

**MINUTES OF MEETING
UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**

SEPTEMBER 12, 1996

Board Members Present

Kenneth G. Anderton, Chair
Pamela J. Atkinson
Aileen H. Clyde, Vice Chair
Ian M. Cumming
Douglas S. Foxley
John B. Goddard
W. Brett Graham
David J. Grant
L. Brent Hoggan
Karen H. Huntsman
Evelyn B. Lee
Clifford S. LeFevre
Jay B. Taggart
Dale O Zabriskie

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Larzette G. Hale
Paul S. Rogers

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Cecelia H. Foxley, Commissioner
Don A. Carpenter, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Facilities
Dale C. Hatch, Associate Commissioner for Budget and Finance
Michael A. Petersen, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Joyce Cottrell CPS, Executive Secretary
Patricia S. Crane, Assistant Commissioner for Government/Media Relations
Harden R. Eyring, Executive Assistant
Lou Jean Flint, Academic Affairs Officer
Jerry H. Fullmer, Director of Information Technology
Barbara Gittins, Assistant Commissioner for Budget and Finance
Max S. Lowe, Assistant Commissioner for Applied Technology Education
Beth Ann Petrakis, Applied Technology Education Specialist
Whitney J. Pugh, Budget Analyst
Phyllis C. Safman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Norman C. Tarbox, Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid

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Jerilyn McIntyre, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Anthony W. Morgan, Vice President for Budget and Planning
Tom Nycum, Vice President for Administrative Services
Raymond A. Haeckel, Executive Director, Government and Community Relations
Kay Harward, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Randy Turpin, Assistant Vice President for Administrative Services
Richard G. Weigel, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
Margaret A. Sutton, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
Daniel E. Adams, Assistant to the Vice President for Special Projects
Stayner Landward, Dean of Students
Mark Beck, Administrative Services
Nancy Parker, Office of the Vice President for Administrative Affairs

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G. Jay Gogue, Provost
Fred R. Hunsaker, Vice President for Administrative Affairs
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C. Blythe Ahlstrom, Assistant Provost
Lynn E. Janes, Associate Vice President and Controller
Lynn J. Poulsen, Assistant Vice President for Student Services
Laird M. Hartman, Director, Uintah Branch Campus

Weber State University

Paul H. Thompson, President
David L. Eisler, Provost
Marie L. Kotter, Vice President for Student Services
Ann F. Millner, Vice President for Community Partnerships
Allen F. Simkins, Vice President for Administrative Services
Carol Berrey, Executive Director, Government and Public Affairs
Carol Gaskill, Director of Budget and Institutional Research

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Linda L. Makin, Associate Budget Director
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J. D. Davidson, Dean, School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
Phil L. Clegg, Student Body President

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Frank W. Budd, President
Marjorie Carson, Vice President of Academic Services
Richard Rhodes, Vice President of Business Services
Judd D. Morgan, Vice President of Student Services
Rand Johnson, Assistant to the President
Ken Orgill, Director of Information Technology
Geoffrey Brugger, Dean, School of Continuing and Community Education
John Latkiewicz, Director of Continuing Education

Others Present

Corrine Hill, Governor's Office
Bradley A. Winn, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
Thomas C. Anderson, Office of the Attorney General
Leo J. Memmott, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Boyd Garriott, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Stan Eckersley, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst
John Massey, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Brent Israelsen, *Salt Lake Tribune*
Kent Minchie, Zions First National Bank
Kelly Murdock, First Security Bank
Jerry Adair, State Representative

Chair Kenneth G. Anderton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He said the Board had enjoyed meeting with President Smith and the University of Utah Board of Trustees for lunch and thanked President Smith for his gracious hospitality.

Institutional Recognitions

Chair Anderton congratulated President Smith on Utah's selection as the site for the Pierre Auger Observatory. Utah was selected over Mexico or Spain to be the site of a \$50 million cosmic ray observatory. President Smith said he was delighted at the selection and the recognition it will bring to Utah and the University. He stated, "If there were any questions of the scientific reputation of the University of Utah -- and there haven't been for years -- this will put all those questions to rest." The observatory will be located in Millard County.

