

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
DIXIE STATE COLLEGE, ST. GEORGE, UTAH
JEFFREY R. HOLLAND CENTENNIAL COMMONS (5TH FLOOR)
JANUARY 25, 2013

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
Daniel W. Campbell, Vice Chair
Nina R. Barnes
Leslie Brooks Castle
Wilford W. Clyde
France A. Davis
Marlin K. Jensen
Nolan E. Karras
Thomas D. Leavitt
Robert S. Marquardt
Erik Mikkelsen
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Marlon O. Snow
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused

Keith M. Buswell
James T. Evans
Harris H. Simmons

Office of the Commissioner

David Buhler, Commissioner
Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Gregory L. Stauffer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities
David A. Feitz, Associate Commissioner and Executive Director, UHEAA

Institutional Presidents

David W. Pershing, University of Utah
Stan L. Albrecht, Utah State University
Charles A. Wight, Weber State University
Provost Bradley J. Cook, Southern Utah University
Scott L Wyatt, Snow College
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State College
Matthew S. Holland, Utah Valley University
Cynthia Bioteau, 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 Dixie State College Board of Trustees. The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chair Beesley at **8:59 a.m.**

It was moved by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Davis for the Board to meet in Executive Session. The motion carried.

The Board met in Executive Session until 9:40 a.m. followed by a short break. The Committee of the Whole was again called to order by Chair Beesley at **9:59 a.m.**

Chair Beesley welcomed newly appointed Weber State University President, Charles (Chuck) Wight, and new Regent, Leslie Castle, representing the State Board of Education, to the Board of Regents meeting in their new roles.

Commissioner's Overview

Commissioner Buhler gave a brief update and overview of the day's meeting and preparations on the upcoming legislative session.

Legislative Priorities for 2013 (TAB A)

Commissioner Buhler reported on the Board of Regents priorities for the 2013 legislative session, and the Governor's budget recommendations and key legislation that may affect the Utah System of Higher Education. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Pitcher to approve the Commissioner's recommendations as outlined in TAB A. The motion carried.**

2013-14 Mission Based Funding Initiatives (TAB B)

Commissioner Buhler and Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported briefly on the Distinctive Mission Initiative component of Mission Based Performance Funding. The institutions each submitted distinctive mission initiatives for presentation to the Board of Regents, Governor Herbert and the Utah Legislature, and are included in the attached report. This was an information item and no action was taken.

2013-14 66% Goal Initiatives (TAB C)

Commissioner Buhler reported that the attached report contained the USHE institutions 66% Goal initiatives on increasing student capacity and completion rates to help achieve the State's goal of 66% of Utahns with a postsecondary certificate or degree by 2020. As part of the UHSE consolidated budget request, approved by the Board of Regents, and as a part of Governor Herbert's budget recommendation, \$20 million has been requested to implement these initiatives. This was an information item and no action was taken.

Proposed Revision to Policy R203, Search Committee Appointment and Function, and Regent's Selection of Presidents of Institutions (TAB D)

Commissioner Buhler reported on the changes to policy R203 including the presidential search committee, which "will include an equal number of Regent and Trustees numbering up to five of each body"; the trustee chair, vice-chair and other executive committee members are invited to "fully participate" in the final

interviews and in the final deliberation of the board, and Board of Trustee members will meet with finalists in a dedicated campus meeting. **It was moved by Regent Karras and seconded by Regent Pitcher to approve the policy revision to R203. The motion carried.**

LDS Missionary Age Change & Institutional Planning (TAB E)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported on the report of compiled intuitionally-provided updates, outlining projected impacts on student enrolments and early intuitional plans in responding to the projected enrolment changes expected by the change of the eligibility age for mission service in the LDS Church. The impact is projected to vary across USHE institutions and thus the need for operational changes will vary as well. One of the responses institutions are taking is to work to fine-tune their deferment/interrupted enrollment policies. This was an information item and no action was taken.

The Committee of the Whole broke for committee meetings at **10:29 a.m.** followed by lunch.

State of the College

President Stephen Nadauld gave a presentation of the state of Dixie State College. His report focused on DSC's student success and the environment for that success including the academic, student services and physical environment. He also reported on the vision of Dixie State as a university within the System of Higher Education and helping the state reach its 66% goal.

Following the State of the College, President Nadauld took the Regents on a tour of the new Holland building for Campus Connections.

The Committee of the Whole reconvened and was called to order at **1:52 p.m.**

Reports of Board Committees

Finance/Facilities Committee

Proposed Revision to Policy R710, Capital Facilities (TAB O)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported that the proposed changes in R710 are in red and blue type face. The revisions in blue type face are not changes in policy, but reformatting existing language for consistency. The revisions in red type face are additions to the policy. The new language authorizes institutional Boards of Trustees to approve disposal of donated or gifted properties under certain circumstances. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Marquardt to approve the policy revision of R710. The motion carried.**

Proposed Revision to Policy R220, Delegation of Responsibilities to the Presidents and Board of Trustees (TAB P)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported that the proposed changes are delegated to the University of Utah Board of Trustees full oversight of the budgets, operations, and property transactions of the University of Utah Health Care System, with the exception of issuance of revenue bonds. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the revision of R220. The motion carried.**

Policy R212, Presidential Travel Oversight (TAB Q)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported that there are no verbiage changes, solely a policy numbering change. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Snow to approve the change. The motion carried.**

Utah State University – Space Dynamics Laboratory (SDL) Facility (Non-state Funded Capital Development Project) (TAB R)

Regent Pitcher reported that a revised memo for Tab R was distributed to the Regents in their folders. **Regent Pitcher moved that the Regents approve the university's request for authorization to request bonding for the possible exercise of an option to purchase a facility to be built by a private developer on the Innovation Campus for the Space Dynamics Lab, with the understanding that the financing arrangements for the purchase of the facility will be brought back to the Regents for final approval. The motion was seconded by Regent Clyde and it carried.**

Utah State University – Student Building Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 (TAB S)

Regent Pitcher reported that there is a new authorizing resolution attachment to Tab S in the Regent's folders. He reported that Utah State University has requested authorization to proceed with issuance of revenue bonds to refund a portion of its Series 2004A Student Building Fee Revenue and Refunding Bonds. Analysis shows that net-present-value savings exceeding \$1.2 million or 16% are attainable. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Campbell to approve Utah State University's request. The motion carried.**

Approval of Change in University of Utah Endowment Investment Guidelines (TAB T)

Regent Pitcher reported on the changes the University of Utah is seeking in intuitional endowment guidelines relative to alternative investments. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the changes outlined in Tab T. The motion carried.**

University of Utah – Gift of West Institute Property (TAB U)

Regent Pitcher reported that the University of Utah is requesting authorization to accept a gift of the West Institute property and existing building located at 300 South and University Drive. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Zenger to authorize the acceptance of this significant gift to the University. The motion passed.**

Dixie State College – Campus Master Plan Update (TAB V)

It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Prince the four changes outlined in Tab V to the Dixie State College Campus Master Plan. The motion carried.

Weber State University – Receipt and Sale of Donated Property (TAB W)

Regent Pitcher reported that under unique circumstances Weber State University was authorized by Board Executive Committee to accept an offer of donated property with the immediate sale of the property resulting in a \$279,735 cash gift to the university. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Campbell to ratify the property transaction. The motion carried.**

Update on Institutional Audit Reports to the Regents' Audit Committee (TAB X)

Vice Chair Campbell reported to the board that the Regents Audit Committee, consisting of Regents Wilford Clyde, Nolan Karras, Robert Marquardt and Daniel Campbell, along with Commissioner's Office members,

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer and Manager of Audit and Financial Services Darren Marshall, met with each institution's audit committees on January 23rd. He was pleased to report that the presidents are setting the tone of accountability and the system is improving in this area. The institutions have strong trustees who are overseeing the audit process. In addition the internal audit teams are improving in qualifications and man power. As an overview the system seems to be in good shape. A number of items will be followed up on. **This was an information item and no action was taken.**

USHE – Report of Auxiliary Funds (TAB Y)

Regent Pitcher recommended the Regents' review of this information item, particularly as it relates to campus bookstores.

USHE – Annual Report of Institutional Revenue Bonded Indebtedness (TAB Z)

Regent Pitcher reported on in relation to his information item the Regents would find a letter in their folders from the Legislature Auditor General that commends the USHE for its control and monitoring of its annual revenue bonded indebtedness.

USHE – Annual Contracts and Grants Report (TAB AA)

USHE – 2013 Data Book (TAB BB)

Pell Grants (TAB CC)

Regent Pitcher also recommended the Regents' review of the above information items.

Regent Pitcher concluded his report of the Finance/Facilities Committee.

General Consent Calendar (TAB DD)

On a motion by Regent Stoddard, seconded by Regent Snow, the following items were approved on the Regents' General Consent Calendar:

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting November 16, 2012, Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah.
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved

Resolution

E. LaMar Buckner

It was moved by Regent Karras and seconded by Regent Leavitt to approve a resolution of appreciation for the late E. LaMar Buckner who served on the Board of Regents from 1981 through 1985. The motion carried.

Reports of Board Committees (Continued)

Programs/Planning Committee

University of Utah – Bachelor of Science in Multi-Disciplinary Design (TAB F)

Regent Davis reported on the new degree proposal and moved the approval of it. It was seconded by Regent Leavitt and the motion carried.

University of Utah – Master of Arts in Latin American Studies (TAB G)

Regent Davis reported on the University of Utah request for a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies and in this global society degrees such as this will meet the needs of the population. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Leavitt to approve the new degree. The motion carried.**

Southern Utah University – Master of Arts in Art Administration (Online) (TAB H)

Regent Davis reported on Southern Utah University's request for a new online Master of Arts in Art Administration. It is a degree that will provide for the practical aspects of art administration. There were concerns raised that there may be limited opportunities for graduates. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Stoddard to approve the new degree. The motion carried.**

Utah Valley University – Bachelor of Music in Media Composition and Production with Emphasis in Media Composition and Emphasis in Music Technology (TAB I)

Regent Davis reported on Utah Valley University's request for this new degree. It was reported that there was a similar degree at Snow College, but they felt this degree is not a duplication but a compliment to it, and added the two institutions can work together. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Leavitt to approve the request. The motion carried.**

Salt Lake Community College – Associate of Applied Science Degree in Homeland Security/Emergency Management (TAB J)

Regent Davis reported on Salt Lake Community College's request for this new degree. He reported that there are thousands of people working locally in this field. There has been an articulation agreement with Utah Valley University (UVU) so that once students earn this degree they can finish their education at UVU. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Snow to approve the request. The motion carried.**

Dixie State College – Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science and Minor in History (TAB K)

Regent Davis reported that the proposed new degree requested by Dixie State College is the last degree that will allow the college to complete the benchmarks the Board of Regents set forth to achieve university status. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the new degree. The motion carried.**

HigherEdUtah2020 - 2013 Session Report (TAB L)

Regent Davis reported that the 2013 Session Report of the HigherEdUtah2020 Plan captures the progress made during 2012 towards the "state's" big goal of having 66% with a postsecondary credential by 2020. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Leavitt to accept the report and to approve consideration by the USHE as to the best mix of degrees and certificates to meet the economic needs of the state between now and 2020. The motion carried.**

College Access Challenge Grant ImPACT Subgrantees (TAB N)

Regent Davis reported on this information item. No action was taken.

Dixie State College – University Benchmark Update, University Status Approval, and Name Change (TAB M)

Regent Davis reported that the Programs/Planning Committee listened to the report and response by the Commissioner's Office and they are prepared to make a recommendation regarding university status for Dixie State College.

President Nadauld spoke of the long time dream of the community to have the educational resources available that are associated with a university. He thanked faculty and administrative staff, community, students, all stake holders, and the Regents with their support over the years.

It was moved by Regent Prince to accept the Commissioner's recommendation, recognizing the historic day and remarkable effort of President Nadauld, and recognizing the vision of the pioneers and citizens of the area, he moved the approval of Dixie State College as a university, as a dual mission institution, and that the name change of Dixie State University be accepted as recommended and approved by the Board of Trustees. It was seconded by Regent Zenger.

Concerns were expressed by Regents Davis and Marquardt regarding Dixie State retaining the word "Dixie" in their new name.

The vote was called for and the motion carried.

Board of Trustees Chair Caplin, Board of Regents Chair Beesley, Commissioner Buhler and President Nadauld each made comments offering congratulations.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

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