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July 25, 2019

Dixie State University – Campus Master Plan Amendment

Regent policy R706, *Capital Facilities Master Planning* requires the Board of Regents to review and approve institutional campus master plans every two years. Dixie State University seeks review and approval of revisions to the institutional campus master plan to include a future landbank acquisition south of the current main campus in St. George, Utah. A letter from the institution describing the updates to the master plan is attached along with a map. University officials will be present at the meeting and be available to respond to Board questions.

Commissioner's Recommendations

<u>The Commissioner recommends the Board approve the proposed changes to the Dixie State University</u> <u>Master Plan.</u>

Attachments

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Commissioner Dave R. Woolstenhulme Board of Regents Building, Two Gateway 60 South 400 West Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1284

Re: DSU Master Plan Update

Dear Commissioner Woolstenhulme:

Dixie State University (DSU) is requesting an update to the Campus Master Plan. At 110 acres, DSU's campus is very small, and its main campus has significant barriers to expansion: Interstate-15 is a hard barrier to the east, and land on the remaining perimeters is built-out with existing residential and/or commercial buildings.

The institution has been very progressive at purchasing property adjacent to its main campus; however, further expansion opportunities are very limited and expensive. In addition, the main campus has only two remaining building sites that will accommodate future building needs. Beyond the two parcel sites, DSU's ability to meet future growth demand will be limited to additions and/or replacement buildings.

As Washington County's population growth projections are among the highest in the nation, planning for DSU's future is an integral component of supporting the State of Utah's and Washington County's higher education needs. DSU needs to purchase property now to ensure that future physical expansion can happen in the prime locations and at a reasonable cost. To meet these objectives, DSU needs to add a landbank to the campus master plan.

DSU administrators would like to present the need for the landbank to the Regents during their August, 2019, meeting at Southern Utah University. The presentation will also give the Regents a preview of property currently available for institutional purchase.

Sincerely,

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