President Huddleston said this would be the last Board of Regents meeting for Roland Woolley, Executive Director of Business Affairs, who will be retiring at the end of this month after 22 years at Dixie College. Chair Anderton and Commissioner Foxley joined President Huddleston in thanking Mr. Woolley for his years of service to Dixie College and to the Utah System of Higher Education.

Commissioner Foxley introduced Dr. Bradley A. Winn, who has replaced Norm Tarbox in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. Dr. Winn came to Utah from Michigan, but he is not unfamiliar with the area, having previously worked at both Ricks College and Brigham Young University. Chair Anderton added his welcome to that of the Commissioner and said he hoped Dr. Winn enjoys working with us.

President Budd introduced Dr. Marjorie Carson, Salt Lake Community College's new Vice President of Academic Services. President Budd said Dr. Carson had begun her tenure at SLCC on September 1 and had already been busy with administrative retreats, meeting the faculty, and preparing for the students who will be returning to campus Fall Quarter.

Commissioner Foxley asked Regent Graham to introduce the student body officers who were in attendance. Chair Anderton thanked the students for their attendance and for their diligence in representing Utah's students.

Reports of Board Committees

Program and Planning Committee

University of Utah -- Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Studies (Tab A). Committee Chair LeFevre explained that the environmental studies program had been developed to provide an opportunity for students to understand nature and human nature relationships in multi-disciplinary ways. The program would involve faculty from seven colleges, with the heaviest participation from the Colleges of Social and Behavioral Science. The proposal had been discussed extensively at the August meeting of the Board. At that time two issues were raised by Utah State University concerning the name of the program and transferability of courses between USU and the University of Utah programs. Those issues had all been resolved before the August Board meeting, and no issues had been raised between the August and September meetings of the Board. Chair LeFevre moved approval of the program. Following a second by Regent Zabriskie, the motion was approved unanimously.

Utah State University -- Reciprocity Agreement with Colorado Northwestern College. Chair LeFevre pointed out that Dr. Robert Anderson, President of Colorado Northwestern Community College, was in attendance and was available to respond to any questions, as were representatives of Utah State University. The proposed reciprocity agreement (Tab B) would allow 25 students from Colorado and 25 students from Utah, residing in the service areas of the two institutions, to be granted waivers of non-resident tuition charges. Students would therefore pay the regular in-state tuition rate. The agreement would be in effect for a three-year period. The agreement provides for the review of the reciprocity agreement each year to determine if equal numbers of Colorado and Utah residents are participating, and to adjust the numbers if necessary. There was also a recognition that the program would be available for telecommunications programs, and that the number of students participating in those programs would be included within the 25-student limit. No concerns or policy issues were raised by any of the institutions. Chair LeFevre moved that the reciprocity agreement be approved and implemented, subject to the approval of the Colorado Commission of Higher Education. He further moved that the Regents require annual reports on the results of the agreement until its termination or a request for approval of an extension in three years. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkinson and approved unanimously.

Weber State University -- Existing LPN and ADN (Nursing) Programs Offered Off-Campus at the Davis Applied Technology Center. This program, described more fully in Agenda Tab C, was requested by the Board of Regents. Since Salt Lake Community College discontinued its LPN and ADN programs at DATC last December, this would allow WSU and DATC to offer LPN and ADN programs in Davis County. It will meet State Board of Nursing approval and National League of Nursing accreditation requirements. The program is for two years, with provisions for annual review and update. After the two-year contract, DATC will offer its own LPN program, and WSU will continue to offer the ADN program at the DATC. Regent Atkinson inquired about placement of the graduates of USHE nursing programs; Dr. Phyllis Safman offered to provide reports at an appropriate time. Regent LeFevre moved approval of the program. Following a second by Regent Lee, the motion was passed unanimously.

Weber State University -- Davis Campus Programmatic Master Plan. The plan is the product of the 27-member Davis County Higher Education Master Plan Committee, appointed by the Regents to recommend how WSU-Davis could be structured to meet the long-term higher education needs of the communities in Davis County. Chair LeFevre said this topic (see Agenda Tab D) had received considerable discussion in committee. The committee voted to approve the master plan, and Regent LeFevre moved that it receive approval by the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Zabriskie and approved unanimously.

