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SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
JANUARY 18, 2008

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Regents Present

Jed H. Pitcher, Chair
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Vice Chair
Jerry C. Atkin
Rosanita Cespedes
Amy Engh
Katharine B. Garff
Greg W. Haws
Meghan Holbrook
James S. Jardine
David J. Jordan
Nolan E. Karras
Josh M. Reid
Sara V. Sinclair
Marlon O. Snow
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused

Janet A. Cannon
Patti Harrington
Anthony W. Morgan

Office of the Commissioner

David L. Buhler, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education
Carrie Beckman, Policy and Special Projects Coordinator
Troy Caserta, Accounting Officer
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary
Amanda Covington, Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs
David S. Doty, Director of Policy Studies and Assistant Commissioner
Brian Foisy, Assistant Commissioner for Financial Services
Kimberly Henrie, Assistant Commissioner for Budget and Planning
Melissa Kincart, Director, Utah Campus Compact
Phyllis C. Safman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Mark H. Spencer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities/Deputy to the Interim Commissioner
Lucille T. Stoddard, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Gary S. Wixom, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs

INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

University of Utah

A. Lorris Betz, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Paul T. Brinkman, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning
Mario Capecchi, Helen Lowe Bamberger Colby and John E. Bamberger Presidential Endowed Chair in the
Health Sciences and Recipient of the 2007 Nobel Prize for Medicine
Arnold B. Combe, Vice President for Administrative Services
John G. Francis, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ryan Jensen, Management Assistant, Office of the President

Spencer Pearson, Student Body Officer
Laura Snow, Special Assistant to the President/Secretary to the University
Kim Wirthlin, Vice President for Government Relations

Utah State University

Stan L. Albrecht, President

Weber State University

F. Ann Millner, President

Brad Mortensen, Associate Vice President for Support and Auxiliary Services

Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Services

Michael Vaughan, Provost

Southern Utah University

Michael T. Benson, President

Rodney D. Decker, Interim Provost

Donna Eddleman, Vice President for Student Services

Chase Palmer, Presidential Intern

Snow College

Scott L. Wyatt, President

Marvin Dodge, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services

Dixie State College

Lee G. Caldwell, President

Darl Biniaz, Assistant Professor of English

Donna Dillingham Evans, Academic Vice President

Donald R. Hinton, Dean of Education, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Shandon Gubler, Chair, Dixie State College Board of Trustees

Frank Lojko, Interim Vice President of Student Services/Director of Government Relations

Stanley Plewe, Vice President of College Relations

College of Eastern Utah

Ryan L. Thomas, President

Kevin Walthers, Vice President

Utah Valley State College

William A. Sederburg, President

Jack Christensen, Director, Center for Engaged Learning

Elizabeth J. Hitch, Vice President for Academic Affairs

J. Karl Worthington, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Salt Lake Community College

Cynthia A. Bioteau, President

Mason Bishop, Vice President of Marketing

Julie Curtis, Assistant to the Vice President for Instruction
Deneece Huftalin, Vice President of Student Services
Dennis Klaus, Vice President of Administrative Services
Alison McFarlane, Director, Institutional Marketing and Communications
John Morgan, Manager, Media Presentations
Joe Peterson, Vice President for Instruction
Halee Thomsen, Student Body President

Utah College of Applied Technology
Richard L. White, President

Representatives of the Media
Amy K. Stewart, *Deseret Morning News*

Other Guests
Michael Bassis, President, Westminster College
Spencer Pratt, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Following a breakfast meeting with the Salt Lake Community College Board of Trustees, and meetings of the Board committees, the Regents convened in Committee of the Whole at 10:40 a.m. Chair Pitcher called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to SLCC's Redwood Campus on a cold, snowy day. He thanked President Bioteau and her staff for the warm welcome and gracious hospitality and excused Regents Cannon, Harrington and Morgan.

