

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING  
SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MILLER CAMPUS, SANDY, UTAH  
KAREN GAIL MILLER CONFERENCE CENTER  
MARCH 29, 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  
Nolan E. Karras  
Thomas D. Leavitt  
Robert S. Marquardt  
Erik Mikkelsen  
Jed H. Pitcher  
Robert W. Prince  
Harris H. Simmons  
Teresa L. Theurer  
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused

Marlon O. Snow  
Mark R. Stoddard

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  
David A. Feitz, Associate Commissioner and Executive Director, UHEAA

Institutional Presidents

Michael Hardman, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Utah  
Stan L. Albrecht, Utah State University  
Charles A. Wight, Weber State University  
Michael T. Benson, Southern Utah University  
Gary Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Snow College  
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State College  
Matthew S. Holland, 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 Salt Lake Community College Board of Trustees. The Committee of the Whole was called to order at **9:03 a.m.**

Chair Beesley recognized the attendance of Senator Stephen Urquhart, co-chair of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee; and excused Regents Stoddard and Snow and Presidents Pershing and Wyatt.

#### Commissioner's Overview

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

#### 2013 Legislative Session Report and Budget Summary (TAB A)

Commissioner Buhler gave a report on the 2013 Legislative Session and budget update. He reported that overall, it was a very positive session for higher education. The Legislature approved the third largest increase in higher education's budget in the past ten years. In addition, funding for the Regents' top two capital development priorities were approved and several bills supported by the USHE were approved by the Legislature. This was an information item, and no action was taken by the board.

Commissioner Buhler turned the floor over to Senator Urquhart who thanked the Board of Regents for their advocacy on the hill, for selecting Commissioner Buhler and the presidents who are doing an outstanding job. He spoke regarding two items: the appropriations process and how he envisions doing better; and his take of the future of performance based funding.

The Committee of the Whole broke for committee meetings at **9:35 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

#### State of the College

President Cynthia Bioteau gave a presentation on the state of Salt Lake Community College (SLCC). Her report focused on the role of SLCC as a comprehensive community college and the pipeline it provides for students from public education to college, from college to university, from education to workforce, and from poverty to community literacy and livelihood.

Following the State of the College, the Regents were given three options for Campus Connections: tours of the Culinary Arts, Automotive and Public Safety programs. Following lunch, the Committee of the Whole was called to order at **1:16 p.m.**

#### Reports of Board Committees

##### Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Regent Davis reported that the Programs/Planning Committee will now be the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

##### University of Utah – Masters in Entertainment Arts and Engineering and a Joint Masters in Entertainment Arts and Engineering with Masters of Fine Arts in Film and Media Arts with Emphases (TAB B)

**Regent Davis reported on the University of Utah's proposal for the new degrees and moved the approval of them. The motion was seconded by Regent Leavitt. The motion carried.**

University of Utah – Masters of Science for Secondary School Teachers in Earth Sciences (TAB C)  
**Regent Davis reported on the University of Utah's proposal for the new degree and moved the approval of it. It was seconded by Regent Prince. The motion carried.**

Utah State University – Master of Fitness Promotion (TAB D)  
Utah State University – Master of Health Promotion (TAB E)  
**Regent Davis reported on Utah State University's new degree proposals for Master of Fitness Promotion and Master of Health Promotion and moved approval of both. It was seconded by Regent Zenger. The motion carried.**

Utah Valley University – Associate of Applied Science in Theatre for Children and Youth (TAB F)  
**Regent Davis reported on the Utah Valley University's proposal for the new degree and moved the approval of it. It was seconded by Regent Leavitt. The motion carried.**

Award Amounts for New Century and Regents' Scholarships Awards 2013-14 (TAB G)  
**Regent Davis reported on the award amounts for the New Century and Regents' Scholarships for the academic year 2013-14 and moved the approval of the following as outlined in Tab G:**  
**New Century Scholarship: \$1,100 per semester**  
**Regents' Base Award: \$1,000 per semester**  
**Regents' Exemplary Award: \$1,100**  
**Regents' UESP Savings Match: Up to \$400 one-time.**  
**The motion was seconded by Regent Leavitt. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R604, *New Century Scholarship* (TAB H)  
Regent Davis reported that SB 100, Higher Education Scholarship Amendments require changes to R604, New Century Scholarship. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the revisions to policy R604 as outlined in Tab H. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R609, *Regents' Scholarship* (TAB I)  
Regent Davis reported that SB 100, Higher Education Scholarship Amendments require changes to R609, Regents' Scholarship. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Leavitt to approve the revisions to policy R609 as outlined in Tab I. The motion carried.**

General Consent Calendar (TAB X)

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

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting January 25, 2013, Dixie State University, St. George, Utah.
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved

Complete College America Update (TAB J)

Regent Davis reported on the information item for Complete College America. No action was taken by the board.

Regent Davis completed his report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

In reference to the Complete College America update, Chair Beesley asked Commissioner Buhler, in consultation with the presidents, to bring to the board no later than the July meeting, specific recommendations for college completion strategies.

