STATE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, LOGAN, UTAH
ALUMNI HOUSE & TAGGART STUDENT CENTER
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present
Daniel W. Campbell, Chair
France A. Davis, Vice Chair
Jesselie B. Anderson
Nina R. Barnes
Bonnie Jean Beesley
Keith M. Buswell
Leslie Brooks Castle
James T. Evans
Brady L. Harris
Marlin K. Jensen
Robert S. Marquardt
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Harris H. Simmons
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer
Joyce P. Valdez

Regents Absent
Wilford W. Clyde
John H. Zenger

Office of the Commissioner
David L. Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education
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
Scott L Wyatt, Southern Utah University
Gary L. Carlston, Snow College
Richard B. Williams, Dixie State University
Matthew S. Holland, Utah Valley University
Deneece G. Huftalin, 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 8:00 a.m. with a breakfast meeting; they were joined by the Utah State University Board of Trustees. Following breakfast, the Board of Regents met with the Institution Presidents at 9:30 a.m., for one hour, discussing possible issues the Utah System of Higher Education and the Board of Regents could focus on in the coming year. The Regents then met in committees until 11:30 a.m., which was followed by lunch.

**The Committee of the Whole was called to order at 12:45 a.m.**

Chair Campbell excused Regents Clyde and Zenger and announced Regents Evans and Valdez are excused to leave early for other commitments. Chair Campbell welcomed President Williams and President Huftalin to their first Board of Regents meeting as newly appointed presidents.

**State of the University**

President Albrecht gave a presentation on the state of Utah State University focusing on the unique successes of the university celebrating 150 years, Board of Regent completion initiatives, university campaign, athletics, and academics and research.

**The Committee of the Whole was again called back to order by Chair Campbell at 1:18 p.m.** Chair Campbell welcomed Tami Pyfer, education advisor to Governor Herbert.

**Fiscal Year 2016 USHE Budget Request (TAB U)**

Commissioner Buhler presented the FY 2016 USHE operating budget request detailing five main components: Employee Compensation, Mission Based Funding – Student Participation and Distinctive Mission, Performance Funding, Research Universities Graduate Program Support, and Statewide Programs. It was moved by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Davis to approve the FY 2016 Budget Request ($78,396,100 or 9.7% increase), and any subsequent technical adjustments related to compensation as updated estimates become available. The motion carried.

**General Consent Calendar (TAB V)**

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

A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting July 17, 2014, Dixie State University, St. George, Utah; Minutes of the Board Meeting July 18, 2014, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah; Minutes of the Board Meeting August 19, 2014, Conference Call, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Minutes of the Board Meeting September 15, 2014, Salt Lake Community College, Salt Lake City.

B. Grant Proposals

C. Awards

D. Academic Items Received and Approved

E. Executive Committee Item Received and Approved
Reports of Board Committees

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

**Utah State University – Bachelor of Arts in Music (TAB A)**
Regent Prince reported on and moved the approval for Utah State University’s request for a Bachelor of Arts in Music. Regents Simmons seconded and the motion carried.

**Utah State University – Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education (TAB B)**
Regent Prince reported a similar program was offered by USU’s Huntsman School of Business but was eliminated several years ago, this new program will be offered through USU’s School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education. **It was moved by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Stoddard to approve the Bachelor of Science in Business Education. The motion carried.**

**Southern Utah University – Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Discontinuation of Bachelor of Science in Physical Education with Emphasis in Exercise Science (TAB C)**
Regent Prince reported SUU proposes to change its emphasis in Exercise Science within the Physical Education degree to a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. **It was moved by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Jensen to approve the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and the discontinuation of the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education with Emphasis in Exercise Science. The motion carried.**

**Southern Utah University – Masters of Music Education (TAB D)**
Regent Prince reported SUU’s proposal for a Master of Music Education is intended to meet the needs of in-service music teachers. **It was moved by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Harris to approve this request. The motion carried.**

**Dixie State University – Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (TAB E)**
Regent Prince reported this request by Dixie State to offer a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry is important for the institution and region. **It was moved by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Simmons to approve DSU’s request to offer a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. The motion carried.**

**Feasibility Study for Walk-in Centers and Services for Veterans (TAB F)**
Regent Prince reported this action item comes from 2014 Senate Bill 68 which required the Board of Regents to conduct a feasibility study for veterans’ centers and services at institutions within the Utah System of Higher Education. He also reported on the four recommendations for the Board of Regents as found at Tab F. **It was moved by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Stoddard to accept the Feasibility Study for Walk-in Centers and Services for Veterans. The motion carried.**

No action was taken on this information item.

