

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY, CEDAR CITY, UTAH
R. HAZE HUNTER CONFERENCE CENTER
JULY 19, 2013

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
Daniel W. Campbell, Vice Chair
Nina R. Barnes
Keith M. Buswell
Leslie Brooks Castle
Wilford W. Clyde
France A. Davis
James T. Evans
Marlin K. Jensen
Robert S. Marquardt
Erik Mikkelsen
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Harris H. Simmons
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer
John H. Zenger

Office of the Commissioner

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

Institutional Presidents

David W. Pershing, University of Utah
Stan L. Albrecht, Utah State University
Charles A. Wight, Weber State University
Richard E. Kendell, Southern Utah University
Scott L Wyatt, Snow College
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State University
Matthew S. Holland, Utah Valley University
Cynthia A. 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 Southern Utah University Board of Trustees. This was followed by Campus Connections and Board Committees.

Retreat

Discussion of Strategic Priority of Increasing Completion/Graduation Rate

Commissioner Buhler opened the discussion on the strategic priority of increasing completion. This has been a goal for the Board of Regents and a strategic initiative for the Utah System of Higher Education.

He invited three presidents to speak on innovative ways their institutions are implementing the priority of increasing completion. President Bioteau, Salt Lake Community College, discussed their GenEd Step Ahead program. President Wight, Weber State University, discussed their strategy for developmental math (TERM) and why math counts. President Albrecht, Utah State University, discussed completion predictors and the strategies they are implementing to address those.

Commissioner Buhler continued the discussion and introduced specific statewide initiatives proposed to increase the number of students who leave higher education with a certificate or degree, which is crucial to reaching the state's 66% goal. The initiatives are as follows:

1. Board of Regents' resolution defining 15 credits as full-time.
2. Encourage the use of plateau tuition as an incentive.
3. Create "Graduation maps" for each major at each institution.
4. SBR to strongly encourage strategies to improve success of developmental math.
5. Institute reverse transfer/stackable credential policy.

(See the action item under Committee of the Whole.)

State of the University

Interim President Richard E. Kendell gave a presentation on the state of Southern Utah University (SUU). Three guest speakers spoke of their first hand experience with SUU's quality of instruction and personal attention to students, student engagement in real-life applications and projects, and increasing expectations for students.

The Committee of the Whole was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Oath of Office

Jessellie B. Anderson

Having been appointed by the governor to the Board of Regents, and approved by the senate, Jessellie B. Anderson took the oath of office.

Joyce P. Valdez

Having been appointed by the governor to the Board of Regents, and approved by the senate, Joyce P. Valdez took the oath of office.

Erik Mikkelsen

Having been appointed by the governor to the Board of Regents as the Student Regent, Erik Mikkelsen took the oath of office.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Buhler gave a brief report, an update on current events, an overview on items the Board of Regents can expect in September. Maria Millett, Public Affairs Assistant, assisted the Commissioner in a demonstration of the Utah System of Higher Education's new website.

General Consent Calendar (TAB Z)

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

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting May 17, 2013, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah.
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved

Strategic Priority of Increasing Completion/Graduation Rate (TAB P)

Following the discussion during the Retreat, it was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Stoddard to approve the *Resolution to Implement Strategies to Increase Completions Rates in Support of the 66% Goal* as attached in Tab P. The motion carried.

Reports of Board Committees

Finance/Facilities Committee

Utah Valley University – Authorization to Expand the Institutional Residence (TAB F)

Regent Marquardt moved the approval of Utah Valley University's request to proceed with the proposed expansion of the institutional residence using non-state funds. Regent Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

R713, Funding of Student Centers (TAB G)

R714, Capital Facilities Community Impact (TAB H)

R720, Capital Facilities Master Planning (TAB I)

R761, Physical Education, Intramural Sports and Special Event Facilities (TAB J)

R558, Surplus Property (TAB K)

Associate Commissioner Gregory L. Stauffer reported briefly on updates for policies R713 (Tab G), R714 (Tab H), R720 (Tab I), R761 (Tab J), and R558 (Tab K). **It was moved by Regent Marquardt to approve the policy changes out-lined in the above tabs for R713, R714, R720, R761, and R558 and it was seconded by Regent Clyde. The motion carried.**

Utah State University – Aggie Life & Wellness Center and Athletic Training Facility Student Building Fee Revenue Bond Resolution (TAB L)

Associate Commissioner Gregory L. Stauffer reported that two numbers on the Preliminary Summary Sheet needed to be changed. The Total Approximate Issue Size should be \$41,600,000 instead of \$38,600,000 and the closing date listed under Timetable Considerations should be August 21 instead of 14. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Mikkelsen to approve the request to issue the bonds. Regents Simmons and Anderson abstained from the vote. The motion carried.**

Performance Funding Measures, 2013-2014 (TAB M)

Regent Marquardt reported on the background of the performance funding and moved the approval of each institution's core performance measures, specific measurements, metrics, current data, and one-year goal for fiscal year 2014. The motion was seconded by Regent Barnes. The motion carried. (The phrase "Three year moving average." should be added onto the "Benchmark: One-year Goal (2014)" for "b. Completion" listed under Weber State University.)

University of Utah – Update of Series 2013 Bond Resolution for Revenue Bonded Debt Restructuring (TAB N)

Regent Marquardt reported on the updates to the bond resolution authorized by the Board on March 29, 2013. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the updated resolution. Regents Simmons and Anderson abstained from the vote. The motion carried.**

Southern Utah University – Notification of Sale of Paragonah, Utah Property (TAB O)

Regent Marquardt reported on the information item and sale of donated property.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

University of Utah – Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Writing and Rhetoric Studies (TAB A)

Regent Davis reported on the proposed new degree and moved the approval of it. The motion was seconded by Regent Prince. The motion carried.

University of Utah – Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering (TAB B)

Regent Davis reported the new proposed degree will meet a great demand for qualified engineers. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Simmons to approve the request to offer the new degree. The motion carried.**

Dixie State University – Bachelor of Science in Finance (TAB C)

Regent Davis reported on the new degree proposal. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Zenger. The motion carried.**

R401, Approval of New Programs, Program Changes, Discontinued Programs, and Program Reports – Changes to Clarify Policy (TAB D)

Regent Davis reported on the changes proposed to R401. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Zenger to approve the most recent revisions to Regents' Policy R401. The motion carried.**

Designating the American Council on Education as a Recognized Entity from which to Receive Recommendations of Credit for Military Service and Training (TAB E)

It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Prince to approve designating the American Council of Education as a recognized entity from which to receive recommendations of credit for military service and training as required by Utah legislation. The motion carried.

Regent Davis concluded his report with a report from Snow College that their music degree has officially been accredited and a report from Southern Utah University that the actual numbers for interest in participation in their aviation program are double of the projected numbers.

USHE 7-Year Budget Plan Projection (TAB R)

It was moved by Regent Simmons and seconded by Regent Stoddard to request the Commissioner provide seven-year budget projection scenarios indentifying the resources that will be necessary for the Utah System of Higher Education to achieve its portion of the goal of 66% of the adult population ages 25-35 having some form of post-secondary education credential by the year 2020, and that this be provided at the September 2013 State Board of Regents meeting. The motion carried.

Legislative Audit of Higher Education Competition with the Private Sector (TAB S)

It was moved by Regent Campbell to request the Commissioner, working with the institutional Presidents, and the Executive Committee of the Board to move quickly on addressing the legislative audit and language changes to Regents' Policy R555, and to report back to the full Board no later than January 24, 2014. The motion was seconded by Regent Prince. The motion carried.

Resolution

Michael T. Benson

It was moved by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Pitcher to approve a resolution of appreciation for Michael T. Benson for his service to the Utah System of Higher Education as the president of Snow College (2001-2006) and Southern Utah University (2007-2013). The motion carried.

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

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:30 p.m. and the Regents met in Executive Session until 3:45 p.m.

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: September 13, 2013