January 15, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: David L. Buhler

SUBJECT: University of Utah - Campus Master Plan Approval

Issue

In compliance with Regents policy, the University of Utah has requested approval of its updated Campus Master Plan which was approved by the Regents in October of 2010.

Background

As noted in the attached letter from the University of Utah, in June of 2010 the University’s 25-year Campus Master Plan was awarded the Excellence in Planning Merit Award by the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP). Given the dynamic nature of a major research and teaching university, such a plan is always in a state of development. The University is prepared to present its “Campus Master Plan – 2014” for approval at the Regents meeting.

The details of the updates to the plan to be discussed are summarized in the attached letter from the University. As noted, the presentation can be accessed at the University of Utah Facilities web site at http://facilities.utah.edu/associate-vp/presentations.php. University officials will be present to answer questions from the Board.

Commissioner’s Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Regents approve the University’s updated campus master plan.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachment
December 30, 2013

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education
Utah System of Higher Education
Board of Regents Building, Two Gateway
60 South 400 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1284

Re: University of Utah Campus Master Plan

Dear Mr. Buhler:

The University of Utah’s award winning 2008 Campus Master Plan given by the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP), and updated in 2010, has served the University and State of Utah extremely well over the past 5 years.

With the 25-year Campus Master Plan, the University has transformed our 1500-acre, 30,000-student institution not only into an integrated and more functional campus, but one that is also walkable, sustainable, and energized.

As a dynamic and vibrant institution, the University of Utah campus planners continue to work with many campus constituents as the Campus Master Plan continues its evolution. Likewise, the updated Campus Master Plan continues to be shared with our neighbors at Community Forums held throughout the year. The next Community Forum will be January 14, 2014.

The University of Utah requests Board of Regent approval for “Campus Master Plan – 2014,” an update to the comprehensive and thoughtful framework for current and future campus development.

The “Campus Master Plan – 2014” update will be presented to the Finance and Facilities Committee at the January 24th meeting. The presentation will include, but not limited to,
precinct planning for the Health Sciences Center and other focused and broader planning initiatives. These include, either complete or underway, the Bicycle Master Plan, ADA Master Plan, Campus Transportation and Parking Master Plan, Residential Housing Master Plan, an update to the Campus Utilities Infrastructure Master Plan; and, other planning studies. This presentation can be found at the University of Utah’s Campus Planning web site located at http://facilities.utah.edu/campus-planning/master-plan/.

Thank you for consideration and support of this request.

Sincerely,

Arnold B. Combe
Vice President

Cc:   Dr. Gregory L. Stauffer
      Ralph Hardy
      Michael G. Perez, University of Utah
      John McNary, University of Utah