



**University of Utah**



**Dixie State University**

**Program Incubation  
Partnership Update**



# Presentation Purpose

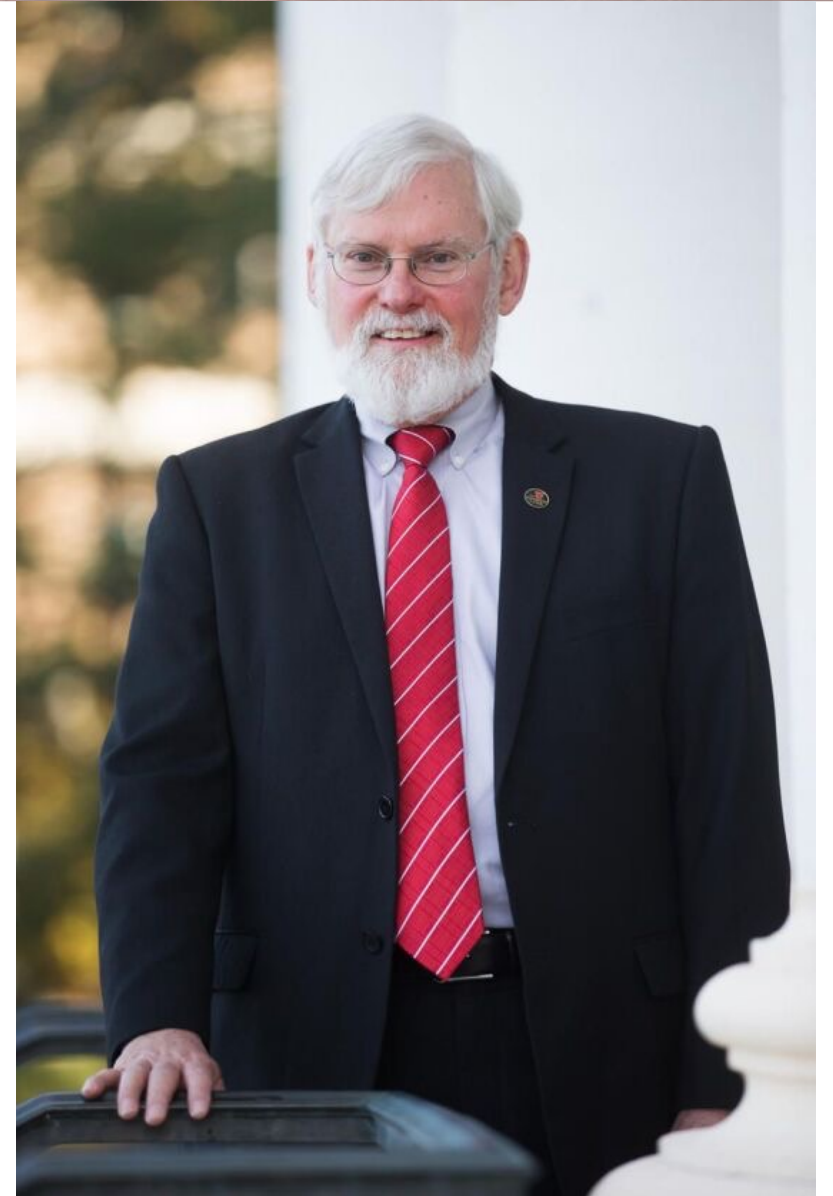
- Provide a partnership update
- Put in record the future of the partnership
- Ensure continued support from the State Board





# Background

- 2014 Presidential Interview
- State Board Directive
- Interest in incubating key programs in Health Sciences
- Address workforce shortages



# Previous Partnership Initiatives

- Center for Teaching and Learning
  - Study Abroad Program
  - Utah College Advising Corp (PVHS)
  - Library Services Enhancement
  - Undergraduate Course Offerings
  - Continuing Education
- U of U Graduate Center at St. George
    - M.Ed. Special Education
    - M.Ed. Behavioral Analyst Emphasis
    - M.Ed. School Counseling
    - M.Ed. Teacher Instructional Leadership
    - MSW Social Work

# Academic Programming Model

← COMPREHENSIVE →

EDUCATION

ARTS

BUSINESS

HUMANITIES AND  
SOCIAL SCIENCES

↑  
INTENSIVE  
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***STEM***  
INCLUDING  
HEALTH SCIENCES

# 111 New Programs Since 2015

(81% STEM focused)





# Regent Policy 312: Institutional Mission Roles

4.2. Regional Universities: The regional university's role is to provide open-access academic and career and technical education, undergraduate associate and baccalaureate programs and select graduate degree programs to fill regional or state workforce demands. Career and Technical Education programs are designed to meet workforce needs, lead to a certificate or degree, and include general education coursework. Articulation agreements allow students to transfer seamlessly from institutions offering Technical Education to CTE and academic pathways. Regional universities emphasize teaching, scholarly, and creative achievements that complement pedagogy, learning, and community service. The institution is a leading contributor to the quality of life and economic development at the local and state levels. Student success is supported through developmental programs and services associated with a comprehensive community college.



# 2015 Annual Healthcare Job Openings in Southern Utah

	Openings from growth	Openings from replacement	Total
Washington County	370	180	550
Five County Region (incl. Washington Co.)	440	250	690
Iron, Kane, Beaver, Garfield (Excl. Washington County)	70	70	140

County Growth



Workforce Shortages

\*Data from Utah Department of Workforce Services



# \$1.5 Million Legislative Appropriation

- Partnership to address critical workforce shortages
  - Physician Assistant Studies
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Physical Therapy
- Seed funding for program start up (Goal- Self Sustaining)
- U of U will incubate programs
- DSU will take over programs after full matriculation
- Funding will continue to be used to address critical workforce shortages



# Physician Assistant Program

- Started Fall 2017
- Student Cohorts
  - 2018= 18
  - 2019 =18
  - 2020 =21
  - 2021 =24
- Three graduating classes  
2020, 2021, 2022
- Separation 2026





# Physical Therapy Program

- MOU Signed March 2022
- First Class May 2022 (18)
- Designed Space Human Performance Center
  - Faculty agreement
- Separation 2030





# Occupational Therapy Program

- U of U Decision: No bandwidth to offer satellite program (2019)
- Support DSU in Occupational Therapy start up
- October 2019 DSU submits ACOTE request
- December 15, 2022: DSU submits candidacy application
  - Hire Program Director (1 year prior)
  - Hire Clinical Coordinator (6 months prior)
  - Curriculum Approval
- April 2023: Candidacy Application Decision by ACOTE
- First Class Fall 2023



# Dental/Dental Hygiene Partnership



- Used partnership funds to add space for U of U dental Students
- Space for interprofessional Education
- Partner with our give kids a smile program



# Support Needed



- Continued support from state board
- Understanding that the PT and OT programs will be clinical doctorate programs
  - Out of mission proposal
  - Occupational Therapy curriculum will be presented at the next meeting
- Questions?