

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
September 20, 2010

Minutes

Regents Participating

David J. Jordan, Chair
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Vice Chair
Brent Brown
Rosanita Cespedes
France A. Davis
Katharine B. Garff
Nolan E. Karras
Robert S. Marquardt
Jed H. Pitcher
Teresa Theurer

Regents Excused

Jerry C. Atkin
Daniel W. Campbell
Greg Haws
Meghan Holbrook
Carol Murphy
William H. Prows
David E. Smith
Marlon O. Snow
John H. Zenger

Office of the Commissioner

William A. Sederburg, Commissioner of Higher Education
David L. Buhler, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary
Ralph Hardy, Special Assistant to the Associate Commissioner
Laura Kuykendall, Senior Administrative Assistant
Gregory L. Stauffer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities

INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

University of Utah

David K. Pershing, Senior Vice President and Provost
Arnold B. Combe, Vice President for Administrative Services

Weber State University

F. Ann Millner, President

Snow College

Scott L. Wyatt, President

Utah Valley University

Val Peterson, Vice President

Salt Lake Community College

Cynthia A. Bioteau, President
Dennis Klaus, Vice President of Business Services

Chair Jordan asked Secretary Cottrell to call the roll. After a quorum was established, he convened the meeting at 11:10 a.m. He explained that the Board of Regents had 15 priority points to assign at its discretion to the capital development issues. Regent Karras chaired a subcommittee charged with this task.

Regent Karras briefly explained the subcommittee's discussion. He said life safety points traditionally had been awarded to older buildings, which made it difficult for any new buildings to rise to the top. Regent Garff asked if anyone else used the same formula. Chair Jordan responded that was unique to the Board of Regents. DFCM weighs in on life safety points, however.

Regent Karras explained that in prior years there had been some arbitrary decisions made in the formal Q&P formula. This total scoring formula is an attempt to be as intellectually honest as possible. The Regents are trying to move away from judgment. The committee reviewed the process before submitting its recommendations to the Board for approval. Regent Karras pointed out fewer buildings were on the list than in some years.

Chair Jordan asked Associate Commissioner Spencer about the Utah State University-CEU fine arts complex. He noted Utah State University had ranked its business building as a higher priority than the fine arts complex. Dr. Stauffer responded he had first check with Utah State University in terms of their comfort with their second priority coming in before their first priority. They were fine, primarily because the business building is a \$60 million building but will only be a \$40 request, with \$20 expected in donations. He noted life safety used to be worth 25 points, and it is now worth only 15 points. With the Utah State University projects, in the life safety allocation, the committee used DFCM as functional experts in scoring, explaining that the weighted scoring is devalued based on the percentage of renovation as compared to new space. The fine arts complex is a 95 percent renovation project. This is why those two projects were ranked as they were.

Chair Jordan asked if that created an incentive for institutions to do more renovations to their buildings, as opposed to constructing new buildings. Associate Commissioner Stauffer said this was a good way to rank projects higher in life safety points. Commissioner Sederburg pointed out this also concerns the way branch campuses were ranked. Dr. Stauffer agreed, and said a number of issues were affected, including branch campuses, off-campus instruction, and others. He said next year it is likely that additional changes will be made to the formula. Some states also include land bank requests in their prioritization process. Mr. Hardy said we still want the Q&P macro-analytical concepts, based on the total picture. Staff anticipates improving this part of the formula.

Vice Chair Beesley asked if the committed considered any reference to the master plan and its implementation. She asked if there was a way to build that into the formula going forward. Regent Karras said that was discussed in Cedar City during the Board retreat. The Finance Committee considered it again this month in its committee meeting.

Chair Jordan said he was concerned about policy. After the space study is completed, this may need to be changed again before next year. The Regents are reporting to the Legislature that we are preparing to absorb x-number of students by 2020; this will require large growth at Weber and UVU. This will have to include

classroom buildings. We need classroom buildings at the campuses where we expect the most growth. President Millner pointed out Weber already owns 106 acres in Davis County. This is a significant resource to help with expansion. Chair Jordan said priority would be given to a new classroom building, regardless of where it is located.

Chair Jordan asked Associate Commissioner Stauffer to elaborate when he explained how life safety issues are prioritized. Are we creating perverse (??) Decisions to renegotiate when we should actually be building? He cautioned the Regents to make the wisest decision in the long run.