**Utah Scholars Initiative Annual Report (TAB H)**
No action was taken on this information item.
StepUp to Higher Education Update and College Guide (TAB I)
No action was taken on this information item.

USHE College Application Portal Feasibility Study (Gates Grant) (TAB J)
No action was taken on this information item.

College Opportunity Agenda (TAB K)
No action was taken on this information item.

Finance/Facilities Committee

Utah State University – Campus Master Plan Progress Report (TAB L)
Regent Marquardt reported that this progress report is for information only, as Utah State University’s Campus Master Plan was approved last year. No action was taken.

Utah Valley University – Request for approval to create the position of General Counsel (TAB M)
Regent Marquardt reported on and moved approval for UVU’s request for approval to create the position of General Counsel. The motion was seconded by Regent Simmons and carried.

Revision of Policy R501, Budgeting Definitions and Guidelines (TAB N)
See below for action.

Revision of Policy R506, Inventory of Budget Related and Self Supporting Courses (TAB O)
Regent Marquardt reported R501 and R506 have been reviewed and include many technical updates. It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Anderson to approve the revisions to policy R501 and R506. The motion carried.

Weber State University – Property Acquisitions (TAB P)
Regent Marquardt reported the authorization to purchase two properties would not need Regent approval; however the purchase price of one of the properties is $6,000 over the current appraisal. He reported Weber State University intends to demolish the homes and use the properties as developed parking for the new Science building. It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Davis to approve the purchase of the two properties. The motion carried.

Weber State University – Stewart Library Infrastructure Systems Renovation (TAB Q)
Regent Marquardt reported on Weber State University’s request to proceed with a project to renovate the original infrastructure systems of the Stewart Library. It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Harris to approve Weber State University’s request to submit the Stewart Library project to the State Building Board for design and construction. The motion carried.

University of Utah – Red Butte Gardens Water Conservation Garden Project (TAB R)
Regent Marquardt reported on the University of Utah’s request to create a Water Conservation Garden at the Red Butte Gardens to be financed entirely with non-state funded resources. It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Anderson to authorize the University of Utah to proceed with
this project by presenting it to the Utah State Building board for design and construction approval. The motion carried.

University of Utah – Non-state Funded Ski Team Facility (TAB S)
Regent Marquardt reported University of Utah plans to construct an on-campus Ski Team Building that will provide updated space to ensure continued success for its successful alpine sports teams. No action was taken on this information item.

Annual Report on Foreign Gifts and/or Donations (TAB T)
Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

Resolution of Appreciation

Chase N. Peterson
Regent Davis read a resolution of appreciation honoring the life of the late Dr. Chase Peterson, former president of University of Utah, and offered to personally deliver the printed resolution to the Peterson family. President Pershing spoke in favor of the resolution. It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Prince to adopt the resolution of appreciation for Dr. Chase N. Peterson. The motion carried.

USHE – Institutional Non-state-funded Projects and Land Bank Requests for 2015-16 (TAB W)
Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer introduced this item and reported the Regents would find an Addendum to Tab W in their folder; an institution withdrew a project after the agenda was printed. He also gave some background information regarding the non-state-funded nature of these requests and explained O&M in terms of Regent policy and legislative funding. The Regents listened to the following presentations:

University of Utah – Senior Vice President Ruth V. Watkins
- William C. Browning Building Addition
- Orson Spencer Hall Replacement

Utah State University – Vice President Dave Cowley
- Center for Energy & Manufacturing Excellence – Price Campus
- Fine Arts Complex Addition/Renovation
- Romney Stadium West-side Renovation
- Valley View Residence Hall Replacement

Dixie State University – President Richard B. Williams
- On-campus Student Housing Replacement
- University Plaza Purchase (Land Bank Request)

Salt Lake Community College – President Deneece G. Huftalin
- Health & Wellness Center – South City Campus
- Student Center – Jordan Campus

It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Marquardt to approve these projects and the land bank request and to recommend legislative action. The motion carried.

It was moved by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Barnes to meet in Executive Session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals, pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and the possible sale of real property. The motion carried.
The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:29 p.m. The Board met in Executive Session from 2:45 until 3:43 p.m.

Date Approved: November 17, 2014

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary