COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

Regents Present
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
Daniel W. Campbell, Vice Chair
Nina R. Barnes
Wilford W. Clyde
France A. Davis
James T. Evans
Marlin K. Jensen
Nolan E. Karras
Thomas D. Leavitt
Robert S. Marquardt
Erik Mikkelsen
Carol Murphy
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Harris H. Simmons
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused
Keith M. Buswell
Marlon O. Snow

Office of the Commissioner
David Buhler, Commissioner
Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Gregory L. Stauffer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities

Institutional Presidents
David W. Pershing, University of Utah
Stan L. Albrecht, Utah State University
Provost Michael B. Vaughn, Weber State University
Michael T. Benson, Southern Utah University
Scott L. Wyatt, Snow College
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State College
Provost Christopher Picard, Salt Lake Community College

Other Commissioner’s Office and institutional personnel were also present. The signed role is on file at the Commissioner’s Office.
The Board of Regents began the day at 7:30 a.m. at a breakfast meeting with the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees. The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chair Beesley at 9:09 a.m.

Oath of Office to Nina R. Barnes
Having been appointed by the governor to the Board of Regents, and approved by the senate, Nina R. Barnes took the oath of office.

Commissioner’s Overview
Commissioner Buhler gave a brief update and overview of the day’s meeting.

Resolution Endorsing Higher Education’s 66% Goal and the Governor’s Education Excellence Commission’s PACE Metrics (TAB A)
Commissioner Buhler reported that the Board of Regents have already endorsed the goal of having 66% of adults in Utah- age 25-34- obtain a post-secondary degree or certificate by 2020. This resolution provides support for the Governor’s Education Excellence Commission’s PACE metrics. It has already been adopted by the State Board of Education and the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees. It was moved by Regent Karras to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Regent Simmons. The motion carried.

College Readiness Memorandum of Understanding with the State Board of Education (TAB B)
Associate Commissioner Liz Hitch reported that the attached memorandum supports the State Board of Education’s application for a waiver to the United States Department of Education regarding college readiness standards in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. It was moved by Regent Leavitt to support the memorandum of understanding and it was seconded by Regent Davis. The motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole broke for committee meetings from 9:22 a.m. until 10:51 a.m.

Chair Beesley recognized and thanked Brian Maffly, who has been covering higher education for the Salt Lake Tribune for the past five years. Mr. Maffly has taken another assignment and this was his last Board of Regents meeting.

Reports of Board Committees

Programs/Planning Committee

Dixie State College – Bachelor of Arts and Minor in Spanish (TAB C)
Regent Davis reported that this is Dixie State University’s first foreign language degree and is a part of the plan for Dixie State to reach the next stage of their mission. It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Leavitt to approve the new degree. The motion carried.

Dixie State College – Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences Composite Teaching (TAB D)
Regent Davis reported that this new degree is a component for Dixie State to fulfill their mission to provide a well-trained workforce for regional employers. It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Zenger to approve the new degree. The motion carried.

Regents’ Policy R401, Approval of New Programs, Program Changes, Discontinued Programs, and Program Reports (TAB E)
Regent Davis reported that the changes in Policy R401 streamlines the approval process of programs. New programs would be approved by the PRC and Committee of the Whole, while other items would be approved by the OCHE staff and the full board on the Consent Calendar. It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Prince to approve the revision. The motion carried.

USHE Secondary School and Administrators and Counselor Conference (TAB F)
College Access Network of Utah Update (TAB G)
“Expect the Great” College and Career Readiness Fair (TAB H)
Report to the Legislature on the New Century and Regents’ Scholarships (TAB I)
Career and Technical Education Report 2011-12 (TAB J)
Regent Davis reported briefly on the information items Tabs F through J. He thanked the Presidents for their support of the “Expect the Great” College and Career Readiness Fair, and event that is dear to him. He also thanked Chair Beesley for her leadership and support of the new structure of the Programs/Planning Committee with one chair and two vice-chairs. Regent Davis concluded his report.

Finance/Facilities Committee

Proposed Revision to Policy R510, Tuition and Fees (TAB K)
Regent Pitcher turned to Associate Commissioner Stauffer who reported that the proposed changes in Policy R510 are to clarify and strengthen the policy relating to Excess Credit Hours and to address Regent approval of Differential Tuitions.

Proposed Revision to Policy R504, Budget Adjustments for Declining Enrollments (TAB L)
Associate Commissioner Stauffer reported that the proposed changes in Policy R504 are to clarify that this policy is applicable only when and institution’s Enrollment Growth Funding Base and Enrollment Growth Increases are fully funded.

