBF Mission and Roles

**UB**
Public, research-intensive university

**UBF**
Supports and promotes the mission of UB
UBF as a Component Unit

Under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards, UBF is reported as a “Component Unit” of UB:

- Organizations that are legally separate, tax-exempt entities and...

- The economic resources received or held by the separate organization are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the primary government (UB), its component units, or its constituents.
UBF Benefits to UB

• Manages and invests private support with protections of a private entity.
• Protects the personal, private information of donors.
• Provides fiduciary responsibility to protect the interests of donors.
• Provides financial flexibility, timeliness, and responsiveness for certain transactions.
• Provides a vehicle to engage alumni and volunteers who could not otherwise serve UB.
Private Support Serves Public Mission

UB
State agency / public university

UBF
Private support / leverage and flexibility
UBF Governance Structure

Board of Trustees
The board of trustees of the University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc. (UBF) is the University at Buffalo’s (UB) preeminent body charged with the stewardship of the university’s privately held assets in the service of strengthening the university’s teaching, research, and public service mission and accomplishments.

Trustees serve up to 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Trustees represent the University at Buffalo and the University at Buffalo Foundation to the general public and fulfill general duties of care, loyalty and obedience.

More information: http://www.ubfoundation.buffalo.edu/board/board-trustees
Board of Directors
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UBF Governance Structure

Committees

Audit
Compensation
Gift Stewardship
Executive
Finance
Investment
Properties

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# UBF Corporate Structure

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UB Foundation, Inc.
UBF Corporate Structure

UB Foundation, Inc.

• Processes and manages gifts.
• Investment portfolio management.
• Endowment services and stewardship.
• Governed by a Board of Trustees.
UBF Corporate Structure

UBF Activities, Inc.

• Processes program service (non-gift) revenues for UB-related units and for UBF-owned student housing.
• Expenditures of gifts, program service, and investment revenues to support UB programs.
• Payroll administration.
• Governed by a Board of Directors.
UBF Corporate Structure

UBF Services, Inc.

- Administration of legacy sponsored programs for University at Buffalo.
- Administration of other agency activity.
- Governed by a Board of Directors.
UBF Corporate Structure

UBF Corp.

• Owns, develops, and operates real estate for the benefit of UB: campus bookstore and The Commons.

• Governed by a Board of Directors.
UBF Corporate Structure

FNUB, Inc.

- Owns and operates off-campus real estate for the benefit of UB.
- Holdings include parcels in the medical corridor, Anderson Gallery, Jacobs Executive Development Center, and 889 LeBrun.
- Governed by a Board of Directors.
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UBF Incubator, Inc.

• Owns and operates Baird incubator adjacent to North Campus.
• Stimulates growth and increase interaction between UB and start-up businesses.
• Governed by a Board of Directors.
UBF Corporate Structure

UBF Faculty-Student Housing, Corp.

- Constructs and operates student housing for UB.
- Currently operates 6 housing projects totaling 2,770 beds.
- Governed by a Board of Directors.
UBF Services to UB- or SUNY-Related Organizations

Payroll services

- University Medical Resident Services, PC
- University Dental Resident Services, PC

Accounting and Financial Management

- Alumni Association, Inc.
- Center for Assistive Technology, Inc.
- UB Speech, Language, and Hearing, Inc.

Endowment Services

- Other SUNY campuses.
UB Foundation, Inc., and Affiliates
Asset Breakdown as of 6/30/2013 ($ millions)

- UB Foundation (70%)
- UBF Activities (12%)
- UBF Fac-Stu Housing (14%)
- FNUB, Inc. (3%)
- UBF Services (0.7%)
- UBF Corp. (0.2%)
- UBF Incubator (0.1%)
Types of Gifts

Unrestricted Gifts
- For general needs of UB

Temporarily Restricted
- Designated for a specific purpose
- Designated for unrestricted use of a specific department or unit of UB.

Permanently Restricted
- Endowed – principal is reserved and investment returns support UB per donor intent.
- Annual spending is determined by UBF Spending Policy
- Spending can be designated for a specific purpose or for general needs of UB.
Undesignated net assets include the Foundation’s net investment in property, plant, and equipment including the fine art collection and amounts set aside for maintenance of properties.
UBF Funds for UB General Use
Fiscal Year 2013
Total $8.61M

- Development ($6.193k)
- Academic ($320k)
- Academic Support ($1,680k)
- Infrastructure ($230k)
- Student Support ($120k)
- Research ($75k)
UBF Endowment Performance
1994-2013

Performance of $1,000,000 Endowment

- Principal Value
- Cumulative Distribution for Spending

Fiscal Year

$0
$250,000
$500,000
$750,000
$1,000,000
$1,250,000
$1,500,000
$1,750,000
$2,000,000
UBF Spending Distributions
1994-2013

Annual Spending from $1,000,000 Endowment

- Annual Distribution
- Inflation Rate (CPI)
- Inflation Rate (HEPI)

Fiscal Year

Expenditures Guided by UBF Policies

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ATTACH ORIGINAL RECEIPTS/INVOICE-NO. __________________________________________________________

AND DOCUMENT ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION INCLUDING BUSINESS PURPOSE, BENEFIT TO UB, PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP, DATE, ETC. __________________________________________________________

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UB BUSINESS PURPOSE: __________________________________________________________
Other Questions?

For more information on UB Foundation:

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