

# HIGHER ED MATTERS

Utah System of Higher Education, October 2013

## Higher Education Budget for 2014-2015

The Utah System of Higher Education and the State Board of Regents are committed to building capacity to reach the state's goal that 66% of adults hold a degree or certificate by 2020. This funding request supports the missions of Utah's public colleges and universities in meeting the state's educational and economic goals.

Higher education in Utah is responsive to the needs of students and the economy. Within the base budget, institutions are continually reprioritizing, finding efficiencies, eliminating outdated programs and adding new ones based on demand. The following budget priorities are in addition to the ongoing base budget.

### USHE Top 3 Budget Priorities

#### #1 Employee Compensation: \$31,611,300

##### Base Compensation Package **\$21,128,300**

A three percent Performance Based compensation pool allows USHE institutions to recruit and retain qualified faculty and staff in a competitive, national market.

##### Health Package **\$8,675,600**

In order to maintain current health care programs, medical insurance premiums are projected to increase 9.5% in 2014-15.

##### Utah Retirement Systems Package **\$1,807,400**

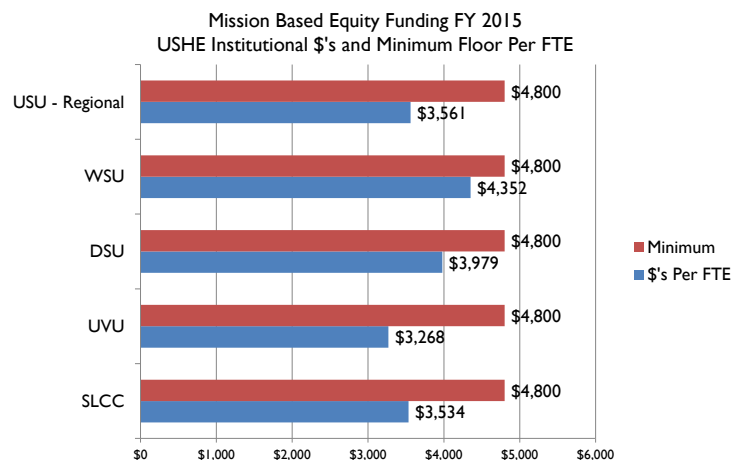
URS retirement premiums for Tier 1 employer contributions are increasing 7.88%, with Tier 2 at 9.32%.

#### #2 Mission Based Funding: \$79,705,000

##### Acute Equity Funding **\$69,705,000**

Enrollment growth in Utah higher education has not been funded since 2003. Yet in that time, USHE has

grown by 14,800 students. While all USHE institutions receive less in tax funds or tuition than their peers, funding inequities are most acute at institutions with open-access missions. The Board of Regents' Acute Equity funding request is based upon the principle that Utah resident students should receive similar state support based on institutional mission and student type, regardless of which state institution they attend.



The request seeks to establish a minimum floor of state funding for resident undergraduate students of \$4,800 annually. This number is equal to 90% of the mean for Carnegie Foundation's peer institutions.

##### Distinctive Mission **\$10,000,000**

To support the State Board of Regents' strategic plan of increasing participation, completion, and economic development each institution will propose unique initiatives based regional and statewide educational needs. Past projects have included expanding STEM cohorts, increasing online course delivery, enhancing retention and student success efforts, and entrepreneurship programs that meet local economic development needs.

## USHE Budget Priorities for 2014-15

### #3 Performance Based Funding: \$2,000,000

USHE recommends funding core performance measures which emphasize completions to reach the 66% goal. Institutions submit specific measures (metrics), current data, and benchmarks for evaluation, to receive allocations based on achievement or significant progress. Metrics from 2013 include:

- Retention & completion rates
- Increasing graduate education
- Transitioning students from developmental math to college math courses

which will allow users to manage IT services, create self-service catalogs for web hosting, classroom technology installation, and network security.

### Statewide Programs: \$7,800,000

<b>Student Access</b>	<b>\$7,250,000</b>
• Regents' & New Century Scholarships: to fund growth in number of recipients	\$6,000,000
• Success Stipends: need-based aid	\$1,000,000
• Engineering & Computer Science Scholarships	\$250,000

<b>Collaborations</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
• Utah Data Alliance (UDA)	\$150,000
• Technology Intensive Concurrent Enrollment (TICE)	\$150,000
• Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC)	\$250,000

### Operational Imperatives: \$7,047,200

#### O&M for Non-State Funded Projects \$1,947,200

For state-funded buildings, the O&M costs are budgeted for funding at the time the building is approved. For non-state funded buildings, since it is often unclear how soon these buildings will open after legislative approval, thus funding is not budgeted until after the building is complete and enters service. This amount represents one-third of the amount the Legislature has authorized USHE to request.

#### Univ. of Utah Utility Infrastructure \$3,900,000

This ongoing appropriation will allow the University to complete the replacement of outdated infrastructure.

#### Higher Education Tech. Initiative \$1,200,000

HETI funds are used to support USHE technology initiatives. This year's request is focused on three areas:

- **Teaching & Learning Platform** software license to provide instructors the means to offer a multi-media rich learning experience.
- **Network Security & Software** for USHE institutions to implement shared storage and cloud services along with data security.
- **ServiceNow** cloud-based application suite

### State Initiatives: \$10,400,000

Utah State University: Veterinary Medicine & Graduate Program Support	\$3,000,000
Salt Lake Community College: Student Access Support & Completion	\$3,400,000
Dixie State University: University Implementation	\$2,500,000
Snow College: Rural Superintendents Concurrent Enrollment	\$1,500,000

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