Recognition of Dr. Mario Capecchi

Regent Jardine said introducing Dr. Capecchi was his greatest opportunity as a Regent. On the day the Nobel prize winners were announced, Regent Jardine was in Houston. The Houston newspaper featured a half-page article on Dr. Capecchi and his accomplishments. Regent Jardine pointed out that the University of Utah is one of only five public universities to have a Nobel prize winner.

Regent Jardine read the Resolution honoring Dr. Capecchi and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. After receiving a standing ovation, Dr. Capecchi thanked the Regents for the recognition. He said the University of Utah has a level of excellence beyond his expectations and beyond its means. This is not by accident; the University has built this reputation since it was led by Dr. James Fletcher in the 1960s. Dr. Capecchi stated what is really important to a good university achieving excellence is its people – from the students to the faculty and administration. Having achieved excellence, it is much more difficult for a university to maintain excellence, and it takes an increasing amount of funding. The University's charge is to try to maintain excellence. We must continue to bring in outstanding investigators to do scientific research. Dr. Capecchi credited his faculty for their outstanding work.

Dr. Betz also thanked the Board for this recognition. It is a thrill to be at a university when a colleague is recognized with the Nobel prize. Dr. Betz said, "We knew it was going to happen; we just didn't know when." The announcement was made on a morning when the University's Board of Trustees was meeting. Dr. Betz said the announcement was one of the most memorable moments in his life. He congratulated Dr. Capecchi

for the dignified manner he has handled this recognition. An event is planned to recognize Dr. Capecchi on February 23; Regents and Presidents will be invited.

Chair Pitcher thanked Dr. Betz and Regent Jardine for their remarks.

State of the College

President Bioteau said the SLCC faculty, staff and students were very excited to welcome the Board to campus and encouraged the Regents to feel the positive energy and to take it with them when they leave. Salt Lake Community College's goal is to become the premiere comprehensive community college in the nation. President Bioteau gave a PowerPoint presentation to reinforce the major components of a comprehensive community college: (1) Career and Technical Education, (2) Business and Economic Development, (3) General Education and Transfer Programs, (4) Adult and Community Education, (5) Developmental Education, and (6) Community Service/Service Learning. Last year, nearly 4000 SLCC students took part in service projects in the community.

President Bioteau noted the college would celebrate its 60th anniversary in September 2008. She thanked the Regents and Presidents for the partnerships and pledged to work with each of them to provide excellent education and training opportunities to Utah's citizens.

President Benson pointed out that SLCC has the only undefeated basketball teams in the conference this year, and the men's team is ranked third in the nation. In addition, its women's volleyball team played in the national volleyball championships last year.

Preview of 2008 Legislative Session

Commissioner Buhler said this would be his eighth legislative session working for the Board, and his 20th session as a member of the executive branch or a State Senator. He thanked his staff and the legislative liaisons for the great team effort.

Commissioner Buhler referred to Tab R and said the USHE had received a 12.6 percent increase in its ongoing budget last year, which was more than requested. He noted that typically the Governor allocates all funds in his recommendation, whereas the Legislature begins by holding back funds. Quoting a presentation by Senator Hillyard, economists are projecting a 2.6 percent growth in state revenues, which translates to \$163 million for new state spending for high priorities and mandates and \$838 million in unallocated funding for one-time and ongoing budgets. The following priorities have been identified by the Legislature in base budget bills: \$76 million new state money for public education, \$60 million (25 percent) FY07 surplus into the State Rainy Day fund, \$14 million to Medicaid, \$10 million to maintain existing buildings, and \$3 million to recover from last year's range fires.

The Legislative staff was directed to focus on cuts and offsets within existing budgets because it is anticipated that FY09 base allocations will be 14 percent lower than the total appropriations for FY08. Statutory spending limits are in place, with the following areas exempt from the spending limit: Tax cuts, public education operations, buildings, roads, debt service, and Rainy Day funds.

Commissioner Buhler reviewed the Regents' priorities for the 2008 General Legislative Session. The top priority is compensation and retention, followed by specific initiatives to ensure an educated workforce (teacher education, health professions, engineering, science and technology). Another priority is student success for self-sustaining adults through financial assistance and scholarships. The USHE budget request includes \$17.5 million for institutional partnerships and priorities, \$7.4 million for mandated costs, \$9.9 million for statewide IT infrastructure, \$15.3 for one-time increases, and \$683,500 for supplemental increases. Commissioner Buhler also reviewed the Regents' prioritized capital facilities requests.

Proposed legislation was discussed. Of special interest were:

- HB 284, SLCC/SLTATC Consolidation, sponsored by Representative Kory Holdaway
- Regents' Scholarship, sponsored by Senator Lyle Hillyard
- SB 103, Higher Education Enhancements, sponsored by Senator Dennis Stowell
- SB 42, UCAT Governance and Operations, sponsored by Senator Greg Bell

Commissioner Buhler announced the Higher Education Day Legislative Luncheon on February 20 in the Capitol Rotunda and asked the Regents and Presidents to mark this date on their calendars.

K-16 Alliance Report

Associate Commissioner Stoddard referred to Tab S and said the K-16 Alliance had met with extraordinary success. The over-arching vision of the Alliance is the development of a seamless approach to education in Utah. She reviewed some of the accomplishments and ongoing areas of focus of the Alliance and its committees. She noted Governor Huntsman had established a blue-ribbon commission on testing that included higher education. Last year, a funding formula for concurrent enrollment was proposed to the Legislature by Commissioner Kendell and Superintendent Harrington as a unified plan. Utah's concurrent enrollment program serves 30,000 students.

Public education and higher education are working together so that higher education has to do less remedial education and more is done in the K-12 schools. A common student identifier is in place, which will give both systems the ability to track students from grade school through college. The teacher shortage report was prepared under the direction of the K-16 Alliance and has resulted in proposed legislation to begin to remedy the problem.

Chair Pitcher thanked Dr. Stoddard for her report.

General Consent Calendar

Upon a motion by Regent Snow and a second by Regent Reid, the following items were approved on the Regents' General Consent Calendar (Tab T):

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held December 18, 2007, at the Regents' Offices in Salt Lake City, Utah
- B. Grant Proposals – On file in the Commissioner's Office

- C. Grant Awards
1. Utah State University – NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory; “Wide-Field Infra-red Survey Explorer (WISE);” \$2,795,568. John Elwell, Principal Investigator; Scott Schick, Co-Principal Investigator.
 2. Utah State University – Government of the Dominican Republic; “Dominican Republic, Phase IV”; \$8,010,800.23. Steven Hanks, Principal Investigator.
- D. Proposed New Policy R855, G. Homer Durham Regents Professorships. This policy established and provided guidelines for the G. Homer Durham Regent Professorship to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution to higher education in Utah, and to facilitate opportunities for future service by those individuals. Dr. Richard E. Kendell was appointed as the first G. Homer Durham Regents Professor.

Reports of Board Committees

Academic, CTE and Student Success (Programs) Committee (Regent Katharine B. Garff, Chair)

University of Utah – Interdisciplinary Master of Arts Degree in Asian Studies (Tab A). Chair Garff said the proposed program would be the first M.A. in Asian Studies in the state and in the Intermountain West. It fits nicely with the Governor’s new markets in China and with President Young’s recent appointment by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to the East-West Center’s Board of Governors. (The East-West Center is an education and research organization established by Congress in 1960 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific, and the United States.) The program would prepare students for further academic studies in the Ph.D. level or for careers in government service, international law, international business, and education. It will facilitate advanced research and teaching on Asia by giving faculty the opportunity to teach graduate students and guide student research. The graduates’ expertise will also help to enhance Utah’s international reputation and economic ties with Asia. **Chair Garff moved approval of the University of Utah’s Interdisciplinary Master of Arts Degree in Asian Studies. Regent Reid seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.**

University of Utah – Master of Science Degree in Occupational Health and Master of Occupational Health Degree (Tab B). New requirements by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEDPH) have eliminated some necessary courses for the occupational health students, thereby reducing the quality of OH programs. The proposed programs would restore the quality of OH education, reduce the credit requirements to more appropriate levels, and allow the University of Utah to compete for and accept outstanding physicians in the USAF Aerospace Medicine residency program. The MSOH degree includes a requirement for a research project, whereas the MOH degree is primarily for Occupational Medicine residents, Aerospace Medicine residents, and other students with significant professional experience to meet an equivalency requirement. **Chair Garff moved approval of the MOH and MSOH degrees at the University of Utah. Regent Karras seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.**

Utah Valley State College – Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene (Tab C). Chair Garff said the committee had discussed the market demand for dental assistants. Although the current standard is a two-year degree, the American Dental Hygiene Association is moving toward a four-year bachelor’s degree as the entry level into the profession. The Association is also recommending that more research be conducted in the field

by hygienists with advanced degrees, and is encouraging a new form of oral health care provider with a master's degree. The program will have three emphases: Education, Public Health, and Business. **Chair Garff moved approval of UVSC's Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. Following a second by Regent Zenger, the motion was adopted unanimously.**

Dixie State College – Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts Degree in Integrated Studies (Tab D). Chair Garff said institutional officials had done much research and had responded to questions from the committee. She expressed appreciation for their hard work. The Integrated Studies Degree was designed for students who may have started a program and changed direction, or those with associate degrees and/or college credits who want to complete a degree for career advancement or for personal fulfillment. Chair Garff said it was a strong degree for a developing institution. The college will have a strong counseling component to this degree to help students build their career paths. **Chair Garff moved approval of DSC's BS/BA Degree in Integrated Studies. Regent Beesley seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.**

Consent Calendar, Programs Committee (Tab E). Chair Garff said the committee had spent considerable time on SUU's Strategic Plan. President Benson said SUU has experienced steady increases in enrollment. He reported 90 percent of the tenured and tenure-track faculty have terminal degrees, and 85 percent of the classes are taught by full-time faculty. President Benson said university officials would request a bond resolution at the next Board meeting for Phase II of the housing complex. President Benson thanked the committee for taking time to hear the presentation, after discussion was deferred from the previous meeting. Chair Garff reported that the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College had discontinued programs. She commended them for the courage required to go through this type of evaluation. **On motion by Chair Garff and second by Regent Beesley, the following items were approved on the Programs Committee's Consent Calendar:**

- A. University of Utah
 - i. BA/BS Degree in Economics or Political Science and Master of Public Policy
 - ii. Discontinued Medical Biology Degree
- B. Southern Utah University – Strategic Plan
- C. Salt Lake Community College
 - i. Discontinued Associate of Applied Science Degree in Medical Laboratory Technician
 - ii. Discontinued Program in Architectural Technology/Structural/Civil Design

Finance, Facilities and Accountability Committee (Regent Jerry C. Atkin, Chair)

Policy R345, Information Technology Resource Security (Tab F). Chair Atkin reported this item had been deferred until March so the institutions could have additional time for review. Regent Jordan said he had helped a client work through federal and state laws as a result of a security breach. More than 40 states have their own state laws about what is required when personal information security has been breached. In some cases, multiple states may be involved. He suggested that the Attorney General's office be involved in finalizing this policy in case financial aid applications could be affected.

Salt Lake Community College – Campus Master Plan (Tab G). Chair Atkin said the committee had reviewed the college's master plan, which had no major changes since it was last approved. Next year a long-term plan will be presented to the Regents for approval. **Chair Atkin moved approval of SLCC's Campus Master Plan. Following a second by Regent Reid, the motion was adopted unanimously.**

Consent Calendar, Finance Committee (Tab H). On motion by Regent Atkin and second by Regent Reid, the following items were approved on the Finance Committee's Consent Calendar:

- A. University of Utah and Utah State University – Capital Facilities Delegation Reports
- B. University of Utah – Property Sale
- C. USHE – Annual Report of Commissioner's Discretionary Account
- D. USHE – Revised Policy R561, *Accounting and Financial Controls*
- E. Utah State University – Revenue Bond Request

Annual Report of Institutional and System Bonded Indebtedness (Tab I). Chair Atkin said the report had been prepared at the committee's request and was for information only.

Report of the Audit Review Subcommittee (Tab J). Chair Atkin said the committee had heard an excellent report by Regent Karras, who chairs the Subcommittee. The committee concentrated on four focus areas this past year: (1) Strengthening financial reporting at the College of Eastern Utah, (2) follow-up and "lessons learned" from the theft at Snow College, (3) establishing a system resource team to perform an IT Network Security Assessment for each institution, and (4) developing a legislative appropriations request to augment the internal auditing staff function within USHE institutions. Chair Atkin remarked the institutional audit committees were making excellent progress. Chair Pitcher commended Regent Karras for the efficient manner in which the audit committee meetings had conducted the previous day. Regent Karras, in turn, thanked Associate Commissioner Spencer, Brian Foisy and Troy Caserta for their excellent work.

Report of Auxiliary Funds (Tab K). This report is required annually by the Board of Regents. It was presented for information only.

"Impact of Technology" Briefing (Tab L). Chair Atkin said System CIO Steve Hess had made a presentation to the committee. He said this issue would be discussed in depth at the strategic planning session during the March Board meeting.

Actions of Regents' Executive Committee (Tab M). Chair Atkin referred to the Commissioner's memo, which reported actions taken by the Regents' Executive Committee which had been authorized by the full Board in its December meeting.

UHEAA – Update on Student Loan Bonds and Current Market Conditions (Tab N). Chair Atkin said this information was presented for information only; however, a conference call meeting of the Board will be necessary in January, following a meeting of the Student Finance Subcommittee.

Strategic Planning and Communications Committee (Regent James S. Jardine, Chair)

Minority Reports – Snow College and College of Eastern Utah (Tab O). Chair Jardine said information from CEU was included with the agenda. More than half of the students on CEU's San Juan campus are of diverse ethnicities. There is also a significant minority population in Price. College administrators' challenge is having the student body reflect the general population. President Wyatt spoke to the committee about the efforts Snow College is making in its communities. He noted the college serves the poorest service region in the state. In addition, 25 percent of the student body are first-generation college students. College officials have a special focus on the Hispanic population, which is growing in that area of the state. Many of these students drop out of school before they get to college. Chair Jardine said the purpose of these reports is to help the

Regents understand what is going on at the institutions. He thanked both institutions for their excellent presentations.

Utah Valley State College – Mission Implementation (Tab P). President Sederburg recalled that the Regents had approved a new Mission and Role Statement in December for the institution, when it becomes a university in July 2008. Utah Valley University will follow an Engagement Model, to connect with its communities. He introduced Dr. Jack Christensen, Director of the Center for Engaged Learning. President Sederburg said the Carnegie Foundation had introduced a new elective classification of Community Engagement, and UVU will pursue this classification. Chair Jardine noted policy R812 had been written to reflect the Carnegie classifications. He asked Assistant Commissioner Doty to work with Associate Commissioner Stoddard to reflect this classification change in the policy.

Measuring Utah Higher Education 2008 (Tab Q). Copies of the 2008 report were distributed at the meeting. Chair Jardine pointed out the previous report raised questions about completion rates. The new report cleared up that confusion.

Report of the Commissioner

Interim Commissioner Buhler pointed out his printed report in the Regents' folders. A CD of the 2008 Data Book was distributed; hard copies are available upon request.

Report of the Chair

Chair Pitcher also referred to his written report in the Regents' folders. In addition, a Resolution of Appreciation for former Commissioner Kendell and a Resolution in Memory of Lorna Matheson were in the folders, as requested at the last Board meeting. **Regent Atkin moved the adoption of the resolutions. Vice Chair Beesley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

Regent Reid moved that the Regents recess to closed session to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation and/or real estate issues. Regent Cespedes seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Regents reconvened in closed session at 11:58 a.m. and adjourned from there at 2:20 p.m.

Joyce Cottrell CPS, Executive Secretary

Date Approved