Salt Lake Community College -- Railroad Operations Emphasis Added to the Associate of Science Degree. This request (see Tab E) was prompted by Union Pacific and other railroads, who desired a degree emphasis that would assure them of a large trained applicant pool for a wide variety of positions. Seven major railroads formed a consortium in 1993, and SLCC was the first college asked to participate. SLCC will be the only college in the Intermountain region certified by the consortium to offer the complete program. The proposed emphasis in Railroad Operations was designed to provide students with the skills sought by the employers, and also to provide an opportunity to upgrade the skills of current workers. The program would provide an opportunity for students to transfer into baccalaureate level programs. Chair LeFevre moved approval of this emphasis. Regent Taggart seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

University of Utah -- Certificate Program in Genome Science. After Regent Atkinson defined "genome," the Board discussed the request found in Tab F. The GS Certificate Program would be an interdisciplinary certificate program, open to doctoral students in the seven GS host departments. The Regents made a number of complimentary comments about the strength of this program. Stating that the committee had recommended that this item be moved to action, Regent LeFevre so moved. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkinson and passed. Regent LeFevre then moved approval of the program. That motion was seconded by Regent Lee and approved unanimously.

Concurrent Enrollment Status Report. Associate Commissioner Petersen reviewed the information found in Tab G. He explained that in concurrent enrollment courses, students receive both high school and college credit. Concurrent enrollment is a rapidly growing program, having increased approximately 22% just in the last year. Following a thorough discussion, Regent LeFevre moved that the Commissioner's Recommendation be amended as follows:

It is the recommendation of the Commissioner that the Board receive the report on concurrent enrollment, and take steps to monitor and collect data as outlined in the Policy Issues section of the Commissioner's letter, and request an annual follow-up report on the policy issues identified above, as well as a report on advanced placement.

Following a second by Regent Lee, the motion was approved unanimously.

Semester Conversion -- Status Report on General Education and Lower Division Major Curricular Revisions. This item (Tab H) was discussed in committee. Chair LeFevre asked Associate Commissioner Petersen to update the Board on the semester conversion. Dr. Petersen explained that in June the Regents had agreed that as curricula are revised during conversion to the semester calendar, a major goal would be to make it easier for students to transfer from one USHE to another. Therefore, guidelines were adopted to assure improved articulation of general education requirements and increased commonality and consistency of lower division major requirements. Associate Commissioner Petersen reported that since June the General Education Task Force has met several times. In August, academic deans from all USHE institutions met to consider alternative approaches to increase compatibility and commonality of general education requirements. In late September and early October, meetings of faculties in the four general education areas of Humanities, Fine Arts, Social Sciences, and Sciences will also be convened. Meetings of faculty representing the major discipline areas will follow. Regent Grant asked if assessment procedures were also being developed to determine the success of general education instruction. Dr. Petersen said assessment provisions will be included in the revisions in general education which are being made, and that there will be particular emphasis on assessment once the conversion to the semester calendar is completed. Following Dr. Petersen's remarks, Chair LeFevre moved that the Board receive this report and request continuing updates on the progress being made. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

SBE-SBR Joint Liaison Committee Meeting, August 5, 1996. Chair LeFevre, who participated in the meeting (see Tab I), indicated that the Joint Liaison Committee had voted to approve adding two business representatives to the Wasatch Front South Regional Consortium Board. They also received a report from Assistant Commissioner Max Lowe on the activities of the Joint Liaison ATE Advisory Committee, which is in the process of revising its governance policies for ATCs and ATCSRs. Most of the governance issues have been resolved, and a revised policy will be presented to the Joint Liaison Committee for final approval at its October meeting. Chair LeFevre moved that the minutes be received by the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkinson and passed unanimously.

Consent Calendar, Program and Planning Committee. Chair LeFevre moved that the following items on the Program and Planning Committee Consent Calendar be approved, with the following addition: It is further recommended that a clarification be provided of the definitions, standards and guidelines which should apply to emphases. System standards should be adopted before any future institutional requests for emphases are made. Regent Lee seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

- a. Utah Valley State College -- Restructure and Rename the Department of Graphics and Commercial Art Department to the Department of Performing Arts and Communications
- b. Utah Valley State College -- Add Emphases in English, Humanities and Philosophy to the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees.

Chair Anderton thanked Chair LeFevre for his report.

Finance and Facilities Committee

Southern Utah University -- Authorizing Resolution, Stadium Expansion/Renovation Building Fee Revenue Bonds. Committee Chair Goddard explained the terms of the proposed revenue bonds (see Tab L). SUU will issue approximately \$1.5 million in new revenue bonds, to be secured by existing student fees. However, it is expected that future donations to the project will be received in time to negate the need for use of these student fees to repay the bond. Chair Goddard moved that the authorizing resolution be adopted. Following a second by Regent Grant, the motion was passed unanimously.

Student Financial Aid -- Adoption of Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust Investment Policy. A full set of draft rules for the Trust has been prepared and submitted to the state for approval. However, because of its importance, a multiple review process is being followed for the investment policy. This policy (Tab L) has been thoroughly reviewed by the Board's Student Finance Subcommittee, State Treasurer Ed Alter and Assistant Attorney General Tom Anderson. The primary objectives are to provide compliance with the State Money Management Act and related rules, to provide adequate liquidity levels to meet Trust obligations, and to provide guidelines as to the types and maturities of investments while considering availability of funds, maximum yields, and minimum risk of loss. The Student Finance Subcommittee approved the policy, and Chair Goddard moved that the Board also approve it, with the understanding that if any substantive comments are received through the rule-making process, the policy will be brought back for further consideration by the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Hoggan and approved unanimously.

Revised SBR Policy R543, Commercial Banking Services (Tab M). This policy is being updated for the first time since 1980. Much of the language and practices in the current policy are outdated. Regent Goddard moved, seconded by Regent LeFevre, that the board approve the revisions to SBR Policy R543. The motion was approved unanimously.

Student Financial Aid -- Progress Report on Planning for Implementation of the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust. This report was presented to the Board for information only and required no action. Chair Goddard recommended that the Regents read the material behind Tab N at their convenience.

Student Financial Aid -- Student Finance Subcommittee Report. This report (Tab O) was also presented for information only and required no action.

University of Utah -- Status Report on Olympic Activities and Huntsman Cancer Institute. Chair Goddard invited Tom Nycum, Vice President for Administrative Services, to give the Board an update on these facilities and to respond to questions. Vice President Nycum discussed the reasoning behind the decision to have the State Building Ownership Authority (SBOA) issue the bonds for the Huntsman Cancer Institute and reported briefly on the University's latest developments in planning for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Consent Calendar, Finance and Facilities Committee. Upon motion by Regent Goddard, seconded by Regent LeFevre, the Board approved the following items:

- a. OCHE Monthly Investment Reports
- b. UofU and USU Capital Facilities Delegation Report
- c. WSU Davis County Mountain Fuel Building Purchase

State Representative Jerry Adair attended the meeting to express concerns regarding the WSU purchase of the Mountain Fuel Building. President Paul Thompson was instructed to contact members of Legislative Leadership regarding the Mountain Fuel Building purchase.

General Consent Calendar

Upon motion by Regent Grant and a second by Regent Huntsman, the Board approved the following items:

Minutes

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Utah State Board of Regents held July 19, 1996,

at the College of Eastern Utah to approve the appointment of Dr. Grace Sawyer Jones as President

b. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State Board of Regents held August 1-2, 1996, at Utah State University

Grant Proposals - Approval to submit the following proposals:

a. University of Utah -- Huntsman Cancer Institute Operating Support. Huntsman Foundation, \$6,550,753. Raymond L. White, Principal Investigator.

b. University of Utah -- Molecular Clinical Approaches to Colon Cancer Precursors. Public Health Service, \$2,322,662. Raymond L. White, Principal Investigator.

