

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY, ST. GEORGE, UTAH
JEFFREY R. HOLLAND CENTENNIAL COMMONS
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
Daniel W. Campbell, Vice Chair
Jessellie B. Anderson
Nina R. Barnes
Keith M. Buswell
Leslie Brooks Castle
Wilford W. Clyde
France A. Davis
James T. Evans
Marlin K. Jensen
Robert S. Marquardt
Erik Mikkelsen
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Harris H. Simmons
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer
Joyce P. Valdez
John H. Zenger

Office of the Commissioner

David L. Buhler, Commissioner
Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs
Gregory L. Stauffer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities

Institutional Presidents

David W. Pershing, University of Utah
Stan L. Albrecht, Utah State University
Charles A. Wight, Weber State University
Scott L. Wyatt, Southern Utah University
Gary L. Carlston, Snow College
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State University
Ian Wilson, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Utah Valley University
Deneece Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College

Other Commissioner's Office and institutional personnel were also present. The signed role is on file in the Commissioner's Office.

The Board of Regents began the day at 8:00 a.m. with a breakfast meeting; they were joined by the Dixie State University Board of Trustees. The Regents then met in committees until 10:30 a.m.

The Committee of the Whole was called to order at **10:41 a.m.**

State of the University

President Nadauld gave a presentation on the state of the University updating the Regents on Dixie State's developments as a regional university and reporting on programs aimed at improving retention.

Chair Beesley added President Nadauld has been the "right man for the right time", and working together with his staff and board of trustees, recognized the tremendous strides Dixie State University has made under his leadership.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Buhler focused his report on the 2014 Legislative Session (see below).

General Consent Calendar (TAB T)

On a motion by Regent Pitcher, and seconded by Regent Zenger, the following items were approved on the Regents' General Consent Calendar:

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting January 24, 2014, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved
- E. Finance/Facilities

Reports of Board Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

New Century and Regents' Scholarship Award Amounts for 2014-15 (TAB A)

Regent Davis reported that the legislature approved an increase of \$3 million one-time funding for the Regents' Scholarship program and a \$500,000 one-time appropriation for the New Century Scholarship program which provide enough resources to fully fund the New Century and Regent's Exemplary awards at the full amount, \$1,250 per semester for the 2014-15 academic year. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Prince to approve the following amounts for the New Century and Regents' Scholarships for the college academic year 2014-15:**

- New Century Scholarship: \$1,250 per semester
- Regents' Base Award: \$1,000 one-time
- Regents' Exemplary Award \$1,250 per semester
- Regents' UESP Savings Match: Up to \$400 one time

The motion carried.

R315 (Service Area Designations and Coordination of Off-Campus Courses and Programs): Verification of Existing Delivery Outside of a Designated Service Area (TAB B)

Regent Davis reported this policy was approved previously and this action item is to approve the list of programs that verify existing and grandfathered delivery of courses and programs that are not asynchronous and are offered outside the institutional designated service areas. He encouraged the board to carefully review the attached list of courses. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Mikkelsen to approve the list in Tab B as required in R315, Section 6.2. The motion carried.**

Recommendations on High School Mathematics Preparation for Students Enrolling in Utah System of Higher Education Institutions (TAB C)

Regent Davis reported on and moved for approval of the recommendations of the Senior Year Math Task Force and the further distribution of the recommendations found at Tab C to interested high school students, parents, counselors, teachers and administrators. Regent Simmons seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Report on Services for Veterans (TAB D)

Regent Davis reported on this information item pointing out that all of the institutions have staff assigned to work with veterans, six of which have offices dedicated to serving veterans with four of these having veterans centers which provide expanded services. No action was taken.

State Systems Transformation Co-creation Participation (TAB E)

Regent Davis reported on the new grant funded project. This was an information item, no action was taken.

Finance/Facilities Committee

Dixie State University - Campus Master Plan Update (TAB F)

Regent Marquardt reported on the updates to the Dixie State University Campus Master Plan outlined in Tab F, adding that the Physical Education / Student Recreation Building is their number one priority. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Pitcher to approve the Campus Master Plan. The motion carried.**

Dixie State University - Burns Arena North Office Addition (TAB G)

Regent Marquardt reported on Dixie State University's requested approval for construction, with institutional funds, an office building addition to the north-end of the existing Burns Arena. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the Dixie State University project request, subject additionally to State Building Board authorization to build without legislative authorization. The motion carried.**

University of Utah - Huntsman Center Arena Phase 1 Upgrade and Remodel (TAB H)

Regent Marquardt reported on the University of Utah's request for construction of Phase 1 of the Huntsman Center Arena Upgrade and Remodel. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the Huntsman Center Arena project as requested with the understanding that future phases will be brought to the Regents for approval at the appropriate time. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R590, Issuance of Revenue Bonds for Facilities Construction, Facilities Acquisition, or Equipment (TAB I)

Regent Marquardt reported briefly on the technical revisions to R590. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Pitcher to approve the revisions to R590 as outlined in Tab I. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R491, University Research Parks (TAB J)