Finance/Facilities Committee

University of Utah – Series 2013 Approving Resolution for Revenue Bonded Debt Restructuring and Issue (TAB K)

Regent Pitcher asked Vice President Combe to present this item to the board. He reported that the University of Utah is requesting revenue bonding authorization of up to \$550,000,000 that will restructure its existing bonded debt portfolio. The change in structure is designed to increase the strength and credit quality of the University's debt offering. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Simmons to approve the bonding resolution outlined in Tab K. The motion carried.**

Policy addendum to R207, *Institutional Residences for Colleges and Universities in the Utah System of Higher Education* (TAB L)

Regent Pitcher reported that the additional language in R207 allows more flexibility for the boards of trustees to oversee existing institutional residential projects under certain conditions, without Board of Regent approval. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the addendum to R207. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R143, *Succession Plan for Commissioner of Higher Education* (TAB M)

Regent Pitcher reported that the revision to R143 updates the policy with the titles of the persons the Commissioner has chosen to be acting CEO if the Commissioner should become temporarily incapable. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the revisions of R143 and delete the duplicate policy of R211 as outlined in Tab M. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R513, *Tuition Waivers and Reductions* (TAB N)

Regent Pitcher reported that the revision to R513 updated the policy to reflect the changes as a result of the passage of SB 51, Higher Education Tuition Waivers in the 2013 Legislative Session. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Simmons to approve the policy revision. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R208, *Resource and Review Teams* (TAB O)

Regent Pitcher reported that the revision to policy R208 allows for greater participation and input by institutional board of trustees by adding the vice chair of the board of trustees to the appropriate resource and review team. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Vice Chair Campbell to approve the revisions to R208. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R209, *Evaluation of Presidents* (TAB P)

Regent Pitcher reported that the revision of policy R209 updates the evaluation schedule for newer presidents and the Commissioner of Higher Education. It also clarifies that the Commissioner is to approve potential interviewees for consideration by the Evaluation Committee. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Prince to approve the revision to policy R209. The motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R120, *Bylaws of the State Board of Regents* (TAB Q)

Regent Pitcher reported that the revision of policy R120 updates the standing committees. The Programs and Planning Committee will be renamed the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Executive Committee will be able to add an additional Regent for the purposes of strategic planning. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the revision to R120. The motion carried.**

Salt Lake Community College – Campus Master Plan Approval (TAB R)

**Regent Pitcher reported that the Finance/Facilities Committee reviewed the changes of the new campus master plan as outlined in Tab R and moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Regent Simmons. The motion passed.**

USHE – Spring 2013 Enrollment Report (TAB S)

Regent Pitcher reported that after three straight years of enrollment growth, the Utah System of Higher Education enrollment for the Spring 2013 semester decreased by 3.08%. Two reasons contributed to this, the effects of a recent change in the age of LDS mission eligibility and the improving economy. No action was taken on this information item.

USHE – Annual Money Management Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 (TAB T)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer briefly reported on this information item. No action was taken by the board.

USHE Capital Facilities Update for 2013-14 (TAB U)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer briefly reported on this information item. No action was taken by the board.

Utah State University – Student Building Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 (TAB V)

Regent Pitcher reported on the recent bond sale. No action was taken by the board.

USHE Research Parks Information “Brief” (TAB W)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer briefly reported on this information item. No action was taken by the board.

Regent Pitcher completed his report of the Finance/Facilities Committee.

Chair Beesley reported that in anticipation of changes to committee structure outlined in R120, the Executive Planning Committee comprised of the Executive Committee plus Regent Zenger, met the afternoon of March 28. They discussed expediting less substantive policy changes to be approved by the

Executive Committee and reported on the Consent Calendar. They also discussed several items relating to the 2020 Plan.

Tuition Increases for 2013-2014 (1<sup>st</sup>- and 2<sup>nd</sup>- tier) (TAB Y)

Commissioner Buhler reported that in working with the presidents and in view of the increase of state appropriations, first-tier tuition is recommended at 5%. Two (Utah Valley University and Salt Lake Community College) of the eight institutions propose 1% second-tier increase, and the remaining six institutions propose a 0% second-tier increase. Associate Commissioner Greg Stauffer reported on additional detail, including differential tuition, and referred to the updated material in the Regents folder. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Theurer to approve the tuition increases as outlined in Tab Y. The motion carried.**

Fee Increases for 2013-14 (TAB Z)

Associate Commissioner Greg Stauffer reported on the general student fee schedules for 2013-14. **It was moved by Regent Simmons and seconded by Regent Leavitt to approve the fee schedule as outlined in Tab Z. The motion carried.**

Resolutions

Stanford O. Cazier

**It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Karras to approve a resolution of appreciation for the late Dr. Stanford O. Cazier who served the Utah System of Higher Education as president of Utah State University from 1979 through 1992. The motion carried.**

Robert Kenneth Reynard

**It was moved by Regent Leavitt and seconded by Regent Zenger to approve a resolution of appreciation for the late Robert Reynard for his service to the Board of Regents as student Regent in 1998-1999. The motion carried.**

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

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at **2:11 p.m.** and met in Executive Session until 3:06 p.m.

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Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: May 17, 2013