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State Board of Regents Will Meet March 28
Lowest Tuition Increase Since 2000 Will Be Considered

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Regents will convene at Dixie State University in St. George on Friday, March 28, 2014. The meeting will take place on the fifth floor of the Jeffrey R. Holland Centennial Commons building.

One of the roles of the Board of Regents is to set the tuition rate for all eight public colleges and universities in the Utah System of Higher Education. This overall average tuition increase of 4.7% is the lowest proposed since 2000. Utah’s public institutions have among the lowest tuition rates of Western states. In fact, Utah’s public colleges and universities have the third lowest in-state tuition and fees in the nation, according to the “[Trends in College Pricing](#)” report published by College Board in 2013. The Regents will approve or modify this recommendation at the March 28th meeting.

“Because of the outstanding support we received during the legislative session this year, we are able to recommend a low tuition increase this year,” said Commissioner Buhler. “Utah is lucky to have such forward-thinking state leadership when it comes to higher education.”

An increase of 4 percent is recommended for Tier I tuition, which is applied to all institutions equally. Tier II tuition recommendations are as follows: University of Utah, 1.8 percent; Utah State University, 1.5 percent; and Snow College, 2 percent. Tier II tuition is proposed by institution presidents, after discussions with trustees and student hearings.

Apart from the tuition increase rate, other key items to be discussed at this meeting are:

- 2014 legislative session report
- New Century and Regents Scholarship award levels for 2014-15

The complete downloadable agenda is available on the USHE website at higheredutah.org/sbr/agendas, and audio streaming will be available during Committee of the Whole portions of the meeting.

The Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) includes all of Utah's eight public colleges and universities: the University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, Southern Utah University, Snow College, Dixie State University, Utah Valley University and Salt Lake Community College. For more information on the Utah System of Higher Education, visit higheredutah.org.

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