Regent Marquardt reported Policy R491 had come before the Board of Regents in January 2014 and was tabled to refine the "definitions" section of the policy. **Regent Marquardt reported that the committee was happy with the new definition and he moved the approval of R491 as outlined in Tab J. It was seconded by Regent Barnes. The motion carried.**

Adoption of Policy R122, Board Conflict of Interest Policy (TAB K)

Regent Marquardt reported on the proposed new policy, R122. The policy is in line with Utah state statutes and requires each board member to complete a disclosure statement form each year. Regent Marquardt also reported the Finance/Facilities Committee added the statement in section 5.2.1. "as provided by the Commissioner's Office" inserted into the statement "For disclosure statements required by Section 4.2.1., the disclosure statement *as provided by the Commissioner's Office* must be submitted before the Regent participates in his or her official capacity with respect to such transactions or within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this policy and annually thereafter." Regent Marquardt further reported the submitted disclosure statements will be reviewed by the Conflict of Interest Committee and the minutes of the meeting will reflect the names of the board members who abstain from a particular vote. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Zenger to adopt the new policy. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R588, Delegation of Debt Policy to Boards of Trustees (TAB L)

Regent Marquardt reported this agenda item was pulled from this agenda to allow for additional revisions to the policy. No action was taken.

Revision of Policy R205, Presidential Appointment, Term of Office, and Compensation and Benefits (TAB M)

Regent Marquardt reported on the revision on Policy R588 section 3.5.3. He noted that the Finance/Facilities Committee further revised the language in section 3.5.3 removing a dollar amount "\$520" and replacing it with the language "at a rate set by the Commissioner's Office" so the policy will not become dated with rate changes. The dollar amount was also removed in the final sentence of this section and replace with the word "established rate". **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Pitcher to approve the revision of Policy R205 section 3.5.3. The motion carried.**

USHE - Spring 2014 Enrollment Report (TAB N)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

HigherEdUtah2020 - 2014 Report (TAB O)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

USHE - Annual Money Management Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013 (TAB P)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

University of Utah - Series 2014A General Revenue Refunding Bonds (TAB Q)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

University of Utah - Health Sciences Center Campus Master Plan (TAB R)

Regent Marquardt reported this item was pulled from the agenda and will be submitted to the Board of Regents at a later date. No action was taken.

USHE - Capital Facilities Update for 2014-15 (TAB S)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

2014 Legislative Session Report and Budget Update (TAB U)

Commissioner Buhler reported on the 2014 Legislative Session. He congratulated the USHE presidents for doing a great job on presenting to the legislature, noted a few successful bills, and recognized the great work of staff. He reported this year was a historic reinvestment of higher education on the part of the Utah legislature with a total budget increase of 11.3 percent. He thanked the Regents, Presidents, Trustees, business community and others for uniting and supporting our system. He also thanked the support of the legislature leadership, in particular Senator Stephen Urquhart, Representative Keith Grover, and Representative Jon Stanard, who were champions for higher education this year.

Resolution of Appreciation

Chair Beesley spoke to the *Resolution of Appreciation for Support of the Budget Priorities of the Utah State Board of Regents during the 2014 Legislative Session* thanking the Governor, Utah Legislature, institution Presidents and Trustees for their hard work and united efforts during the 2014 Legislative Session that resulted in a significant investment in Utah's future. In addition Chair Beesley thanked President Pershing and Commissioner Buhler for their efforts and leadership. **It was moved by Regent Campbell and seconded by Regent Davis to approve the resolution. The motion carried.**

Tuition Increases for 2014-15 (1st- and 2nd- tier) (TAB V)

Commissioner Buhler reported this year the Utah System of Higher Education is recommending a first-tier tuition increase of 4.0% and added that this is the lowest increase since 2000, drawing the tie between legislative funding and tuition increases. He also reported there are three institutions proposing 2nd tier tuition increase as outlined in Tab V. Associate Commissioner Greg Stauffer also drew the Regents attention to the Utah State University expansion of tuition plateau rates. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Theurer to approve the tuition rates for 2014-15 as outlined in Tab V. The motion carried.**

Fee Increases for 2014-15 (TAB W)

Associate Commissioner Greg Stauffer briefly reported the general student fee schedules for 2015. **It was moved by Regent Simmons and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the fee schedules included in Tab W. The motion carried.**

Preliminary Framework for 2015-16 Budget Request (TAB X)

Commissioner Buhler reported on this item, Chair Beesley and Vice Chair Campbell also spoke in support of this directive. **It was moved by Regent Campbell and seconded by Regent Barnes to direct the**

Commissioner, working with the Presidents, to bring forward to the May 2014 Board meeting, a preliminary framework for the 2015-16 budget recommendation, including the following elements:

- Per-student funding at each institution based on their mission and role with a goal of each institution reaching their benchmark median over time.
 - The goal is to bring institutions to the same percentage of their benchmark median.
- Funding of statewide strategic priorities as established by the Board.
- Post-performance funding.

The motion carried.

Regent Beesley thanked President Nadauld and Dixie State University for their hospitality. She also recognized Regent Davis (Pastor Davis) celebrating 40 years of service.

It was moved by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Davis to meet in Executive Session. The motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:25 p.m. and the Board of Regents met in Executive Session until 12:51 p.m.

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: