

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
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Minutes

Regents Present

Jed H. Pitcher, Chair
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Vice Chair
Jerry C. Atkin
Rosanita Cespedes
France A. Davis
Greg W. Haws
Meghan Holbrook
David J. Jordan
Nolan E. Karras
Jeffrey Kinsel
Robert S. Marquardt
Carol Murphy
Teresa Theurer
Marlon O. Snow
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused

Brent Brown
Katharine B. Garff
William H. Prows

Office of the Commissioner

William A. Sederburg, Commissioner of Higher Education
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary
David L. Buhler, Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs
Carrie Beckman, Policy and Special Projects Coordinator
Troy Caserta, Accounting Officer
Travis Clemens, Communications Director
Joseph Curtin, Director of Institutional Research and Analysis
Richard O. Davis, Deputy Executive Director, UHEAA
Stephanie Davis, Assistant Commissioner for Administrative Services
Ralph Hardy, Assistant Commissioner for Facilities Management
Dee Larsen, UESP Chief Compliance Officer
David Ma, Institutional Research and Analysis Officer
Melissa Miller Kincart, Assistant Commissioner for Outreach and Access
Cameron K. Martin, Associate Commissioner for Economic Development
Darren Marshall, Manager of Audit and Financial Services
Paul Morris, Assistant Commissioner for Budget and Planning
Phyllis C. Safman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
David Schwanke, Associate Executive Director for Finance and Accounting, UHEAA
Paul Shupe, Institutional Research and Analysis Analyst
Greg Stauffer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities
Joseph Watkins, Executive Director, Utah Student Association
Gary S. Wixom, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs

INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

University of Utah

Michael K. Young, President
Paul T. Brinkman, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning
Stephen H. Hess, Chief Information Officer

Utah State University

Stan L. Albrecht, President
Sydney Peterson, Chief of Staff

Weber State University

F. Ann Millner, President

Southern Utah University

Michael T. Benson, President
Dorian Page, Vice President for Finance and Facilities

Snow College

Craig Mathie, Vice President for Student Success

Dixie State College

Stephen D. Nadauld, President
Stanley J. Plewe, Vice President of Administrative Services

College of Eastern Utah

Greg Benson, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Utah Valley University

Matthew S. Holland, President
Douglas E. Warner, Associate Vice President for Finance/GRAMA

Salt Lake Community College

Cynthia A. Bioteau, President

Representatives of the Media

Brian Maffly, *Salt Lake Tribune*

Other Guests

Spencer Pratt, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst

The Board of Regents met in closed session at 9:00 a.m. Chair Pitcher called the meeting to order. **Regent Davis moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Regent Snow and adopted unanimously.**

Following meetings of Board Committees and lunch, the Committees reconvened in Committee of the Whole at 1:10 p.m. Chair Pitcher excused Regents Brown, Garff and Prows.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Sederburg congratulated Utah Valley University's Ballroom Dancers for being invited to compete in "Dancing With the Stars." He announced that **Dr. Elizabeth J Hitch** had been appointed Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, beginning July 1, 2010. He also noted that **Dr. Joe Peterson** had been selected as the first Chancellor of Utah State University-College of Eastern Utah. He congratulated both individuals. The Commissioner said Governor Herbert was expected to announce that day the selection of **Dan Campbell** to fill the vacancy on the Board of Regents left by Dr. Tony Morgan.

The Commissioner reported that Utah will participate in Complete College America, along with 19 other states. The goal of that organization is to improve college completion rates. The kick-off meeting will be held in Nashville on June 3-4. Commissioner Sederburg also gave an update of the system's Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA) and reported UHEAA had been "right-sizing" its staff. Since the federal government will be issuing student loans beginning July 1, UHEAA employees were given an option to take early retirement, or to negotiate a "buy-out." Executive Director Dave Feitz is hopeful for the future of UHEAA. Dr. Sederburg also updated the Regents on the Cluster Acceleration Partnership (CAP) program.

Commissioner Sederburg reported that he and Vice Chair Beesley were members of the Governor's Commission on Excellence in Education. The first meeting was held in March, after the Legislature recessed. At the meeting on May 24, members will present the current status of their respective areas of responsibility and discuss goals of the Commission. Dr. Sederburg briefly reviewed his April 21 presentation to the Commission. He reviewed the Regents' goals: (1) achieve 60 percent postsecondary completion, (2) be in the top third of the states in retention, (3) create strategies for talent force development and support research at research universities. Regent Karras asked to receive a copy electronically.

