

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING  
WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY, OGDEN, UTAH  
SHEPHERD UNION BUILDING  
MAY 17 2013

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES

Regents Present

Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair  
Daniel W. Campbell, Vice Chair  
Keith M. Buswell  
Leslie Brooks Castle  
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

Regents Excused

Nina R. Barnes  
Wilford W. Clyde  
James T. Evans  
Harris H. Simmons  
John H. Zenger

Office of the Commissioner

David Buhler, Commissioner  
Blair Carruth, Assistant 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  
Laurens H. Smith, Executive Senior Vice Provost, Utah State University  
Charles A. Wight, Weber State University  
Bradley J. Cook, Provost, Southern Utah University  
Scott L Wyatt, Snow College  
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State College  
Ian Wilson, Vice President - Academic Affairs, 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 in the Commissioner's Office.

The Board of Regents began the day at 7:30 a.m. with a breakfast meeting; they were joined by the Weber State University Board of Trustees. **The Committee of the Whole was called together at 9:00 a.m.**

**It was moved by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Pitcher to meet in Executive Session. The motion carried.**

**The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 9:01 a.m.** and the Regents met in Executive Session followed by Campus Connections, Board Committees, lunch, and the State of the College.

#### State of the College

President Charles Wight gave a presentation on the state of Weber State University. His report focused on Weber State University's core themes of access, learning, and community.

**The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 1:12 p.m.**

#### Commissioner's Overview

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

#### General Consent Calendar (TAB Z)

**On a motion by Regent Davis, and seconded by Regent Leavitt, the following items were approved on the Regents' General Consent Calendar:**

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting March 29, 2013, Salt Lake Community College, Sandy, Utah.
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved

#### Reports of Board Committees

##### Finance/Facilities Committee

##### University of Utah – Programming and Design Approval for the Lasonde Living Learning Center (TAB K)

Regent Pitcher reported the University of Utah requests authorization to seek State Building Board programming and design approval for this non-state funded building project. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Marquardt to approve this request. The motion carried.**

##### Weber State University – Campus Master Plan Update (TAB L)

Regent Pitcher reported the Weber State University Campus Master Plan was last approved by the Board on May 20, 2011 and since then there have been minor changes. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Snow to approve the changes as outlined in Tab L. The motion carried.**

##### Guidelines for Performance Funding, 2013-14 (TAB M)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported on the proposed metrics and timeline that require Regent approval to meet the intent of the legislation introduced by Senator Urquhart. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Campbell to approve the guidelines as outlined in Tab M. The motion carried.**

2013-2014 Distinctive Mission Based Funding (TAB N)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported that during the 2013 legislative session the MBF Distinctive Mission appropriation was increased from \$8 million to \$9 million and the University of Utah (UofU) also received \$10 million for Medical School Admissions. The UofU agreed to a reallocation of one-half of their distinctive mission appropriation to the other seven USHE intuitions. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Karras to approve the Distinctive Mission Initiatives and allocations as outlined in Tab N. The motion carried.**

R583, Student Recruitment and the Report of Advertising Costs (TAB O)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported a recent review of this policy resulted in the recommendation to eliminate the provision that encourages institutions to advertise for increased enrollments in under-enrolled applied technology programs. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Snow to approve the revisions to policy R583. The motion carried.**

R587, Lease-Purchase Financing (TAB P)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported the revision of this policy is an elimination of a provision that involved utilization of certificates of participation financing for lease purchases of equipment through the Department of Administrative Services, as this plan no longer exists. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Marquardt to approve the revisions to policy R587. The motion carried.**

R501, Budgeting Definitions and Guidelines (TAB Q)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported on the policy revision to R501. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Karras to approve the policy revisions as outlined in Tab Q. The motion carried.**

R763, Funding of Parking Facilities Repair Costs (TAB R)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported on the policy revision to R763. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Karras to approve the policy revisions as outlined in Tab R. The motion carried.**

R205, Presidential Appointment, Term of Office and Compensation and Benefits (TAB S)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported on policy updates to R205. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Campbell to approve the changes to R205 and formalize presidential compensation adjustments going forward effective immediately. The motion carried.**

USHE – Enrollment Forecasts (TAB T)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported on the Higher Education enrollment projections. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Leavitt to approve the long-term enrollment projections for higher education in the State of Utah as outlined in Tab T. The motion carried.**

Capital Development Prioritization (CDP) Cycle – Adoption of Priority Guidelines (TAB U)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported on the recommended priority guidelines to the Capital Development Prioritization Cycle. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Marquardt to adopt the proposed guidelines as outlined in Tab U and to appoint a Building Priorities Task**

Force to visit each institution, evaluate the circumstances of each project, focus on those that are the most crucial and make a recommendation to the full board for application of the Regents' Priority Points. The motion carried.

UHEAA Revenue Bonds (TAB V)

Regent Pitcher reported on the issue and moved the approval of executing a closing agreement in accordance with the Voluntary Closing Agreement Program. It was seconded by Regent Marquardt. The motion carried.

USHE Utilities Infrastructure Study (TAB W)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported on this information item. No action was taken.

USHE – 2013-14 Capital Improvement Funding Update (TAB X)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported on this information item. No action was taken.

USHE Institutions' Health Plan Changes 2013-14 (TAB Y)

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

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

University of Utah – Extended Asian Campus at Songdo, South Korea (TAB A)

Regent Davis reported on the University of Utah's request to open an extended campus at the Songdo Global University Campus in Songdo, South Korea. It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Leavitt to approve the request by the University of Utah and to begin the extended Asian Campus under the conditions outlined in Tab A. The motion carried.

Weber State University – Associate of Science in Pre-Education (TAB B)

Regent Davis reported on Weber State University's proposal for the new degree and moved the approval of it. The motion was seconded by Regent Snow. The motion carried.

Southern Utah University – Associate of Applied Science in Aerospace/Aviation Technology – Professional Pilot with Emphases in Rotor-Wing and Fixed-Wing Aircraft (TAB C)

Regent Davis reported on Southern Utah University's proposal for the new degree program and moved the approval of it recommending the program submit an annual report each year to the Regents for the first three years of program operation. The motion was seconded by Regent Leavitt. The motion carried.

Salt Lake Community College – Certificate of Completion and Associate of Applied Science in Electronics Engineering Technology (TAB D)

Regent Davis reported on Salt Lake Community College's proposal for the new certificate and moved the approval of it. The motion was seconded by Regent Stoddard. The motion carried.

R312, Configuration of the Utah System of Higher Education and Institutional Missions and Roles (TAB E)

Regent Davis reported on several changes to R312. It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Prince to approve the revision of R312 effective immediately. The motion carried.

R161, Guidelines for Cooperation between the State Board of Regents and the State Board of Education (TAB F)

and

R138, University Centers (TAB G)

Regent Davis reported that policies R161 and R138 might be considered together, as after thorough review, it has been recommended they be eliminated from the Board of Regents policies. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Leavitt. The motion carried.**

CACG Collaborative Counselor Training Initiative (TAB H)

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

StepUp Spring College Nights (TAB I)

and

College Access Challenge Grant Annual Report (TAB J)

Regent Davis reported the Academic and Student Affairs Committee did not have time to review these items in committee; however, he recommended the Regents read the items and direct questions to Assistant Commissioner Melissa Miller Kincart. No action was taken on these information items.

Appointment of Interim President, Southern Utah University (TAB AA)

Commissioner Buhler reported that Dr. Richard E. Kendell has agreed to serve as interim president at Southern Utah University. **It was moved by Regent Karras and seconded by Regent Pitcher to appoint as Southern Utah University Interim President Dr. Richard E. Kendell effective July 8, 2013. The motion carried.**

Resolutions

Thomas D. Leavitt

**It was moved by Regent Mikkelsen and seconded by Regent Prince to approve a resolution of appreciation for Thomas D. Leavitt and his service on the Board of Regents as the 2012-2013 Student Regent. The motion carried.**

Marlon O. Snow

**It was moved by Regent Campbell and seconded by Regent Theurer to approve a resolution of appreciation for Marlon O. Snow and his service on the Board of Regents from 2001 to 2013. The motion carried.**

Nolan E. Karras

**It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Snow to approve a resolution of appreciation for Nolan E. Karras and his service on the Board of Regents from 2001 to 2013. The motion carried.**

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

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**The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:00 p.m.** and the Regents met in Executive Session until 2:45 p.m.

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Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved:

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael T. Benson served as the 15<sup>th</sup> president of Southern Utah University since 2007; and

WHEREAS, he served as the 14<sup>th</sup> president of Snow College from 2001 to 2006; and at the time of his appointment, at age 36, he was the youngest college or university president in the history of the Utah System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, prior to his presidencies, Dr. Benson was a cabinet member of the University of Utah serving as the special assistant to President Bernie Machen and secretary to the university; and

WHEREAS, during his five years as president of Snow College he helped raise more money than the previous 117 years of the institution's history combined; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Southern Utah University launched its most ambitious campaign, The Future is Rising, in September 2011, which has already reached \$90 of its \$100 million goal; and

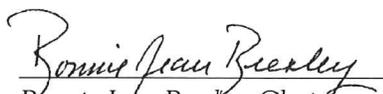
WHEREAS, Dr. Benson, an accomplished athlete himself, led Southern Utah University to join the Big Sky Conference in all sponsored sports in July 2012; and

WHEREAS, he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Brigham Young University, a Doctor of Philosophy in Modern Middle Eastern History from University of Oxford, and a Master of Non Profit Administration cum laude, from the Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benson's tenure of presidency at two Utah System of Higher Education institutions will be remembered best not only for his keen ability to friend raise, but his enthusiastic support for the comprehensive education of students, in and out of the classroom, often making himself accessible to students, and attending student and athletic events; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utah State Board of Regents, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his staff, and institution presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have worked with Michael T. Benson, hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and respect, and wish him and his wife Debi the very best in their future endeavors.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013.

  
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair  
State Board of Regents



  
David L. Buhler  
Commissioner of Higher Education