Regents Present
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
Daniel W. Campbell, Vice Chair
Keith M. Buswell
Wilford W. Clyde
France A. Davis
James T. Evans
Meghan Holbrook
Nolan E. Karras
Thomas D. Leavitt
Robert S. Marquardt
Carol Murphy
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Mark R. Stoddard

Regents Excused
Katharine B. Garff
Erik Mikkelsen
Marlon O. Snow
Teresa L. Theurer
John H. Zenger

Office of the Commissioner
William A. Sederburg, Commissioner
David Buhler, Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs
Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Gregory L. Stauffer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities
Cameron K. Martin, Associate Commissioner for Economic Development and Planning
Gary Wixom, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Phyllis Safman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Blair Carruth, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Carson Howell, Utah Data Alliance Policy Research Manager
Andrew Stone, Special Assistant to the Commissioner

Institutional Presidents
David W. Pershing, University of Utah
Stan L. Albrecht, Utah State University
F. Ann Millner, Weber State University
Michael T. Benson, Southern Utah University
Scott L. Wyatt, Snow College
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State College
Cynthia A. Bioteau, Salt Lake Community College
Institutional Chief Academic Officers were also present. The signed role is on file at the Commissioner’s Office.

The Regents began the day at 11:30 a.m. at a lunch meeting with the Southern Utah University Board of Trustees. The Retreat began at 1:15 p.m. and concluded at 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Sederburg discussed the whitepaper he drafted that outlined how the Utah System of Higher Education could implement ways to reach the goal of having 66% of Utahns with a college degree or certificate by the year 2020. Key highlights to the whitepaper include: focusing or prioritizing the age group 25-35 within the age group 25-64; using technology to award Associate degrees to students who have met the requirements, bypassing the graduation application process; increasing the number of high school graduates entering the system; and improving the college freshman to sophomore retention rates.

An open discussion of the topic continued. Chair Beesley asked Presidents and Commissioner Elect Buhler to present their recommendations at the next meeting in September.

It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Pitcher to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters. The motion carried.

The retreat concluded at 3:30 p.m. and the Regents met in Executive Session until 5:00 p.m.

Following the Retreat, the Regents were invited to attend a dinner hosted by President Benson and a play as part of the 2012 Utah Shakespeare Festival.
Chair Beesley called the Regents to order in the Committee of the Whole at 7:30 a.m. It was moved by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Davis to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters. The motion passed.

The Regents met in Executive Session until 9:00 a.m. and then met in board committees until 10:30 a.m. Chair Beesley called the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:42 a.m.

Administration of Oath of Office to Regent Thomas D. Leavitt
Having served one year as a non-voting Student Regent, Chair Beesley administered the oath of office to now voting Student Regent Thomas D. Leavitt.

Recognizing Daniel W. Campbell as Vice Chair
Chair Beesley recognized new Vice Chair of the Board of Regents Daniel W. Campbell. She reported that Vice Chair Campbell is already fully engaged and dedicated to make a difference for the system.
Chair Beesley also recognized Commissioner Designee David L. Buhler. She reported that his confirmation of the Utah State Senate is scheduled for August 15.

Reports of Board Committees

Programs/Planning Committee

University of Utah – Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies (TAB A)
Regent Davis reported on and moved the approval of the new bachelor degree. Regent Prince seconded the motion. The motion carried.

University of Utah – Master of Science in Geographic Information Science (TAB B)
Regent Davis reported on and moved the approval of the new GIS masters’ degree. Regent Leavitt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

University of Utah – Doctor in Dental Surgery (TAB C)
Regent Davis reported on this new program and University of Utah Vice President Vivian Lee was invited to speak on the proposal. It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Stoddard to approve the new program. The motion carried.

Utah State University – Minor in Teaching American Sign Language in Secondary Education (TAB D)
Regent Davis moved the approval of this new program and Regent Marquardt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2012 Report for the HigherEdUtah2020 Plan Timeline (TAB E)
USHE Roles and Authority Annual Orientation (TAB F)
Regent Davis reported that the above items are information only. No action was taken. There were no questions. This completed Regent Davis’ report.