Proposed Revision to Policy R710, Capital Facilities (TAB M)
Associate Commissioner Stauffer reported that the proposed changes in Policy R710 are to codify the established practice for approval of the disposal of real property by USHE institutions.

It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Marquardt to approve the proposed policy changes in Policies R510, R504 and R710 as outlined in Tabs K, L, and M. The motion carried.

Utah State University – Bonding Authorization for the Athletics Competitive/Practice Facility (TAB N)
Regent Pitcher reported that Utah State University requests authority for the Athletics Competitive/Practice Facility that was approved for construction by the Regents in August 2010 and by the legislature in their 2011 session. It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Campbell to approve the bonding authorization. The motion carried.
Utah State University – Approval of Donated Land for USU Eastern Campus (TAB O)
Regent Pitcher reported that Utah State University requests approval to accept a donation of vacant land located in Price for the future expansion of Utah State University Eastern Campus. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Marquardt to approve the donation of property. The motion carried.**

Weber State University – Approval of a Non-state Funded Public Safety Building Project (TAB P)
Regent Pitcher reported that Weber State University requests approval for the design and construction of a new Public Safety Building on the Ogden Campus. The project will be funded with intuitional funds and will not require legislative approval. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Simmons to approve the project. The motion carried.**

University of Utah – Purchase of Property for a Mid-valley Clinical Services Facility (TAB Q)
Regent Pitcher reported that the University of Utah requests approval to purchase property for a health care medical services building that will serve to consolidate Health Sciences/School of Medicine Departments from existing leased clinical space in the mid-valley into a university owned clinical hub. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the purchase. The motion carried.**

University of Utah – Davis County Land Purchase for University of Utah Hospital and Clinics (TAB R)
Regent Pitcher reported that the University of Utah requests to purchase land in Farmington, Utah for future patient services facility in Davis County. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the purchase. The motion carried.**

Regent Pitcher reported that a discussion item came up in the Finance/Facilities Committee on the responsibility of the Regents in the matters of the hospital, clinic and other health care facilities, as it is still unclear. They ask that President Pershing’s staff work with Commissioner Buhler’s staff on a proposed policy for the January meeting.

Weber State University – Sale of Surplus Property in Kaysville, Utah (TAB S)
USHE – Annual Report on Leased Space (TAB T)
USHE – Institutional Residences Annual Report (TAB U)
USHE – Fall 2012 Enrollment Report (TAB V)
Salt Lake Community College – Purchase of Property Contiguous to Campus (TAB W)
Regent Pitcher reported briefly on the above information items. He reported that coming from the discussion on the Fall 2012 Enrollment Report, the committee requests that each institution report in January on the impact that the LDS missionary age change will have on them.

**General Consent Calendar (TAB X)**

**On a motion by Regent Theurer, seconded by Regent Marquardt, the following items were approved on the Regents’ General Consent Calendar:**
A. **Minutes** – Minutes of the Board meeting September 13 and 14, 2012, Utah State University, Logan, Utah and the minutes of the Board meeting October 9, 2012 at Weber State University, Ogden, Utah.
B. Grant Proposals
C. Awards
D. Academic Items Received and Approved

Approval of Board of Regents Meeting Schedule (TAB Y)

It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the 2013-14 meeting schedule listed below. The motion passed.

- July 18 & 19, 2013 – Southern Utah University
- September 13, 2013 – Utah State University
- November 15, 2013 – Snow College
- January 24, 2014 – University of Utah
- March 28, 2014 – Salt Lake Community College
- May 16, 2014 – Weber State University

Resolutions

Carol Murphy
Regent Theurer read a resolution honoring Carol Murphy for her service to the Board of Regents. It was moved by Regent Theurer and seconded by Regent Clyde to adopt the resolution of appreciation. The motion carried.

F. Ann Millner
Regent Karras presented a resolution to honor President F. Ann Millner to honor her ten years of service as president of Weber State University. It was moved by Regent Karras and seconded by Regent Davis to adopt the resolution of appreciation. The motion carried.

State of the University

President Matthew Holland gave a presentation of the state of Utah Valley University. His report focused on Utah Valley University’s Core Themes: Serious, Inclusive, Engaged and Student Success.

It was moved by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Davis to meet in Executive Session following the Campus Connections. The motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Prior to meeting in executive session, the Regents were invited on a Campus Connection tour of Utah Valley University’s Business Building. The Regents met in executive session from 12:51 p.m. until 2:02 p.m.

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Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: January 25, 2013