

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
LOGAN, UTAH**

June 29, 2000

Regents Present:

Charles E. Johnson, Chair
Aileen H. Clyde, Vice Chair
Jerry C. Atkin
Pamela J. Atkinson
David J. Grant
L. Brent Hoggan
Karen H. Huntsman
James S. Jardine
Michael R. Jensen
E. George Mantes
Rob Peterson
Winn L. Richards
Paul S. Rogers
Maria Sweeten

Regents Excused:

David J. Jordan

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Cecelia H. Foxley, Commissioner
Michael A. Petersen, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Norm Tarbox, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities
Chalmers Gail Norris, Associate Commissioner for Student Financial Aid
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary
Debbie Brennan, Data Warehouse/LAN Manager
Don Carpenter, Associate Commissioner for Proprietary Schools and Veterans Education
Harden R. Eyring, Executive Assistant
Linda Fife, Director of Academic Programs
Edith Mitko, Director of Student Services and Minority Affairs
Brad Mortensen, Director of Business and Finance
Phyllis C. Safman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Gary S. Wixom, Assistant Commissioner for Applied Technology Education and Special Projects

INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

University of Utah

David W. Pershing, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Acting President
Michael T. Benson, Special Assistant to the President
A. Lorris Betz, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Paul T. Brinkman, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning
John G. Francis, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Richard A. Fullmer, Executive Director, University Hospital
Barbara Snyder, Vice President for Student Services

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David Cowley, Manager, Space Management, Facilities Planning
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Patricia S. Terrell, Vice President for Student Services
Heather Andersen, President's Ambassadors
Rachel Olson, President's Ambassadors
Mark Swensen, President's Ambassadors

Weber State University

Paul H. Thompson, President
Carol V. Gaskill, Director of Budget and Institutional Research
Allen F. Simkins, Vice President for Administrative Services

Southern Utah University

Steven D. Bennion, President
Michael Reid, Director of Purchasing
Michael D. Richards, Associate Provost

Snow College

Gerald J. Day, President
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Dixie College

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Stanley J. Plewe, Vice President, Administration & Information Technology
Max H. Rose, Executive Vice President of Academics

College of Eastern Utah

Charles D. Foust, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Raelene Allred, Vice President for Finance & Administrative Services
Gail Glover, Dean of Administrative Services, San Juan Campus
Don C. Larson, Dean of Instruction, San Juan Campus

Utah Valley State College

Kerry D. Romesburg, President
Bradley J. Cook, Vice President for College Relations
Linda Makin, Budget Director
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Frank W. Budd, President
Daniel Bingham, Director, Larry H. Miller Entrepreneurship Center
Marjorie Carson, Vice President of Academic Services
Julie Ann Curtis, Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Services
Rand A. Johnson, Assistant to the President
Richard M. Rhodes, Vice President of Administrative Services

Representatives of the Media

Matt Canham, Daily Utah Chronicle
Kirsten Stewart, Salt Lake Tribune
Maria Titze, Deseret News
Rich West, Logan Herald Journal

Others Present

Bobbie Coray, Cache Chamber of Commerce
Debra Headden, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst
John Massey, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Mel Parker, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Vernon C. Rowley, Governor's Deputy for Education

Chair Charles E. Johnson welcomed everyone to Utah State University and called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. He explained that the Regents had been meeting in executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Commissioner Foxley reported that Brian Brown, last year's Student Regent, had undergone a bone marrow transplant and was recovering in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at the University Hospital. We can communicate with him through e-mail and and his wife, Heather.

Chair Johnson introduced Mel Parker, a long-time employee in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget who has recently been assigned to higher education. Regent Hoggan mentioned that Senator Lyle Hillyard had been elected President of the Utah Senate the previous day.

Report on the Legislative Applied Technology Education Task Force

Chair Johnson said the outcome of the Legislative ATE Task Force could impact education as much as anything we have seen for several years. Higher Education made a presentation to the task force the preceding Monday. Public Education had made a presentation at the previous meeting. Several Presidents and Regents attended the meetings, and Chair Johnson thanked them for their support.

Chair Johnson reviewed the options available to the task force:

1. Continue the existing structure of dual governance of adult ATE.
2. Establish a third, independent ATE governing board.
3. Establish a single governing board for all levels of education.
4. Create a different division point between public education and higher education.
5. Consolidate governance of adult ATE under the State Board of Education.
6. Unify all adult ATE under the State Board of Regents.
7. Other possible governance structures not yet identified.

Assistant Commissioner Wixom led the group through the various concerns for unifying all adult ATE under the Board of Regents. He used the conversion of the Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center into Snow College South as one example of successful delivery of ATE to adults in the Richfield area. He affirmed that the USHE's responsibility is the training of adults; the public schools are responsible for training secondary students.

Commissioner Foxley noted that the Legislative Auditor had made a report to the task force of an audit which was over five years old. Applied technology education through higher education was shown as being more costly than public applied technology education. The task force asked for the numbers to be updated. It is a challenge for higher education to be as cost effective as public education because of the state subsidy going into the ATCs.

President Budd pointed out that of the 11,500 concurrent enrollments at SLCC, two-thirds of the offerings were in ATE. Cooperative endeavors are underway to educate the secondary students. One example is the sharing of facilities on SLCC's new Jordan Campus. The Jordan School District is building a 90,000-square foot facility which will be shared with Salt Lake Community College. President Romesburg noted that there was no stand-alone ATC in Utah Valley. UVSC works cooperatively with the seven school districts and superintendents and houses the Mountainlands Applied Technology Center. Last year the MATC served 2000 secondary students, in addition to adults. Seventy five percent of the students had their instruction delivered at the local high schools. Equipment and faculty are shared rather than duplicated.

President Huddleston observed that at Dixie College, 300 students every semester are interested in ATE. Dixie would not be able to offer them just to community college students. Since 1993, Dixie has added eight occupational programs to its curriculum. Last year, 30% of their programs were in vocational areas.

Dr. Wixom said in the presentation to the task force that higher education's ATE programs provide a continuum of education. The Regents' motivation is to help improve ATE delivery throughout the state. The presentation concluded with the commitment that we would work cooperatively with the State Board of Education and the State Office of Education to meet the ATE needs of the state.

Regent Grant asked about quality. Chair Johnson said the ATC system is well funded for quality. Dr. Wixom said quality was not the issue. The real issue is credit. Commissioner Foxley agreed that instruction in the ATCs is of a good quality. Credit is an issue for many students. Some USHE institutions give credit for some of the programs offered at ATCs which have been articulated with a college or university.

Commissioner Foxley commended Associate Commissioner Petersen, Assistant Commissioner Gary Wixom, and Linda Fife for the excellent work they had done on the publication distributed to the task force. It was a very helpful document, giving background to the presentation, which was received positively by the committee. Public Education was invited to respond to Higher Education's presentation, and we were asked to present some disadvantages to our options. Commissioner Foxley thanked Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Clyde, Regent Mantes and Regent Sweeten for their attendance at the legislative task force meeting. She encouraged the Regents and Presidents to attend future meetings to respond to questions. The next three meetings of the task force are scheduled for July 13 at 2:00 p.m., August 14 at 1:00 p.m. and August 28 at 1:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in Room 303 of the State Capitol.

Vice Chair Clyde recalled that initially applied technology education was seen by parents as "not professional." That feeling has changed. The advantage of training students through higher education is that they can move from one course or program to another at their discretion. Higher education does not "drift." The perception seems to remain that the Regents approve degree programs and neglect ATE programs.

Chair Johnson asked the Presidents for their overviews of the discussion. All agreed it had been an extremely effective presentation. However, a great deal of time was spent discussing secondary students in ATE and how they would be handled. We clarified that our concern was the training of adults. President Romesburg said there may not be a single definition of the problem we are trying to solve.

Regent Huntsman suggested a one-page summary to show the bottom line. Our position can be stated on one page. It is important that in the volumes of information given to busy people, there should be a one-page summary with bullet points.

President Day said he was continually disappointed in the implication that becoming community colleges rather than technical colleges was the wrong thing for SLCC and UVSC to do. Their value is enhanced by the community college mission, rather than diminished. Now that credit is available at Snow College South, tuition is higher for credit classes, yet for those students who have had the opportunity to choose, nearly 100% have opted for credit even if they have to pay more.

President Budd stressed that this is not a turf issue; it is an issue of the role and mission of education in the state of Utah. Educational demand at all levels is exploding. The Legislature needs to identify system components. Public education should be funded for what it must do, and higher education must be funded for what it must do. The Legislature needs to support and underwrite both missions and roles.

President Day summarized the problem we are trying to solve as how best to provide quality and training for the Utah workforce and how to balance workforce training and education in the state. We think that is best done under a single entity with broad responsibilities, resulting in the highest credential possible.

Chair Johnson said ATE would be discussed extensively in the August Board meeting.

USHE Education, Career Planning, and Advising Web Site

Assistant Commissioner Safman said one of the commitments in the USHE Master Plan was to use technology to create a web-based advising system. A USHE transfer and articulation guide would fit in with that piece of the master plan. A web-based advising system must provide comprehensive information on credit and transfer programs, connect with high schools for seamless education, connect with financial aid, tuition and fees, and connect with advisors. Dr. Safman stressed that a web site was not to be used in lieu of face-to-face advising, but rather to facilitate the use of personal advising. It will connect to links regarding jobs and employment opportunities throughout the country. A prototype was developed for this meeting with Media Solutions. Assistant Commissioner Wixom said the site had been developed with the various users in mind. Linda Fife guided the Board through the high school student portion of the presentation.

Dr. Safman said the staff had tried to be as efficient as possible by linking with existing web sites operated by the State

Office of Education, USHE institutions and others. Web sites are very expensive to set up and maintain. She asked the Regents to support placing this on their priority list for the 2000-2001 budget when it is presented to the Legislature. Chair Johnson thanked Dr. Safman, Dr. Wixom and Ms. Fife for their excellent presentation.

Regent Sweeten asked if there had been discussion about opening the site to advertising and obtaining income from that source. Commissioner Foxley said that had not yet been discussed but it will be looked into. We want to make sure our web site is not cluttered with constant advertisements.

Chair Johnson said the idea began with the knowledge that there are an insufficient number of advisors in our high schools and colleges. We want to leverage technology for these people. If high school, college and university advisors know how to find this site, it will be a valuable tool. Accessibility is the key.

Chair Johnson said the Technology Task Force, chaired by Regent Jordan, would study issues related to this project. Assistant Commissioner Safman explained that this was a massive project. The web site would need to be amended constantly after it is up and running. The plan is to have this site online in a year. Regular meetings will be held with institutional representatives and students so that the information remains current and that it is user-friendly for the students.

Regent Rogers moved that this become an action item. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkinson and carried unanimously. Regent Rogers then moved that \$277,000 be budgeted for this project, to be one of the Regents' highest budget priority items for 2000-2001. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkinson. Regent Sweeten moved to amend the motion to include a study of an income stream. Regent Atkinson suggested that a high tech firm might possibly be willing to underwrite the entire expense. Commissioner Foxley said there will be a need for a full-time staff member with part-time consultation. Four staff members have had to set aside their normal duties to focus on getting a prototype done for presentation to the Regents. It is a very time-consuming process. Associate Commissioner Petersen suggested that a clear description of timelines be provided to the Board in August.

Vote was taken on the motion, which carried unanimously and enthusiastically.

Update on Formula Funding Task Force

Chair Johnson said a single, concise funding formula has been sent to the institutions for their detailed review. Associate Commissioner Tarbox said the task force had created a formula to meet legislative intent language and the provision of the Regents' Master Plan 2000. It will include funding for enrollment growth, salary increases, and inflationary adjustments on non-personnel budgets. A possible issue which could arise is head count, as the formula is basically based on FTE. Chair Johnson said another possible issue would be hold harmless provisions for schools experiencing an enrollment decline.

The Tuition and Financial Aid Task Force will begin meeting next month. A report will be made in the August Board meeting.

The Board recessed at 12:00 noon for luncheon meetings.

Administration of Oath of Office to Rob Peterson

The Board reconvened at 1:47 p.m., at which time Chair Johnson administered the Oath of Office to Rob Peterson, the new Student Regent.

Public Hearing - Revised Policy R171, Utah Postsecondary Proprietary School Act and Rules

The following representatives of proprietary schools were present for the public hearing:

Kevin Hart, MicroCert
Jim Holm, Advanced Technical Center
Shelly Kaufman, Advanced Technical Center

Keith Larsen, Sports Academy
Randi Mears, Alpha Computer Solutions
Travis Pera, Computer Education Specialists
Robert Simpson, IT Career Academy
Karsten Sysak, Computer Education Specialists
Wendy Wimmer, Sports Academy
Kevin Wolford, MicroCert
Steven Kraatz, IT Career Academy
Clay Neves, Executrain of Utah

Commissioner Foxley explained the background leading up to the public hearing: After one of the proprietary schools closed last year, leaving students with large student loans to repay and their training unfinished, the Regents were concerned. Legislation was sponsored by Senator Lyle Hillyard to strengthen the Regents' role in the process of registering the proprietary schools. Dr. Don Carpenter, Associate Commissioner for Veterans Affairs and Proprietary Education, and Harden Eyring, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, have met several times with representatives of proprietary schools and have received input on the drafted policy to implement the law enacted during the 2000 Legislative Session (Tab D).

Associate Commissioner Carpenter gave a broad overview of the major changes to policy R171, Utah Postsecondary Proprietary School Act and Rules. He explained that private education was a growing industry in this state. Enrollments in the private and proprietary sector approach two-thirds of the enrollments in USHE institutions. In addition to the situation with the Certified Technical Institute (CTI), it was recognized that it was time for the state to update its procedures for proprietary schools. Senate Bill 80 allows the Board to establish a surety bond, letter of credit or certificate of deposit as part of the registration process. The bill provides funds to repay unearned tuition in case a school closes suddenly or prematurely. It also allows a third party entity (i.e., a bonding company) to make a bonding check and to check the financial plan and financial status of the school. Registration fees will be required annually. In some states, registration is funded by fees. Other states have both fees and some state support.

Another policy change is a uniform tuition refund policy. There has always been a refund policy, but it has not been consistent or uniform. The final change is that the schools can no longer collect tuition beyond four months. Dr. Carpenter referred to the amendment which was included in the Regents' folders. The new "pay-as-you-learn payment schedule" is limited to four months of training.

Chair Johnson asked why the maximum surety bond had been set at \$75,000. Associate Commissioner Carpenter said he had studied the issue and attended meetings with representatives from other states. Ours is a moderate bonding requirement. Some states require bonds up to \$100,000.

Regent Atkinson asked Dr. Carpenter to define the Regents' role in terms of quality of education. Dr. Carpenter said various things are examined - time spent in the classroom, facilities, equipment, faculty qualifications, etc. The schools must follow the law, and the faculty must have adequate education and training to teach the programs. Mr. Eyring said the Regents are restricted by legislation from recommending or becoming involved in the curriculum. Dr. Carpenter explained that the reason for the legislation was to avoid consumer fraud and diploma mills. We have been able to keep several "fly-by-night" schools out of the state because of the requirements which are in place.

Representatives of the proprietary schools spoke and were generally supportive of the proposed changes, in order that a high level of integrity be maintained. A concern was raised regarding the four-month time frame for unescrowed funds. Many computer training programs vary between four and six months, with some longer. The Board was encouraged to extend the time frame to six months. Concern was also raised regarding the current language basing bonding on the number of students and revenues generated, when much income comes from the corporations for one- to two-day classes for their employees. It was suggested that the language reflect pro-rating based on revenue involved in prepayment business only.

Chair Johnson asked Associate Commissioner Carpenter to review the comments which had been made and bring the proposed policy revisions back to the Board. Regent Jardine asked how the Regents could be sure the schools were complying with the escrow requirement. Mr. Eyring said the Commissioner's office prepares the escrow agreement. Schools could not break it without our knowledge. Regent Atkinson requested that this item be brought back to the

Board in August for action. Commissioner Foxley said Associate Commissioner Carpenter would be meeting with the school representatives between now and the August Board meeting. The policy will be brought to the Board with a request for approval in August.

Regent Jensen asked if fees were segregated to be applied toward supervision and administration of the Proprietary School Act and suggested that an addendum be added to the policy with that provision.

Chair Johnson thanked everyone who had been present for the public hearing. The public hearing concluded at 2:35 p.m., and the Regents moved into meetings of the Board Committees.

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole resumed at 4:20 p.m.

Revised Policy R135, Institutional Legal Counsel in the Utah System of Higher Education

Commissioner Foxley referred to Tab V and said the agenda material reflected suggestions made at the previous meeting. She briefly explained the changes which were made to the policy. Regent Jordan moved that the Board approve the proposed amendments to policy R135. The motion was seconded by Regent Sweeten and carried unanimously.

Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Foxley reminded the Regents and Presidents that the agenda is now available on the SBR web site (www.utahsbr.edu) and can be downloaded in whole or in part.

USU Presidential Search- The Commissioner said the Utah State University Presidential Search Committee had met and received a charge from the Board chair. She referred to the press release and position announcement in the Regents' and Presidents' folders.

Reports of Board Committees

Finance and Facilities Committee

University of Utah – 2000-2001 University Hospital and Neuropsychiatric Institute Operating Budgets (Tab K). Chair Brent Hoggan said the committee had enjoyed a good discussion. A recent Federal Budget Act resulted in a \$200 billion decrease in Medicare funding over a period of time. This impacted the University Hospital. Chair Hoggan noted that the proposed budget is "in the black." The committee had been surprised to learn that 700 to 800 physicians are involved in the operation of the hospital. The University is obviously a very extensive institution. Chair Hoggan moved approval of both budgets. The motion was seconded by Regent Mantes. Regent Atkinson commended University officials for their proposed budget. With the Balanced Budget Act, health care is finding it increasingly difficult to receive funding. The University has made outstanding moves to bring about this outstanding balanced budget. Regent Jardine said the university budget and projections have been a matter of scrutiny for ten years. Academic health sciences centers throughout the country have been having budget deficits for several years. University personnel have done a tremendous job. He expressed the Board's support for the University's efforts to achieve this budget. Dr. Betz said most initiatives are already in place, realizing some savings for the hospital. The general public does not fully appreciate how serious the situation is. He introduced Rick Fullmer, the new executive director of the hospital. Chair Johnson remarked that historically the Board has had a link to the hospital. He asked Regent Jardine to act as the link between the Board and the University Hospital. Dr. Betz said he would welcome a close link with the Board of Regents. Vote was taken on the motion, which carried unanimously.

University of Utah – Huntsman Cancer Institute, Phase II Design (Tab L). Chair Hoggan explained that the request was for programming and design money only. The committee had discussed the three issues raised by the Commissioner in her cover letter. It is expected that the hospital will cost approximately \$70 million, to be raised following the design. The planning and design money will come from a private donation. Chair Hoggan moved approval of the request for funding for programming and design. The motion was seconded by Regent Jensen. Chair Hoggan said Dr. Betz had indicated that as the clinical phase of the HCI is completed, it is anticipated that patients in the University Hospital can be transferred into the clinical facility at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The University Hospital is currently

"outsourcing" enough patients to other hospitals to back fill spots vacated at the University Hospital. The Hospital should not lose revenues from regular hospital service by transferring patients into the Cancer Institute. HCI Phase II operating costs will be self-funded. There is presently some surplus parking at the HCI. The second phase of the parking structure is planned beneath the building. Chair Johnson reminded the Board that there would be additional funding requests later. Vote was taken on the motion, which carried unanimously.

Utah State University – Campus Master Plans(Tab M). Chair Hoggan referred to page 19 of the agenda material and indicated the proposed location for the new central heating plant, which will be located north of the Spectrum. The institutional residence will be built on a six-acre parcel, and lots will be sold to reduce the size of the institutional lot. Chair Hoggan moved approval of the master plans. The motion was seconded by Regent Jensen and carried unanimously.

Utah State University – Research Park Property Acquisition (Tab N). Chair Hoggan explained that the property in question was 60 acres of undeveloped land, which will be purchased with donated funds. No request will be made for O&M funding. He moved approval of the transaction. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkin and carried unanimously.

Utah State University – Bear Lake Property Boundary Line Adjustment (Tab O). Chair Hoggan noted that there are no fences on any boundary lines in all of Rich County. The University will be paid \$120,000 for the property acquired through straightening out the said boundary line, with the money to be used for further development. Chair Johnson asked if there were any other related neighbor transactions. Chair Hoggan said there were none. He moved approval of the property sale. The motion was seconded by Regent Richards and carried unanimously.

Weber State University – Retention Basin Land Sale (Tab P). Chair Hoggan explained that Ogden City would use the 2.67 acres of unimproved property for a storm retention basin. It will serve both the University and the city, with the added benefit that the city would pick up the cost. He moved approval of the transaction. The motion was seconded by Regent Sweeten and carried unanimously.

Utah Valley State College – Sale of Property to LDS Church (Tab Q). Chair Hoggan said UVSC proposed to sell 1.5 acres of property at the east side of the campus to the LDS Church. The property is not suitable for a building and will be used for an Institute parking lot. The sale is for the appraised value of the property, and the money will be used to purchase additional property at a future date. UVSC will have parking privileges. Calling it a win-win situation, Chair Hoggan moved approval of the transaction. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ratification of Executive Committee Actions(Tab R). Chair Hoggan explained the three items which were approved by the Board Executive Committee on May 17, which were discussed and voted on separately.

A. University of Utah – Huntsman Cancer Institute Revenue Bonds. Chair Hoggan noted that the bonds had been sold within the parameters of the authorization. He moved ratification of the HCI revenue bonds. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkinson and carried unanimously. Chair Hoggan then moved to approve the approving resolution, which was Attachment A, Supplement to Tab R. The motion was seconded by Regent Mantes and approved unanimously.

B. Snow College – Programming for Performing Arts Building. Chair Hoggan pointed out that no state appropriation had been approved for this purpose. The Building Board has authorized \$25,000 from contingency funds to assist the College with this expense. He moved that the Executive Committee's approval of this item be ratified. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkinson and carried unanimously.

C. Dixie College – Land Purchase. Chair Hoggan explained that the land in question was a .2 acre parcel adjacent to the campus. The property will be purchased with a private donation, rather than discretionary funds, as indicated in the minutes attached to the agenda materials. He moved that the Board ratify the Executive Committee's action to approve this purchase. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkinson and carried unanimously.

USHE – Athletics Report (Tab S). Chair Hoggan noted that this report had been provided for information only. It is a summary report for the USHE and includes a breakdown for each institution. No action was required.

Student Financial Aid – UHEAA Board of Directors Report (Tab T). Chair Hoggan said this report was also for information only. Associate Commissioner Norris had highlighted the report in committee. UHEAA has been working

for some time on the procurement of a computer system which has now been finalized. Also, borrower benefits have been realized through operating efficiencies and actions of the UHEAA Board. Chair Hoggan encouraged the Regents to review the report. Associate Commissioner Norris said the UHEAA Board provides energetic oversight of student financial aid.

Consent Calendar, Finance and Facilities Committee (Tab U). Upon motion by Chair Hoggan and second by Regent Atkin, the following items were approved on the committee's consent calendar:

- A. OCHE Monthly Investment Report
 - B. UofU and USU Capital Facilities Delegation Reports
 - C. 1999-2000 Final Work Program Revisions
 - D. USHE Presidential Salaries Chair Johnson expressed his appreciation to Chair Hoggan for his report which was well presented.
- Academic and Applied Technology Education Committee

Utah State University – Master of Rehabilitation Counseling (MRC) Degree (Tab E). Chair Atkinson said in addition to a master's degree, a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) credential is now required for individuals seeking to be "qualified rehabilitation professionals." This is a great benefit to nursing homes, assisted living centers, and hospitals. People in this field do an outstanding job. The committee was enthusiastic and applauded the change. Chair Atkinson moved the Board's approval of the MRC degree program. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Clyde and carried unanimously.

Utah State University – Establishment of Center for Online Education (COLE) (Tab F). Chair Atkinson said the University had looked at the number of courses being delivered online and discovered that little research had been done to evaluate the effectiveness of this delivery method. The proposed center would establish "best practices." It requires approval of the Regents because it is a center. USU will be working with other universities, colleges, and public schools to let them know the best practices and what should be changed in delivering online courses. Chair Atkinson moved approval to establish the Center for Online Education. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Clyde and carried unanimously.

Minutes of the SBE-SBR Joint Liaison Committee (JLC) Meeting held on December 7, 1999 (Tab G). Chair Atkinson explained the JLC had met since their December 7 meeting, but the minutes of the more recent meeting have not been approved by the Joint Liaison Committee. She noted one correction to the minutes: She was identified as absent, but was in fact in attendance. She reminded Board members that approval of the JLC minutes indicates acceptance of policy decisions and statements and approval of the actions of the committee. The ATE Advisory Committee is presently "on hold" because of the Legislative Applied Technology Education Task Force. Chair Atkinson moved approval of the December 7 minutes of the Joint Liaison Committee. The motion was seconded by Regent Sweeten and carried unanimously.

Consent Calendar, Academic and Applied Technology Education Committee (Tab H). Chair Atkinson said Utah State University's proposal to offer Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees at the Brigham City Branch Campus and for National and International Audiences was sensible and the committee had recommended approval. Accordingly, she moved the Board's approval. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Clyde and carried unanimously.

Information Calendar (Tab I). Chair Atkinson said the committee's information calendar contained name changes of various departments at Utah State University and Southern Utah University. The rationale for the changes was very reasonable. No action was required.

1999-2000 Annual Report on Women and Minorities in Faculty and Administrative Positions in the Utah System of Higher Education (Tab J). Chair Atkinson urged all of the Regents to read this important document if they had not already done so. The committee expressed several concerns: (1) Each institution reports somewhat differently, based on the lack of standardized definitions. (2) Comparisons are not reliable because of this. (3) The Presidents had not all seen this data before it was sent to the Board. The committee requested that in the future all Presidents review and sign off on the data before it is presented to the Board. Disappointment and concern were expressed in terms of minorities. Questions were raised about whether we were doing enough to recruit minorities into the system. She urged the Board to recommit and look at the best ways to recruit more minority faculty. The committee would like to see more minority

students, as well as faculty. Many minority students are dropping out of public education whom we need to help get into higher education institutions. Chair Atkinson moved that (A) the USHE assure the standardization of criteria, (B) the Presidents be asked to sign off on the accuracy of data before the report is given to the Regents, (C) the Regents receive a report from the ethnic directors to include a proposal to study ethnic minorities on campuses, both for faculty and students, and (D) a task force be explored to establish community-based partnerships, including public education, to increase the number of minority students going through the system. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Clyde. Chair Atkinson noted that at SLCC, minority data is brought before the President's Cabinet every week to assess whether or not best practices are being used. She suggested that this be reinforced throughout the system. Vote was taken on the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chair Johnson thanked Chair Atkinson for her excellent report.

General Consent Calendar

On motion by Vice Chair Clyde and second by Regent Atkinson, the Board approved the following items on the General Consent Calendar:

A. Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State Board of Regents held April 14, 2000, at the College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Utah State Board of Regents held May 18, 2000, at Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City, Utah

B. Grant Proposals - Approval to submit the following proposals:

1. Utah State University - MMR Vaccine and Autism; \$1,042,500; Anthony R. Torres, Principal Investigator.
2. Utah State University - Faculty Immune Regulation in Autism; \$3,161,166; Anthony R. Torres, Principal Investigator.
3. Utah State University - An Empirical Evaluation of the Performance of Different Approaches to Classifying Reference Conditions in Streams; \$1,499,691; Charles P. Hawkins, Principal Investigator.
4. Utah State University - Determination of the Presence of Microbes; \$1,074,200; Linda Powers, Principal Investigator.
5. Utah State University - Engineering is Fun! Integration of Engineering in Utah's K-12 math and Science Education; \$1,320,033; Cynthia Furse, Principal Investigator.
6. Utah State University - Consortium for the Application of Behavioral Principles to Management; \$3,608,770; Fred Provenza, Principal Investigator.
7. Utah State University - Developing a U.S. Market for Identity-Preserved Red Meat; \$1,236,533; Dee Von Bailey, Principal Investigator.
8. Utah State University - The utility of the USURF/SDL GIFTS as the Infrared Imaging and Sounding Sensor on the Next Generation of Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) Weather Satellite; \$48,870,831; Gail Bingham, Principal Investigator.
9. Utah State University - Presidential Scholarship Program; \$1,406,674; Craig Petersen, Principal Investigator.

C. Executive Session(s) — Approval to hold an executive session or sessions in connection with the meetings of the State Board of Regents to be held August 3-4, 2000, at Southern Utah University, to consider property transactions, personnel performance evaluations, litigation, and such other matters permitted by the Utah

Open and Public Meetings Act.

Adjournment

Chair Johnson thanked President Emert and his staff for their hospitality, great weather and Aggie ice cream. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Joyce Cottrell Executive Secretary