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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: David L. Buhler

SUBJECT: USHE – Fiscal Health Dashboard Presentation & Discussion

Issue

The Commissioner's Office has developed an online fiscal health dashboard for each USHE institution as requested by the Board. The dashboard will be presented during the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting for review and feedback.

Background

At the July Board meeting, the Board requested that the Office of the Commissioner develop a fiscal health dashboard to give the Board greater insight to the key factors that help determine the financial health and wellbeing of a college or university in the Utah System of Higher Education. A progress report was provided at the November meeting.

Currently the Commissioner's Office collects a significant amount of data from institutions including enrollment, completion, tuition, budget and financial, student financial aid, staffing counts and salary comparisons, and space inventories. This information is published annually in the USHE Data Book and posted on the USHE website [www.higheredutah.org](http://www.higheredutah.org).

In addition to Data Book, the Commissioner's Office has developed nine different dashboard reports that review enrollments, completion, workforce data, high school performance, and USHE peer comparisons. However, USHE currently does not have a dashboard for fiscal health measures.

To meet this need, the Commissioner directed staff to develop an online fiscal health dashboard for each institution that is easy to access, provides a snapshot of how the institution is performing on the identified metric as compared to an established benchmark/target, and outlines the performance trend overtime.

The first phase of the dashboard project focuses on key metrics for the following areas:

- Enrollment Trends
- Revenue
- Expenditures
- Financial Ratios

Additional information regarding tuition and fees, student debt, faculty/staff levels and salaries, and facilities will added in future phases of the project.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item only; no action is required.

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