

BOARD OF REGENTS
TELECONFERENCE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

Harris Simmons, Chair
Nina R. Barnes, Vice Chair
Jessalie B. Anderson
Lisa-Michele Church
Wilford W. Clyde
Sanchiata Datta joined at 8:37
Alan E. Hall
Marlin K. Jensen
Ron Jibson
Patricia Jones
Steven Lund
Crystal Maggelet
Cristina Ortega dismissed at 11:00
Robert W. Prince
Mark Stoddard
Thomas E. Wright

Regents Absent

Sheva Mozafari

Office of the Commissioner

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education
Rich Amon, Associate Commissioner for Planning, Finance and Facilities
Julie Hartley, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Geoffrey Landward, Assistant Commissioner and Board Secretary

Institutional Presidents Present

Ruth V. Watkins, University of Utah
Noelle Cockett, Utah State University
Scott L. Wyatt, Southern Utah University
Astrid S. Tuminez, Utah Valley University
Richard B. Williams, Dixie State University
Denece G. Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College
Brad L. Mortensen, Weber State University
Brad J. Cook, Snow College

Chair Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Committee of the Whole

USHE – Regent Response to Student Fee Audit (TAB A)

There was discussion about the requests that came from the audit and responses. There was also discussion about the definition of reasonable student fees. David Pulsipher noted there is currently no definition of reasonable fees and Rich Amon said this is something we will be working on this year. **Regent Stoddard made a motion to approve the response to the State Auditor's report CAU-10-SP as outlined in TAB A; the motion was seconded by Regent Barnes and the motion passed. Regent Datta was not present to vote.**

USHE – Tuition and Fee Process and Affordability Task Force (TAB B)

Rich Amon reviewed the definition the Task Force has put together. Chair Simmons believes the definition is good and represented the Utah student very well. There was discussion

about the definition of affordability, return on investment, time to completion, and student debt. Chair Simmons said we need to include debt into the definition and asked to include in the recommendation “without incurring debt”. **Regent Jibson made a motion to accept the working definition of affordability for 2020-21 tuition with the addition of the student not incurring debt; Regent Prince seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

USHE – Institution and Fees Requests, Public Comments, Board Action (TAB C)

Rich Amon provided an overview of the fee setting process and changes that were made since last year. He provided a look at Utah’s tuition and fee increases as compared to national numbers as well as a history over the last 30 years in the state of Utah. He noted the overall tuition increase across the system is 1.9 percent. Student Fees will be looked at separately and across the system is an increase of approximately 1 percent. The Regents heard presentations from each institution on their request for tuition and student fee increases. Regents discussed in length the need to keep tuition increases low to zero. Regent Wright commended the presidents on their efforts to keep costs low, but believes increasing tuition is not the thing to do right now. Regents are concerned about how Covid-19 will effect students, their jobs, and their ability to stay in school and pay for tuition. Regent Datta stated we should not be discussing pay raises and tuition increases while we are facing this crisis.

University of Utah – **Regent Jones made a motion to approve the proposed annual tuition adjustment of 2 percent for 2020-2021, with the authorization to waive or defer tuition increases as needed; Regent Church seconded the motion, Regent Wright opposed and the motion passed. Regent Datta was not present to vote.**

University of Utah – **Regent Barnes made a motion to approve the proposed student fee adjustment with a net zero percent increase for 2020-2021; Regent Church seconded the motion passed.**

University of Utah – **Regent Prince made a motion to approve the differential tuition schedules for the Master of Athletic Training and the Master of Cardiovascular Perfusion; Regent Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

Utah State University – **Regent Church made a motion to approve the proposed annual tuition adjustment of 2.8 percent for the Logan and statewide campuses for 2020-2021 with the authorization to waive or defer tuition increases as needed; Regent Jensen seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed.**

Utah State University – **Regent Jibson made a motion to approve the proposed annual tuition adjustment of 3.5 percent for the Price, Blanding, and Moab campuses for 2020-2021 with the authorization to waive or defer increases as needed; Regent Jensen seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed.**

Utah State University – **Regent Clyde made a motion to approve the proposed student fee adjustment with a net 1.6 percent increase for the Logan campus and no increase for statewide campuses for 2020-2021; Regent Jensen seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed.**

Utah State University – **Regent Jensen made a motion to approve the proposed student fee adjustments for 2020-2021 with a net 40 percent increase for the Price and Blanding campuses to align them with the statewide campuses; Regent Barnes seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed.**

Snow College – **Regent Jones made a motion to approve the proposed annual tuition adjustment of 2.25 percent with the authorization to waive or defer increases as needed and no adjustments to student fees for 2020-2021; Regent Jibson seconded the motion, Regent Datta opposed, Regent Wright opposed the tuition adjustment and the motion passed.**

Salt Lake Community College – Regent Maggelet made a motion to approve the proposed annual tuition adjustment of 1.5 percent for 2020-2021 with the authorization to waive or defer increases as needed; Regent Jones seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed.

Salt Lake Community College – Regent Barnes made a motion to approve the proposed student fee adjustments with a net 1.8 percent increase for 2020-2021; Regent Church seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed.

Weber State University – Regent Hall made a motion to approve the annual tuition adjustment of 2 percent for 2020-2021 with the authorization to waive or defer increases as needed; Regent Jibson seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed. Regent Ortega was not present to vote.

Weber State University – Regent Hall made a motion to approve the proposed student fee adjustments with a net 2.0 percent increase for 2020-2021; Regent Jensen seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed.

Dixie State University – Regent Hall made a motion to approve the proposed annual tuition adjustment of 3.0 percent for 2020-2021 with the authorization to waive or defer increases as needed; Regent Maggelet seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed. Regent Ortega was not present to vote.

Dixie State University – Regent Hall made a motion to approve the proposed student fee adjustments with a net 2.9 percent increase for 2020-2021; Regent Prince seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed. Regent Ortega was not present to vote.

Utah Valley University – Regent Jones made a motion to approve the proposed annual tuition adjustment of 1.38 percent for 2020-2021 with the authorization to waive or defer increases as needed; Regent Church seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion passed. Regent Ortega was not present to vote.

Utah Valley University – Regent Clyde made a motion to approve the proposed student fee adjustments with a net 2.3 percent increase for 2020-2021; Regent Barnes seconded the motion, Regent Wright and Regent Datta opposed and the motion carried.

Southern Utah University – Regent Hall made a motion to approve no increase to the annual tuition as proposed for 2020-2021; Regent Maggelet seconded the motion and the motion passed. Regent Ortega was not present to vote.

Southern Utah University – Regent Hall made a motion to approve no student fee increases as proposed for 2020-2021; Regent Jibson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

On a motion by Regent Barnes, the meeting was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: May 15, 2020