Finance/Facilities Committee

Southern Utah University – Campus Master Plan Approval (TAB G)
Regent Pitcher reported that the last review of SUU’s master plan was in 2010 and moved the approval of the minor adjustments to the plan. It was seconded by Regent Holbrook and the motion carried.

Weber State University – Sale of University Property in Kaysville, Utah (TAB H)
Regent Pitcher reported on the proposed property sale and moved the approval of the sale. It was seconded by Regent Holbrook and the motion carried.

Weber State University – Purchase of 10 Acre Property in Hooper, UT for a Future Branch Campus (TAB I)
Regent Pitcher reported on the proposed property purchase and moved the approval of the purchase. Regent Stoddard seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Weber State University – Long-term Lease of Portions of the New Davis Campus Professional Programs and Classroom Building to the Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science (NUAMES) (TAB J)
Regent Pitcher invited WSU Vice President Norm Tarbox who reported on the complicated lease with NUAMES. It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Holbrook to approve the long-term lease. The motion carried.

Weber State University – Long-term Land Lease with Weber County for Weber County Ice Sheet Expansion (TAB K)
WSU Vice President Norm Tarbox also reported on the proposed long-term land lease with Weber County. It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Davis to approve the lease. The motion carried.

Proposed Policy: R571 – Delegation of Purchasing Authority (TAB L)
Regent Pitcher reported that the Finance and Facilities Committee would like to table this item pending further study and refinement, and bring the item back to the board at the September 14 board meeting.

IRS Position on Tax-Exempt Student Loan Bonds (TAB M)
Regent Pitcher moved that the board authorize UHEEA to enter into the VCAP and begin negotiating with the IRS. Regent Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Work Program Revisions for FY 2012 & FY 2013 (TAB N)
Regent Pitcher asked Dr. Gregory Stauffer to report on this consent item and it was reported the work program revisions need approval by the board. It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Holbrook. The motion carried.

Southern Utah University – Juniper Hall Replacement (TAB O)
Regent Pitcher reported that the committee was favorably impressed with this report and anticipates hearing more in an upcoming meeting.
Sale of the Utah Valley University Series 2012A Student Center Building and Unified Center Revenue Bonds (TAB P)
Sale of the Weber State University Series 2012 Student Facilities System Revenue Bonds (TAB Q)
2012-13 Mission Based Funding Initiatives (TAB R)
Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer gave a short report on these information items; no action was taken by the board. This completed Regent Pitcher's report.

General Consent Calendar (TAB U)
On a motion by Regent Karras and a second by Regent Davis, the following items were approved on the Regents’ General Consent Calendar:

A. Minutes of the Board Meeting May 18, 2012, at Snow College, Ephraim, Utah; and of the Board Meeting June 21, 2012 at the Board of Regents Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.
B. Grant Proposals
C. Awards
D. Academic Items Received and Approved
Commissioner's Report

See attached for the Commissioner’s report.

Resolutions

Thomas Anderson
Chair Beesley presented Thomas Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, with a resolution honoring his service to the Utah System of Higher Education and the Board of Regents as general counsel. Regent Karras moved the adoption of the resolution and it was seconded by Regent Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously.

Katharine B. Garff
Regent Holbrook read a resolution honoring Katharine B. Garff for her service to the State Board of Regents and all that she has done for education in the state of Utah. Regent Holbrook moved the adoption of the resolution and it was seconded by Regent Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

William A. Sederburg
Commissioner Sederburg was presented with a resolution honoring him for his service as a president for Utah Valley University and as Commissioner of Higher Education for the last four years. Among those who spoke in his honor included Chair Beesley, Associate Commissioner Cameron Martin, UVU Vice President Val Peterson and President Michael Benson. Regent Campbell moved the adoption of the resolution and it was seconded by Regent Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

