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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

Daniel W. Campbell, Chair
Harris Simmons, Vice Chair
Nina Barnes
Wilford Clyde
Marlin K. Jensen
Ron Jibson
Patricia Jones
Steve Lund
Robert S. Marquardt
Cristina Ortega
Robert W. Prince
Teresa L. Theurer
Alex Trujillo
Joyce P. Valdez

Regents Absent

Jessellie B. Anderson
Mark Stoddard
Thomas E. Wright

Office of the Commissioner

David L. Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education
Kimberly L. Henrie, Associate Commissioner for Planning, Finance and Facilities
Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs

Institutional Presidents Present

President Pershing, University of Utah
Noelle Cockett, Utah State University
Scott L Wyatt, Southern Utah University
President Carlston, Snow College
Jeff Olson for Matthew S. Holland, Utah Valley University
Richard B. Williams, Dixie State University
Deneece G. Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College
Madonne Miner for Charles A. Wight, Weber State University

Other Commissioner's Office and institutional personnel were also present. The signed role is on file in the Commissioner's Office.

Vice Chair Harris Simmons called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. He opened the meeting by asking Regent Jensen to talk about the resolution for Robert D. Hales.

Discussion – Communication and Strategic Planning

A discussion about the new strategic plan and the three new Regents' Working Groups. These working groups include: Workforce – Chair, Regent Marquardt, Vice Chair, Regent Jones; Timely Completion – Chair, Regent Barnes, Vice Chair, Regent Prince; Access & Affordability – Chair, Regent Jensen, Vice Chair, Regent Ortega.

State of the University

President Cockett began by stating USU is Utah's land grant institution, which differentiates them with a very specific mission of research, teaching and outreach across the state. She said students feel like they are a part of a family when attending USU; they are embraced with inclusivity and are given high touch experiences that create a doer mentality. USU is focused on workforce development, attending to teach students what they need to pursue their choice of career, but they also hope they are creating people that love learning, and develop better citizens.

President Cockett said they are creating student success in the same manner other Utah institutions are, with a commitment to student success. In 2011 the Regents joined with Complete College America to identify five incentives for USHE institutions to focus on. USU has embraced all five incentives and has successfully implemented them.

Tuition Plateau: The first step in getting students to participate was to explain how the tuition plateau saves time and money. In 2014 USU extended their tuition plateau from 13-18 credits to 12-18 credits. Students have been very receptive to this concept. They have increased student participation in the plateau from 50% of students in 2012 to 77% of students in 2017. This increase is not just because of the one credit change, but because USU moved its online classes to the plateau. Of note, almost 40% of USU students take at least one online course.

Additional incentives to ensure student success include: moving a lot of the orientation and registration processes online, reduced the number of remedial classes that a student might need to take by redoing the math and statistics coursework, moved from taking a math placement test to providing a six month free tutorial program and at the end of the program students are placed in a math class, and lastly they have purchased the Cevitas program that will allow real time advising and quick deployment of assistance they may need. USU is working on several high impact practices, some examples include: undergraduate research, internships, study abroad programs, senior capstone projects, and the Connections Program.

Workforce development: USU introduced the Outdoor Product Design and Development Program and currently have 100 students enrolled. This is hands on and interdisciplinary. In 2011 USU was approved for a veterinarian medicine degree with Washington State University and it is highly successful. USU now offers the two-year nursing program in Vernal, Roosevelt, Tooele, Moab, Blanding and Price. They are also working to increase stackable credentials.

President Cockett also mentioned some things USU is doing in the area of well-being and safety. USU surveyed 23,000 students and asked questions about nonconsensual sexual contact, 45% responded. 93% of students felt safe on campuses, but only 45% knew about the resources available and only 5% knew how to report to Title IX. The nonconsensual sexual contact is about 7.2% total for undergrads but only 5% had reported. Because of this USU has increased the message to students on their resources and how to report.

Mental Health and Wellness is a big issue campus wide. USU has had a 96% increase in consults in university centers since 2015. Students approved a new student fee of \$13.00 per fulltime student and a .05% second-tier tuition increase for more resources.

President Cockett praised USU for ranking 5th nationally in public institutions and 13th in all institutions in the 2016 college rankings done by Washington Monthly, which ranks institutions on social mobility.

Resolution

Regent Jensen made mention of the great work of Robert D. Hales and moved to approve the Resolution; the motion was seconded and the motion passed.

Tristan Denley Presentation

Dr. Tristan Denley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic officer at the University System of Georgia talked about strategies to enable students to be more successful, graduate more quickly and cheaper.

General Consent Calendar (TAB R)

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

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting November 17, 2017, Utah State University, Logan, Utah
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic items Received and Approved
- E. Revision of Policy R613, Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program
- F. Revision to Policy R911, Employment of Relatives

Reports of Board Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Utah Medical Education Council Recommendations (TAB A)

Regent Theurer noted Rick Campbell shared information about workforce services, which the committee found very interesting and Mr. Campbell will be following up with additional information at a future meeting. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

Institutional Completion Report – Utah State University (TAB B)

Regent Theurer noted USU is doing great things. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

High Impact Practices Goal, Assessment and Reporting (TAB C)

Regent Theurer noted this requires students to have two High Impact Practices experiences, one in the first 30 credit hours and another later. **Regent Theurer motioned to approve as outlined in TAB C; the motion was seconded by Regent Barnes and the motion carried.**

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

Regent Theurer noted after a long discussion this item will be tabled for additional word changes. This item will be revisited at a future Board meeting.

Repeal Regent Policy R424, Public Colleges of Education and Centennial Schools (TAB E)

Regent Theurer noted this program has not been active for several years and therefore the policy is no longer needed. **Regent Theurer motioned to approve as outlined in TAB E; the motion was seconded by Regent Ortega and the motion carried.**

Revision to Policy R609, Regents' Scholarship (TAB F)

Regent Theurer noted this scholarship was originally created to help with college preparedness and while this is still the case, the new changes provide the ability to consider access and makes it easier to apply for the scholarship. This change also gives more flexibility to the financial offices at the institutions. Commissioner Buhler noted there has been a lot of misinformation so the office has created some talking points to help in understanding the changes. This is still an achievement based scholarship, even though it allows institutions to help fill a financial gap, which helps in our access and affordability mission. **Regent Theurer motioned to approve as outlined in TAB F; the motion was seconded by Regent Campbell and the motion carried.**

Finance and Facilities Committee

Utah State University – Campus Master Plan Approval (TAB G)

Regent Marquardt noted there has been some amazing additions to Utah State University. **Regent Marquardt motion to approve as outlined in TAB G; the motion was seconded by Regent Jibson and the motion carried.**

Utah State University – Property Acquisition (TAB H)

Regent Marquardt noted this is a ratification of an action already taken. The property is located next to the Brigham campus and will be used for commercial purposes. **Regent Marquardt motioned to ratify as outlined in TAB H; the motion was seconded by Regent Theurer and the motion carried.**

Utah State University – Series 2017 Refunding Bond Issue (TAB I)

Regent Marquardt noted USU is requesting authorization to issue up to 43 million in revenue bonds to advance refund of 36 million in bonds originally issued for the Aggie recreation center and basketball practice facility. USU anticipates they will save approximately 6 percent or 2.3 million. **Regent Marquardt motioned to approve as outlined in TAB I; the motion was seconded by Regent Jones and the motion carried.**

University of Utah – Property Purchase (TAB J)

Regent Marquardt noted this is for approval to purchase a 3.26 acre property located between the Rosenblatt House and the Eccles House at a cost of 2.45 million in nonpublic funds. He noted this is a rare opportunity to purchase property that is landlocked and will not be used in the immediate future. **Regent**

Marquardt motioned to approved as outlined in TAB J; the motion was seconded by Regent Prince and the motion carried.

USHE – 2018-2019 Performance Based Funding Modification (TAB K)

Regent Marquardt noted these are required changes based on the passage of SB 117. Changes include: the weighting of performance category was increase to market demand performance up to 25% of available funding, underserved students was redefined, market demand programs are set by the division of workforce services and GOED and reevaluated every two years, the distribution of funding is based on one year's performance compared to the previous five year rolling average, and distribution and funding will be prorated based on the institutions progress. **Regent Marquardt motioned to approve as outlined in TAB K; the motion was seconded by Regent Jones and the motion carried.**

USHE – Fiscal Health Dashboard Update (TAB L)

Regent Marquardt encouraged regents to review the report and noted the Dashboard is a great place to find information. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – FY2019 Institutional Budget Request Detail (TAB M)

Regent Marquardt noted this is an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – Annual Institutional Residences Expense Report (TAB N)

Regent Marquardt noted this is an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – Annual Report on Leased Space (TAB O)

Regent Marquardt noted there are 208 institutional leases, over 1.8 million square feet, and an annual lease cost of 26.8 million. Of these leases, the University Health Care System accounts for 68% of them. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – Annual Contracts and Grants Report (TAB P)

Regent Marquardt noted the total number increased by 263 or 6.1% and the dollar amount increased by 12.6 million. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – Fall 2017 Third-week Enrollment Report (TAB Q)

Regent Marquardt noted USHE institutions had an increase of total headcount of almost 5000 students. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

Regent Marquardt motioned to move into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals. The motion was seconded by Regent Theurer and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Loreen Olney, Executive Secretary

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