



UTAH SYSTEM OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION

# 2018 Legislative Review





## Before Day 1:

- Budget challenges: -1.5% budget reduction
- Legislative challenges:
  - Presidential appointments
  - Cap Education funds to higher ed
  - Political neutrality
  - Conflicts in federal/state law on civil liberties
  - Weakened support of student victims of sexual violence

# USHE Budget Priorities (Sept. 2017)

Different process than in the past:

- Institutions submitted their top 5 budgetary priorities.
- Budget priorities not determined by formula or allocation.
- Regents' budget recommendation reflected institutional priorities.
- Allowed flexibility for institutions to prioritize for their needs.



# Budget

## 7.9% Increase (\$68.3 M ongoing funds):

- 2.5% Salary + Insurance \$27.3 M
  - Faculty & Staff Adjustments (Snow/DSU) \$ 1.6 M
- Workforce \$ 9.2 M
- Student Growth \$ 9.1 M
- Completion \$ 4.8 M
- Performance Funding \$ 3.9 M
- Regents' Scholarship Growth \$ 3.3 M
- Talent Development Incentive Loan \$ 2.5 M



# Budget

7.9% appropriated increase (\$68.3 M ongoing funds):

University of Utah	\$20,193,000	6.6%
Utah State University	\$13,827,600	6.8%
Weber State University	\$ 5,444,300	6.5%
Southern Utah University	\$ 3,535,000	9.1%
Snow College	\$ 3,801,200	15.9%
Dixie State University	\$ 4,341,800	12.2%
Utah Valley University	\$ 8,050,600	7.4%
Salt Lake Community College	\$ 5,305,700	5.5%



# Capital Development

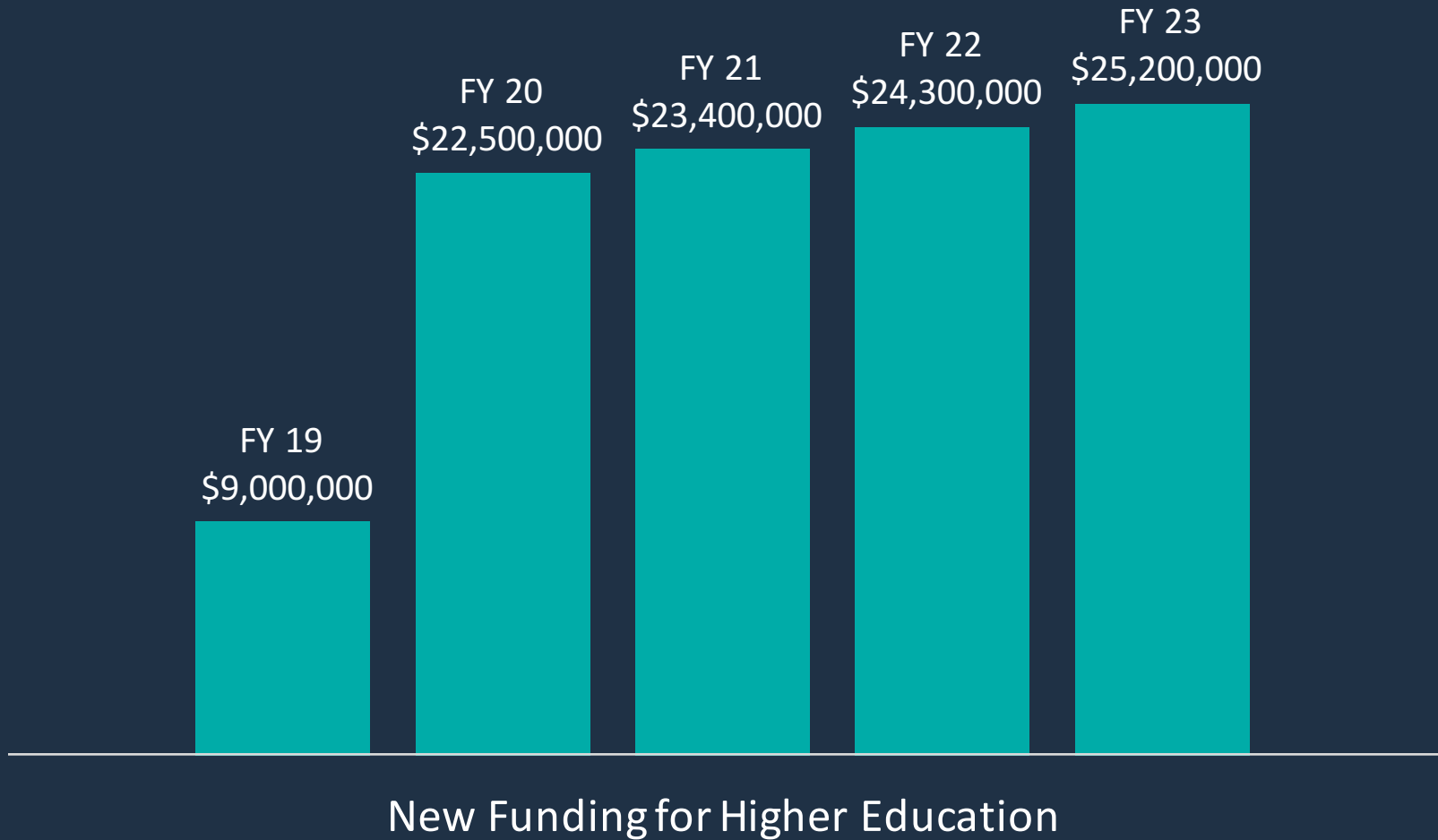
## State-funded projects:

UU Medical Education & Discovery Complex*	\$ 45 M
DSU Human Performance Center*	\$ 17 M
WSU Lindquist Hall Classroom Building*	\$ 15.9 M
USU Biology Renovation	\$ 23 M
Snow Stadium Complex	\$ 5 M
DSU	\$ 300 k

\*Legislature approved and partially funded in 2017.  
DSU, WSU, UVU received approval for programming/design.



# Legislative Agreement with Our Schools Now







# Legislation

- Monitored over 100 bills on a variety of issues
  - Tuition Waivers
  - Sexual violence
  - Free speech
  - Academic freedom
  - College savings for low-income families
  - Data sharing/coordination
  - Cap funding from the Education Fund
  - Concurrent enrollment
  - Suicide prevention
  - Civil Liberties
  - Lobbying by state entities
  - Regulation of political activity
  - Real estate transactions
  - Ticket sales
  - Procurement
  - Higher education governance
  - Online and Competency-based credit



# Legislation

## SB 104 –Talent Development and Retention Strategy

- Loan forgiveness program
- For students pursuing Associate or Bachelor’s degree in “high demand” (determined by GOED)
- Regents determine how funds are divided to institutions
- Students apply to the institution
- Each year student works, institution forgives one year of loan.
- \$2.525 M appropriated annually



# Legislation

## HB 370 –Suicide Prevention and Medical Examiner Provisions

- Grant matching program to implement SafeUT suicide prevention app
- Adoption of the app is part of the Board's Recommendations on Mental Health (Sept. 2017)
- UU adopted the app Fall 2017
- Provides \$175k ongoing



# Legislation

## SB 207 – Student Data Protection Amendments

- Requires the State Board of Education to share contact information of 9-12 graders annually
- To provide “information and resources to students in grades 9 through 12 about higher education and helping students in grades 9 through 12 enter the higher education system and remain until graduation”
- Clarifies state law on data sharing with K-12



# Legislation

## HB 349 – Higher Education Legacy Scholarship Amendments

- Technical change to Legacy Waiver so students qualify for resident tuition after one year



# Legislation

## SB 300 – Higher Education Modifications

- Establishes the unofficial name of UTech
- Changes how UTech board members are appointed
- Permits the Governor to remove, for cause, Trustees & Regents
- Clarifies Regents' role in overseeing waiver use



# Legislation

## SB 300 – Higher Education Modifications (continued)

- Establishes 2-year commission to study postsecondary ed
  1. Develop statewide strategic plan
  2. Assess role higher ed and UTECH in relation to workforce
  3. Campus/technology master plan
  4. Study governance best practices
- 22 members from: USHE, UTECH, GOED, DWS, K-12, Legislature
- USHE Membership
  - Commissioner
  - Two Regents (Anderson, Jibson)
  - 4 Institutional Reps. (Watkins, Cockett, Williams, Huftalin)



# Thanks

- Regents
- Presidents
- Commissioner's Office
- Legislators, legislative staff
- Governor's Office
- Students
- State taxpayers





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