State of the University

President Michael Benson gave a presentation on the state of Southern Utah University (SUU). He reported on the current issues of the university in relation to their mission as “a dynamic teaching and learning community inspired by its unique natural surroundings” and as Utah’s designated public liberal arts and university.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: September 14, 2012
Attachment
Continued Involvement

• Curriculum for a higher education course in the Educational Leadership & Policy department

• Chair a National Committee with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)

• Developing computer simulations on being a college president

• Assist Regents as requested
Congratulations
Commissioner David L. Buhler
Happy Birthday
Changes in OCHE

Andrea Cox
College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) Manager

Christie Fox, PhD
Utah Scholars Program Coordinator
Quick Update

• Weber State Presidential Search Process
• 2012 Report for the 2020 Plan Update
• NGA Grant Completion
• Technology Intensive Concurrent Enrollment
• SB 286- Online College Readiness Assessment
Upcoming Events

• USHE Roles and Authority Annual Orientation
  • August 14th / Board of Regents Building

• Senate Confirmation Hearing
  • August 15th / Utah State Capitol Building

• Interim Higher Education Appropriation Subcommittee
  • August 16th / Utah State Capitol Building

• Regents Planning Retreat
  • September 13th / Utah State University
Educational Attainment and Personal Income

- The National Center of Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) finds the correlation between state per capita income and the percent of the public with a baccalaureate degree increased from .6 to .83 in twenty-five years.
Educational Attainment and Personal Income

Adults Aged 25 to 64 with Bachelor’s Degrees and Higher

Correlation = 0.642
1990

Educational Attainment and Personal Income per Capita

Correlation = 0.761

Adults Aged 25 to 64 with Bachelor’s Degrees and Higher

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Educational Attainment and Personal Income

Correlation = 0.796
Educational Attainment and Personal Income per Capita

Correlation = 0.823

Adults Aged 25 to 64 with Bachelor’s Degrees and Higher
Educational Attainment and Personal Income

• This increasingly strong correlation makes it clear that for a state to prosper, a significant share of its population must attain post-secondary education.
Utah Women and Education Initiative (UWEI)

- Established Office of the Initiative
  - 1 Director, Mary Ann Holladay (25 hrs./week)
  - 1 Coordinator, Victoria Thompson (29 hrs./week)
  - 1 Administrative Assistant, Betty Maestas (29 hrs./week)
  - 1 Senior Advisor, Dr. Susan R. Madsen

- Located in the Board of Regents Building
TICE Project Highlights

- 20 sections of TICE courses scheduled for Fall 2012

- Teams are meeting with teachers to train them on how to teach the courses as hybrid courses

- Loretta Palmer joined the TICE project to assist with USHE coordination

- Proposals for development of new TICE courses (Gen Ed and CTE) now under review
Utah Data Alliance

- Stage 1 of 4 will be made available to UDA partners by the beginning of August

- Preliminary data matching has allowed UDA to look at limited research questions
UDA Possibilities

Wage Impact of Graduation - 2007 Graduates

- Doctorate or Professional Degree
- Master’s Degree
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Associate’s Degree
- Certificate

2006 Pre-graduation
2008 1-Year Post-graduation
2009 2-Years Post-graduation
2010 3-Years Post-graduation
Savingforcollege.com’s 5-Cap Rating system—one cap being least attractive and five caps being most attractive—evaluates more than 100 of the nation’s 529 plans. Programs awarded five caps are recognized as offering outstanding flexibility, attractive investments, and additional economic benefits (such as state tax benefits) that provide a substantial boost to an account owner’s savings. Savingforcollege.com is an independent website informing families and financial advisers about 529 plans.

- More than **202,000** accounts
- **$4.6 billion** in assets under management
Default Prevention Pilot Program

- Utilize UHEAA’s default prevention unit to lower default rates on Direct Loans
- Dixie State College under contract
- Other institutions in contract negotiations
Highlights for Today

• Tom Anderson Resolution of Appreciation
• SUU Campus Master Plan Approval
• Engineering and Computer Science Initiative
• President Benson - State of the University
UTAH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Building a Stronger State of Minds