c. Utah State University -- Development of a Balloon System for Indonesia. L. W. McDowell Company, \$1,510,387. David Burt, Principal Investigator.

d. Utah State University -- Implementation of Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. U.S. Department of Agriculture, \$1,778,125. V. Philip Rasmussen, Principal Investigator.

e. Utah State University -- Saber Phase B/C/D/C. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, \$13,946,489. James Ulwick, Principal Investigator.

f. Utah State University -- Comprehensive Child Development Program. Department of Health and Human Services, \$1,032,274. Sebastian Striefel, Principal Investigator.

g. Utah State University -- Increasing Learning Opportunities for Children through Families. U.S. Department of Education, \$3,749,582. Richard N. Roberts, Principal Investigator.

h. Utah State University -- Integrated Support Services. U.S. Air Force, \$3,095,128. Steve Hansen, Principal Investigator.

i. Utah State University -- Weapon System Acquisition Support for PEO/ASM. Enmax Corporation, \$5,600,775. Dave Johnson, Principal Investigator.

j. Weber State University -- Developing Competency Based Technical Curriculum Multimedia Software. National Science Foundation, \$1,500,000. Robert Summers, Principal Investigator.

k. Weber State University -- Factors Affecting Bioremediation of Mixed Chemical Contaminated Sites. National Science Foundation, \$765,065. Mohammad Sondossi, Principal Investigator.

Executive Session(s) -- Approval to hold an executive session or sessions in connection with the meeting of the State Board of Regents to be held November 8, 1996, to consider property transactions, personnel performance evaluations, litigation, and such other matters permitted by the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

Budget Hearing

Commissioner Foxley explained that while the Board committees had been meeting, Chair Anderton and Vice Chair Clyde had met with the presidents to discuss institutional budget priorities. She asked that the tuition and fees section of the preliminary budget request be separated so that we could step back and take another look at the tuition issue before it is brought to the Board for approval in November. She briefly reviewed the highlights of the budget request, as found in Tab S.

Regent Atkinson asked if enough money had been requested for ADA requirements. She expressed concern that the

overall amount requested might not be sufficient for all the institutions. Regent Grant asked about the prioritization of libraries and requested that a footnote or asterisk be used to indicate the total amount of the budget request which would be going to libraries. He also raised questions about the general prioritization of the 1997-98 Top Strategic Priorities (page 3).

Regent Foxley reminded the Board that former Regent Holbrook had often asked, "Are we asking enough? Are we living up to the Regents' statutory obligation of representing the needs of the institutions and the state's ability to pay?" He asked, "Are we reflecting enough of the needs of the institutions, or are we constraining ourselves to what we think is the state's ability to pay?" Commissioner Foxley replied that the budget appeared to be smaller because it did not include compensation. If we were to receive a 4% increase in compensation, the budget request would be approximately \$20 million higher.

After a lengthy discussion, Regent Zabriskie moved approval of the 1997-98 Preliminary Operating Budget Request, except for the section on Tuition and Fees, which will be brought back to the Board for approval in November. Following a second, the Board approved the motion, with Regent Grant dissenting.

USHE Capital Development and Capital Improvement Priorities for FY 1997-98

Regent Foxley moved approval of the USHE Capital Development Priorities (Tab T) and the USHE Capital Improvement Priorities (Tab U) for 1997-98. Following a second, the motion was approved unanimously. Chair Anderton again thanked President Smith for his hospitality and for allowing the Board to meet at the University. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Robert Woodhead, DFCM
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Joint Meeting with State Building Board

Chair Anderton called the joint meeting of the State Board of Regents and State Building Board to order at 8:00 a.m. He thanked Chair Halverson for the opportunity for the two boards to meet together and discuss capital facilities for higher education.

The first topic of discussion was a financing method for higher education facilities. Kenneth Nye said in the past all state-financed higher education facilities have been financed through the State Building Board. Associate

Commissioner Carpenter called attention to funding for the Huntsman Cancer Institute and asked University of Utah Vice President Thomas Nycum to explain its funding mechanism.

