

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY, ST. GEORGE, UTAH
JEFFREY R. HOLLAND CENTENNIAL COMMONS (HCC) – FIFTH FLOOR &
GARDNER STUDENT CENTER (GARDNER)
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

Daniel W. Campbell, Chair
France A. Davis, Vice Chair
Jessellie B. Anderson
Nina R. Barnes
Bonnie Jean Beesley
Leslie Brooks Castle
Wilford W. Clyde
Brady L. Harris
Marlin K. Jensen
Robert S. Marquardt
Jefferson Moss
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Harris H. Simmons
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer
Joyce P. Valdez
John H. Zenger

Regents Absent

James T. Evans

Office of the Commissioner

David L. Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education
Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs
Gregory Stauffer, Associate Commissioner for Planning, Finance and Facilities
David Feitz, Executive Director of UHEAA

Institutional Presidents Present

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
Matthew S. Holland, Utah Valley University
Richard B. Williams, Dixie State 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 Dixie State University Board of Trustees. Following breakfast, the Board of Regents were joined by the USHE presidents in an informal discussion regarding technology in USHE until 11:00 a.m. This was followed by board committee meetings and lunch.

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. He welcomed Jefferson Moss, newest member of the Board of Regents to his first meeting. He also excused Regent Evans from the meeting. Finally, he recognized Tami Pyfer, the Governor's Education Advisor, and Senator Stephen Urquhart.

Tami Pyfer expressed appreciation on behalf of the Governor to the presidents, institutions and others for their support in the Governor's Standards Review Panel.

Oath of Office

Jefferson Moss

Having been appointed to the Board of Regents as a representative of the Board of Education, Jefferson Moss took the oath of office.

Chair Campbell then turned the time over to President Williams for the state of university address.

State of the University

President Williams gave a presentation on the state of Dixie State University focusing on the institution's growth, what the institution has done with Acute Funding, the progress in developing Dixie's strategic plan, and an update on capital development projects that will help Dixie continue to grow in its mission.

Chair Campbell thanked president Williams. He also recognized Dr. Christina Durham, Chair of the Board of Trustees, and thanked her for spending her day with the Regents.

2015 Legislative Session Report and Budget Update (TAB HH*)

Chair Campbell welcomed Senator Urquhart, thanked him for his support of higher education, and invited him to address the Board.

Senator Urquhart commended the Presidents and Commissioner in their roles as leaders of Utah higher education. He reported that overall, higher education had a good year in the legislature, and they especially did well with funding for buildings. He expressed appreciation for the Regents participation in the session. He reported on performance funding, adding he thinks it will only improve over time. He thanked the system for the low tuition increase. He closed with two suggestions for the Regents, first, put more blame and criticism on elected officials for failures in funding, and second rethink about how the system lobbies for buildings by perhaps lobbying for a pool of money, equitably dividing the funds so the institutions can address their greatest need.

Commissioner Buhler briefly reported on the session, encouraging the Board to review Tab HH in more detail. He reported over all the session was good, with a few disappointments. He briefly reported on

performance funding, the operating budget and capital funding, adding that there were no bills passed during the session that are harmful to the Utah System of Higher Education.

This item was an information item and no action was taken.

USHE – Tuition Increase for 2015-16 (1st and 2nd- tier) (TAB FF*)

Commissioner Buhler reported first tier tuition is at 3% and only one institution requested a 2nd tier increase. Adding that this tuition increase request is the lowest increase in 15 years and ties into our priority of affordable participation. He also added that his recommendation for a tuition increase is higher than he had recommended in the budget preview last fall, however that recommendation was based on full legislative funding.

Associate Commissioner Stauffer reported in more detail on the tuition increase request and the figures in the attachment of TAB FF. He pointed to the updated memo and attachment for TAB FF in the Regents folders, reporting the new documents clarified the Commissioner's recommendation and added page numbers to the attachment.

It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Theurer to approve the tuition rates for 2015-16 by:

- Finalizing the first-tier tuition increase at 3.0 percent for all USHE institutions
- Approving the second-tier tuition increase proposal of 0.5 percent at the University of Utah
- Approving graduate differential for Masters in International Affairs & Global Enterprise at University of Utah
- Approving graduate online tuition for Masters in Electrical & Computer Engineering at University of Utah
- Approving matriculated upper division undergraduate and graduate differential for Department of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning at Utah State University
- Approving upper division undergraduate and graduate differential for Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University
- Approving upper division undergraduate and graduate differential for College of Engineering at Utah State University
- Approving graduate differential for Masters of Athletic Training at Weber State University

The motion carried unanimously.

USHE – Fee Increases for 2015-16 (TAB GG*)

Associate Commissioner Stauffer reported most of the proposed fee increases fall under the rate at which tuition is increased except for two institutions. Utah State University has proposed a fee increase of 12.5 percent which includes \$100 for a building bond that has already been approved by the Board in 2012. Dixie State University (DSU) has proposed a student fee increase of 7.6 percent and has provided evidence of student support. Student Regent Harris spoke in support of the DSU fee increase. **It was moved by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Harris to approve the fee schedules as outlined in TAB GG. The motion carried unanimously.**

General Consent Calendar (TAB Z)

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

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting January 23, 2015, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved
- E. Finance and Facilities Items

Reports of Board Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Dixie State University – Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Dance (TAB A)

Dixie State University – Bachelor of Individualized Studies (TAB B)

Regent Prince reported on two requests from Dixie State University for new bachelor degrees. It was moved by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Stoddard to approve the requests as outlined in TAB A and TAB B. The motion carried.

Utah Valley University – Bachelor of Science Degrees in: 1) Animation and Game Development; 2) Digital Audio; 3) Digital Cinema; and 4) Web Design and Development with Emphases in Web and App Development, and Interaction and Design (TAB C)

Utah Valley University – Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship and Discontinuation of Emphasis in Entrepreneurship within the Bachelor of Science in Business Management (TAB D)

Utah Valley University – Bachelor of Science in Information Management (TAB E)

Utah Valley University – Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering Technology (TAB F)

Regent Prince reported on four requests from Utah Valley University for new bachelor programs. It was moved by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Beesley to approve the requests as outlined in TAB C, TAB D, TAB E, and TAB F. The motion carried.

New Century and Regents' Scholarship Award Amounts for 2015-16 (TAB G)

Regent Prince reported on the amounts for the New Century and Regents' Scholarship funded by the legislature. It was moved by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Simmons to approve the following amounts for the New Century and Regents' Scholarship for the college academic year 2015-15 pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 53B-8-108(8)(b):

New Century Scholarship:	\$1,250 per semester (100% of full amount)
Regents' Base Award:	\$1,000 one-time (100% of full amount)
Regents' Exemplary Award:	\$1,250 per semester (100% of full amount)
Regents' UESP Savings Match	\$Up to \$400 one-time (100% of full amount)

The motion carried.

Institutional Completion Update: Dixie State University (TAB H)

Regent Prince reported on this information item, commending President Williams and Dixie State University for their tremendous efforts. He also commended all USHE institutions in their efforts in increase completion rates. No action was taken on this information item.

Southern Utah University – First Year Report on Associate of Applied Science in Professional Pilot with Emphases in Rotor-Wing and Fixed-Wing Aircraft (TAB I)

No action was taken on this information item.

Utah Cluster Acceleration Partnership Report (TAB J)

No action was taken on this information item.

HB 198 Strengthening College and Career Counseling (TAB K)

No action was taken on this information item.

Finance/Facilities Committee

Dixie State University – Campus Master Plan Update Approval (TAB L)

Regent Marquardt reported the most significant change is the updated name and location change of the Human Performance/Student Wellness Center. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the proposed changes to Dixie State University's Campus Master Plan. The motion carried.**

Dixie State University – Sale of Property (TAB M)

Regent Marquardt reported on Dixie State University's request for authorization to sell two properties for the development of privately owned student housing. The sale of the two properties, together with the sale of adjoining property by the Dixie College Foundation will provide sufficient property for the project. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Anderson to approve the request to sell the property, subject to the approval of the sale of the Dixie College Foundation's property and the developer's ability to put the project together. The motion carried.**

Utah State University – Mixed-use Development Ground Lease (TAB N)

Regent Marquardt reported on Utah State University's request to enter into a long term ground lease for the development of an office and commercial building on the Logan Campus. The new facility will replace what is known as the Barn, and will house the USU Credit Union, a University Welcome Center, and office space for USU Advancement and Alumni Relations. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Zenger to approve the proposed ground lease subject to final approval of the lease documents. The motion carried.**

Utah State University – Series 2015 Research Revenue Refunding Bonds (TAB O)

Regent Marquardt reported on Utah State University's request for authorization to issue Series 2015 Research Revenue Bonds to refinance nearly \$15 million of callable maturities of existing Series 2009A Research Revenue Bonds. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the proposed Authorizing Resolution to refund the Series 2009A Research Revenue Bonds at an anticipated 4 percent savings. The motion carried.**

University of Utah – Rice Eccles Stadium Expansion and Renovation (TAB P)

Regent Marquardt reported on the University of Utah's request for authorization to proceed with a project to expand the men's restroom capacity at Rice Eccles Stadium on both the northeast and northwest concourses as well as update ADA facilities. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by**

Regent Clyde to approve the project for presentation to the State Building Board for final approval. The motion carried.

University of Utah – Series 2015 Certificates of Participation Refunding (TAB Q)

Regent Marquardt reported on the University of Utah's request for authorization to issue Series 2015 Certificates of Participation (COPS) to refund callable Series 2007 COPS at a savings of more than \$1 million. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Zenger to approve this request. The motion carried.**

Weber State University – Acquisition of Property at 26th Street and Monroe Blvd. (TAB R)

Regent Marquardt reported on Weber State University's request for authorization to purchase a property located at 26th Street and Monroe Boulevard in Ogden as the future home of the WSU Community Outreach Center. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Harris to approve this proposed property purchase. The motion carried.**

Salt Lake Community College – Request for Approval to Create the Position of General Counsel (TAB S)

Regent Marquardt reported on Salt Lake Community College's request to create the position of General Counsel. This is following with what University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University and most recently, Utah Valley University have done. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve this request. The motion carried.**

UHEAA – Authorizing Resolution: Student Loan Backed Notes (TAB T)

Regent Marquardt reported on UHEAA's request to begin to provide permanent financing for the recently purchased portfolio of student loans finance with a short-term warehouse line of credit. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the Authorizing Resolution for the issuance of the Student Loan Backed Notes in TAB T. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R588, Delegation of Debt Policy to Boards of Trustees, and the USHE Debt Ratio Analysis (TAB U)

Revision of Policy R831, Minimum Requirements for Non-Faculty Staff Employment Grievances (TAB V)

Revision of Policy R843, Guideline for Reduction in Force Policy (TAB W)

Elimination of Policy R845, Guidelines for Payment in Lieu of Notice Policy (TAB X)

Revision of Policy R847, Criminal Background Checks (TAB Y)

Regent Marquardt reported briefly on the changes of the above policies. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Pitcher to adopt the revisions in R588, R831, R843 and R 847 and the elimination of R845 as outline in TABS U, V, W, X and Y. The motion carried.**

University of Utah – Series 2015B General Revenue and Refunding Bond (TAB Z)

Regent Marquardt briefly reported on this item. No action was taken on this information item.

Weber State University – Series 2015 Student Facilities System Revenue Refunding Bonds (TAB AA)

Regent Marquardt briefly reported on this item. No action was taken on this information item.

USHE – Spring 2015 Third-Week Enrollment Report (TAB BB)

Regent Marquardt briefly reported on this item. No action was taken on this information item.

USHE – Fall 2014 End-of-Term Enrollment Report (TAB CC)

Regent Marquardt briefly reported on this new report. No action was taken on this information item.

USHE – Annual Money Management Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 (TAB DD)

Regent Marquardt briefly reported on this item. No action was taken on this information item.

USHE – Capital Facilities Update for 2015-16 (TAB EE)

Regent Marquardt briefly reminded the Board that the Capital Facilities Committee prioritized four projects in a STEM package last year and the legislature funded their top four buildings. He thanked everyone for their support during the legislative session. No action was taken on this information item.

It was moved by Regent Barnes and seconded by Regent Beesley to adjourn. The motion carried and the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: May 15, 2015