Committee Reports

Programs Committee

Acting Chair David Jordan reported the agenda had been prepared differently for this meeting, to be consistent with the changes to Policy R401 adopted at the previous meeting. Tab A consisted of new emphases to existing programs, and Tab B reported new minors. **On motion by Chair Jordan and a second by Regent Atkin, the following items were approved on the Programs Committee's agenda:**

NEW EMPHASES (Tab A)

- A. University of Utah
 - i. Emphases in Nuclear Medicine Technology, Community Health Education, Emergency Medical Services, Consumer Health, Provider Health and School Health Teaching within the existing Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Promotion and Education
 - ii. Emphases in Natural Resources Recreation Planning and Management, Therapeutic Recreation, Adventure and Outdoor Programs, Sustainable Tourism Management, Community Recreation and Sport Management, Commercial Recreation Management, and Hospitality Management within the existing Bachelor of Science Degree in Parks Tourism and Recreation
 - iii. Emphasis in Geriatric Nursing Leadership within the existing Bachelor of Science Degree in Registered Nursing
- B. Weber State University – Emphasis in Stringed Instrument Pedagogy within the existing Bachelor of Science in Music Degree
- C. Utah Valley University
 - i. Emphasis in Theatre within the existing BA/BS in Integrated Studies
 - ii. Emphases in Design and Technology and Performance within the existing Bachelor Of Arts/Bachelor of Science Degrees in Theatre
 - iii. Emphasis in Interactive Practice within the existing Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene

NEW MINORS (Tab B)

- A. University of Utah
 - i. Multi-Disciplinary Design Minor
 - ii. Disability Studies Minor
 - iii. Nuclear Engineering Minor

College and Career Readiness (Tab C). Chair Jordan referred to the discussion draft and said the Regents had been asked to define what is needed for a student to be ready for college. Dr. Dave Doty, Superintendent of the Canyons School District, spoke with the combined Programs and Planning Committees regarding his district's new differential diploma. Regent Jordan said this discussion was the beginning of a longer discussion with many other constituents. The Programs Committee and Planning Committee will meet again to discuss the issue of college readiness. Regent Karras asked if this would be discussed with a greater audience and/or the general public. Commissioner Sederburg responded that the first draft was meant for representatives of education on a larger scale. Other groups will include the K-16 Alliance, Salt Lake Chamber, Chief Academic Officers (CAOs), public education and legislative leadership. All of these groups need to be informed about the subject of college and career readiness.

Chair Nolan Karras reported all agenda items for the Finance Committee were relatively minor. **On motion from Regent Atkin and a second from Chair Karras, the following items were approved, with Regent Holbrook abstaining on the first item because of a conflict of interest:**

Utah Valley University – Sale of Property and easement to UDOT (Tab D)
Dixie State College – Sale of Condominium in Salt Lake City (Tab E)
Proposed Presidential Salaries for 2010-2011 (Tab F). Chair Karras said no increases would be given.
Approving Resolution to Amend the 1993 Student Loan General Indenture (Tab G)

Chair Karras said the committee had also discussed the following items:

2010-2011 Capital Improvement Funding Update (Tab H)
Retirement Plan Changes (Tab I)
Milliman Health Benefits Index Study (Tab J)

Planning Committee

Chair Jack Zenger reported the committee had no action items on this agenda. The committee discussed college readiness (Tab C) and made one proposed change. The committee also discussed Planning Estimators and Dashboards (Tab K). Chair Zenger commended Dr. Joseph Curtin for his work on the documents, which will be of great value to the Regents.

Community College Task Force Report

Commissioner Sederburg referred to Tab L and said the task force had been created to look at policies in the state and determine their effectiveness in meeting the community college functions. The committee was made up of representatives from each of the institutions, and was chaired by SLCC President Cynthia Bioteau.

President Bioteau distributed an updated version of the report (Tab L) and thanked the Regents and the Commissioner's staff for understanding the importance of maintaining and enhancing the community college mission in the state of Utah. She recognized members of the task force, which included senior leaders from all USHE institutions. Community colleges serve and educate approximately half of this country's graduates. While tax incentives are important, businesses need an educated work force to move into our communities. It is estimated that by 2040, the majority of people living in Utah will be over the age of 60. The task force would like this report to be a call for action for the Regents.

The following recommendations were made by the Community College Task Force:

1. **Recognition** – Implement a comprehensive, sustained, and consistent system-wide recognition campaign to educate the public about the value and importance of all degrees in higher education, including associate degrees and certificate programs
2. **Access** – Provide Utahns with ongoing options that ensure statewide access to community college functions

3. **Affordability** – Provide Utahns with affordable statewide access to community college functions
4. **Assessment** – Expand tracking and reporting systems to measure and assess data not currently captured

Regent Holbrook thanked President Bioteau and the task force for the report and its creative suggestions.

Commissioner Sederburg reminded the Regents that the Governor had charged the Utah System of Higher Education to come up with a master plan for higher education by October 2010. This report should be incorporated into that plan. He recommended that the Planning Committee carefully review the task force's report.

Strategic Planning Discussion

Associate Commissioner Cameron Martin introduced Mr. Craig Bott, President of GrowUtah Ventures, which has been assisting with the CAP program. Background information was supplied with the Regents' agenda (Tab M). Attachment 1 suggested 17 initiatives which have been mentioned in the Regents' planning efforts.

Mr. Bott said he appreciated being a partner with the USHE CAP initiatives. He broke the body into small groups to discuss and prioritize the 17 suggested topics. The results will be compiled by Dr. Martin's office and shared with the Board at the June 25 meeting. Dr. Martin said the intent was to have similar discussions with local school boards and regional business and political leaders. The completed report will include private institutions (both for-profit and non-profit schools) in these data. Public input will also be sought.

Commissioner Sederburg said this was one of the most important topics to be considered during the next decade. It will help set the agenda for the Governor and Legislature. It is essential that the institutional plans be in agreement with the system plan. Regent Karras suggested that the Presidents help prepare the core document. This must be provocative and not the normal higher education "line." The document must stir to action, not just sit on a shelf. Regent Murphy recommended that parents and families be included in the discussion: Why don't their kids go to school? How much of the problem are the Regents in a position to fix?

Chair Pitcher thanked Regent Zenger for his expertise and his role in developing this plan.

Utah System of Higher Education Cost-Sharing

Commissioner Sederburg referred to Tab N and said the presidents had discussed this topic at length. Traditional formulas will be used in funding the HETI and Library Consortia. The base study was supported by a majority of the Presidents. However, the report needs further discussion. The Presidents expressed their

appreciation for the joint effort on transfer. It was suggested that the Presidents might be willing to loan some of their staff to help with these efforts.

General Consent Calendar

On motion by Regent Theurer and second by Regent Snow, the following items were approved on the Regents' General Consent Calendar (Tab O):

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held April 1, 2010 at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah
- B. Grant Proposals (on file in the Commissioner's Office)
- C. Awards
 - 1. University of Utah – National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Drug Abuse; "Methamphetamine and Cocaine"; \$1,045,457. James W. Gibb, Principal Investigator.
 - 2. University of Utah – U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research; "Nanocatalysts in Propulsion"; \$1,100,000. Scott L. Anderson, Principal Investigator.
 - 3. University of Utah – National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; "CPCCRN"; \$1,200,000. J. Michael Dean, Principal Investigator.
 - 4. University of Utah – U.S. Department of Commerce; "NTIA BTOP ARRA"; \$13,401,096. Lisa B. Kuhn, Principal Investigator.
 - 5. University of Utah – U.S. Department of Energy/Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; "End-to-end High Performance"; \$2,485,111. Christopher R. Johnson, Principal Investigator.
 - 6. University of Utah – National Science Foundation; "Scalable Algorithms"; \$1,500,000. Valerio Pascucci, Principal Investigator.
 - 7. University of Utah – National Institutes of Health/National Center for Research Resources; "Facilities for Biomedical Research"; \$8,000,000. Thomas N. Parks, Principal Investigator.
 - 8. Utah State University – Air Force Research Laboratory; "Responsive Space Technologies"; \$2,000,000. Chad Fish, Principal Investigator.
 - 9. Utah State University – Air Force Space and Missiles Command; "Space and Missile Command Subcontract to Northrop Grumman"; \$2,500,000. Pat Patterson, Principal Investigator.

Report of the Chair

June Meeting. Chair Pitcher reminded the Regents that the next Board meeting would be held on June 25. The morning will be spent in a joint meeting with the State Board of Education at Wasatch High School, with the Regents' regular meeting that afternoon.

Elections. At the June meeting, the Nominations Committee will report and propose nominations for the offices of Board Chair and Vice Chair. Regent Marlon Snow chairs that committee.

Adjournment

Regent Holbrook moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Regent Theurer and adopted unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Joyce Cottrell CPS, Executive Secretary

Date Approved