If the Legislature and respective boards were to support a moral obligation provision in the Board's bonding authority, it would result in a AA rating for the bonds without the necessity to pay extra for independent credit enhancements. Kelly Murdock said the traditional method of financing non-state-financed facilities for the Board of Regents has been revenue bonds. However, issuance costs can be high, particularly at small institutions. The banks supported the option to issue bonds through the Building Ownership Authority. This would give the smaller institutions the same AA ratings as the rest of the state and avoid or alleviate their burden of paying a high price for bond insurance. Kent Michie explained how the higher education facilities transactions financed through the Building Ownership Authority were structured. The additional option of a moral obligation provision would provide many of the same benefits, including a better bond rating. Following general discussion, there was a consensus of support for taking the moral obligation approach to the Legislature this year as an additional financing option. Chair Halverson suggested that Mr. Nye and Vice President Nycum get together and come up with suggested language.

Associate Commissioner Carpenter explained the capital development qualification and prioritization (Q&P) process of the Board of Regents. He said all state-funded higher education facility projects have gone through this process to qualify the needs of the projects. A recent utilization study conducted by Dan Paulien and Dennis Jones concluded that the formula should be changed. This study has been reviewed by the Building Board and Legislature. A discussion followed of the Building Board's prioritization process and whether or not they took the Regents' recommendations into consideration. Chair Halverson pointed out that the Building Board must consider all the building needs of the state. He said he was not pleased with the Governor's moratorium on buildings and was hopeful that the boards could work together to anticipate future needs.

Dr. Carpenter explained the ten-year summary of state-funded capital development projects in the Utah System of Higher Education, which was arranged by institution and year and provided to the assembly. Commissioner Foxley then briefly reviewed USHE's capital facilities priorities for FY 1997-98. She commented that the institutions and the Regents appreciate the Building Board's efforts on their behalf. She indicated the importance of adequate facilities in which to train and educate Utah's growing population. While the state has made major financial commitments to transportation and prisons, we must not forget our human resources and the need to keep the citizens of our state well educated and competitive.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Anderton thanked Chair Halverson and the members of the Building Board for an informative and productive discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Joint Meeting with Legislative Education Interim Committee

Representative Evans called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and introduced the topics for discussion: Assessment and Accountability Issues in Postsecondary Education, and Higher Education Conversion to the Semester System. The combined group separated into two breakout groups. Following individual group discussions, the committee and board reassembled for reports by discussion group leaders.

Assessment and Accountability Issues in Postsecondary Education. Representative Marda Dilree presented the following recommendations from her group:

1. Request the Legislature to provide funding to assist institutions of higher education in their assessment and accountability efforts.
2. Request the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to update the Postsecondary Education Master Plan and the Strategic Plan for Higher Education. Request funding be earmarked to update the Higher Education Master Plan.
3. Request the Education Interim Committee to communicate to the institutions of higher education within the state the acceptability of using flexibility in implementing their assessment and accountability efforts.

4. Request the State Board of Regents to propose ways to adequately communicate assessment of the institutions of higher education through Legislative Program Review.

5. Request the Education Interim Committee to remind the State Board of Regents that quality internal customer service is needed.

Higher Education Conversion to the Semester System. Senator Scott Howell reported on committee discussion in the semester system conversion group and presented the following recommendations:

1. The Legislature should provide funding which will be required to successfully complete the conversion to a semester calendar. The preliminary estimate suggests \$2.5 million will be required, but the amount will be finalized at the November Regents meeting.

2. The Education Interim Committee should urge both boards in public and higher education to offer counseling programs through each postsecondary institution which will assist students in adapting to a semester calendar.

3. The State Board of Regents is urged to develop and implement a public communication program to effectively inform students, parents, and citizens of the benefits available through conversion to the semester calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Luncheon Meeting

Senator Steele called the luncheon meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He introduced host President Arthur Smith to welcome the group. He then introduced Governor Michael O. Leavitt and the other guests at the head table, including Cecelia H. Foxley, Commissioner of Higher Education; Scott Bean, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Aileen H. Clyde, Vice Chair, State Board of Regents; Marlon Snow, Chair, State Board of Education; Lane Beattie, President of the Utah Senate; Melvin Brown, Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives; Senator David H. Steele, Senate Chair, Higher Education Legislative Subcommittee; Representative Beverly A. Evans, House Chair, Higher Education Legislative Subcommittee; Ron Halverson, Chair, State Building Board; Bob Egan and Kem Gardner, The Utah Partnership; and Mrs. Betty Bell.

Following the luncheon, Governor Leavitt addressed the group concerning the condition of public and higher education. He commended the group for reaching goals he had outlined five years previously, and proposed future goals for the education community. Posthumous citations in honor of Dr. T. H. Bell were presented to Mrs. Bell by the Governor, Superintendent Bean and Commissioner Foxley. Mrs. Bell thanked the Governor, the Superintendent and the Commissioner for the resolutions and asked her son to express the family's appreciation, which he did.

Senator Steele presented the following topics of discussion for the afternoon breakout sessions for the joint meeting of the Legislative Education Interim Committee, the State Board of Education, and the State Board of Regents: Western Governors University, Changes Within One Education System that Impact the Other, and Teacher Preparation and Collaboration. The combined group separated into three breakout groups at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Joint Meeting with the Legislative Education Interim Committee and State Board of Education

The breakout groups assigned to discuss the topics listed above reassembled at 4:00 p.m. with Representative Beverly Evans as chair. Reports and recommendations were given by discussion group leaders.

Changes Within One Education System that Impact the Other. Representative Grant Protzman reported that the following recommendations were adopted by his group:

1. Require the State Board of Regents to develop a plan that will create consistency among postsecondary entrance courses, high school advanced placement, and concurrent enrollment classes, so that each institution within the system will fully accept credit earned in high school.
2. Request the State Board of Regents to use the higher education conversion period from quarter hours to semester hours as a stimulus for system-wide acceptance of advanced placement and concurrent enrollment classes.
3. Request the Legislature to enact legislation offering financial incentives to high school students who take the national Advanced Placement Examination.
4. Request the State Board of Regents and State Board of Education to explore additional options or mechanisms which would facilitate conversion to a semester calendar.
5. Prepare legislation which would modify statutory language related to the Joint Liaison Committee's role regarding the impact of changes of one system upon the other.
6. Request the Legislature to provide greater funding for SEPs and SEOPs which will provide for changing requirements, norms, etc. in higher education.
7. Communicate any changes in one system that impact the other in a timely fashion. Request each board to develop a protocol system at the board level which can be utilized by both boards in communicating change. Review areas that would reorganize the Joint Liaison Committee to better communicate those changes.
8. Request the Joint Liaison Committee to propose a feedback tracking system between higher education and public education that will share the performance levels achieved by each of their graduates.
9. Request the State Board of Education to formalize and expand the portfolio system to include valuable work experiences.

Western Governors University. Representative Lloyd Frandsen reported that the following recommendations were adopted by his group:

1. When the State Board of Regents creates a higher education master planning committee, it should include the concept of the virtual university within the plan and propose ways it would fit into the existing education system.
2. Request public education, higher education, and the Legislature to consider the virtual university concept and educational technology together and determine what each entity can do to be consistent within budget recommendations and make specific recommendations for needed facilities.
3. Request the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to construct a multi-dimensional evaluation system for the Western Governors University and share that system with the Legislature.

Teacher Preparation and Collaboration. Senator Joe Hull gave the following recommendations from his group:

1. Request the State Board of Regents and the State Board of Education to create a joint subcommittee to make recommendations on specific preservice and inservice issues which include technology, bilingual and multi-cultural education, language arts, middle schools, and other appropriate issues that ultimately would appear before the higher education and public education appropriation subcommittees.
2. The Joint Liaison Committee should create a subcommittee consisting of representatives from the State Board of Education, State Board of Regents, College of Education Deans, Legislature, school districts, and teachers to discuss improvements for entrance and standards requirements in teacher preparation programs.

Representative Evans commented that the discussions had been very productive, and thanked the legislative staff and University of Utah staff for their efficiency and skill in handling the meetings. Superintendent Bean and Commissioner Foxley also expressed appreciation for the joint meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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