

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, LOGAN, UTAH
TAGGART STUDENT CENTER (TSC)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
Jessellie B. Anderson
Nina R. Barnes
Keith M. Buswell
Wilford W. Clyde
Marlin K. Jensen
Robert S. Marquardt
Erik Mikkelsen
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Harris H. Simmons
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer
Joyce P. Valdez
John H. Zenger

Regents Absent

Daniel W. Campbell, Vice Chair
Leslie Brooks Castle
France A. Davis
James T. Evans

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
Bradley J. Cook, Provost, 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 Committee of the Whole was called to order at **1:03 p.m.**

Commissioner's Overview

Commissioner Buhler gave the Board of Regents a quick overview of the following two day meeting.

Review of Regents' Role in the Prioritization Process for Capital Development Projects (TAB A)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer gave a presentation on the Regent's role in providing adequate capital facilities for USHE institutions. He discussed the Regent's statutory capital facilities responsibilities, the Capital Development Prioritization (CDP) policy, the role of the Capital Facilities Committee, and the role of the Committee of the Whole to approve the prioritized list of projects.

USHE – Institutional State-funded Capital Development Projects for 2014-15 (TAB B)

The Regents heard presentations on the following proposed state-funded projects:

- Salt Lake Community College – Career and Technical Education (CTE) Classroom and Learning Resource Space Expansion (Meadowbrook Campus)
- University of Utah – Crocker Science Center (George Thomas Building Renovation, Addition and Seismic Upgrade)
- Utah State University – Statewide Instructional Initiative (USU Eastern and USU Brigham City Campus)
- Weber State University – New Science Laboratory Building
- Southern Utah University – New Business Building and Partial Remodel of Existing Business Building)
- Snow College – New Science Building
- Dixie State University – Physical Education/Student Wellness Center
- Utah Valley University – Performing Arts Building 1

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer commented that Tab B contained additional information for each request above which would be helpful for the Regents to prepare for the action that will be taken on the prioritization tomorrow.

USHE – Institutional Non-state Funded Projects and Land Bank Requests for 2014-15 (TAB C)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer reported that in addition to the state-funded projects, the Regents also must deliberate capital development needs in two other categories: projects to be built entirely with non-state appropriated funds, and land bank purchases for future expansion. At the end of the day's presentations these projects require approval to proceed. He also added that the University of Utah's Utility Distribution Infrastructure Replacement Phase II is unique in that a request for State appropriations also becomes a part of the USHE 2014-15 Operating Budget Request as a necessary revenue source. The Regents heard presentations on the following proposed non-state funded projects:

Non-state Funded

- University of Utah
 - Utility Distribution Infrastructure Replacement Phase II
 - Lasonde Living Learning Center
 - Alumni House Expansion and Renovation

Land Bank Requests

- Dixie State University – East Elementary School Purchase

Following the presentations, Associate Commissioner Stauffer commented that along with the approval of these projects, the Regents are also approving the campus to request revenue bonding and in the case of the Dixie State University purchase, an associated O&M component. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the non-state funded and land bank requests outlined in Tab C. The motion carried.**

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at **3:09 p.m.** The Board of Regents Capital Facilities Committee met following the Committee of the Whole.

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

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Richard E. Kendell, Southern Utah University
Scott L Wyatt, Snow College
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State University
Matthew S. Holland, Utah Valley University
Dennis Klaus, Vice President of Business Services, 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 Utah State University Board of Trustees. This was followed by Board Committees.

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chair Beesley at **11:20 a.m.**

President Albrecht introduced Dr. Noelle E. Cockett, Utah State University's new Provost.

General Consent Calendar (TAB V)

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

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting July 19, 2013, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah.
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved
- E. Finance/Facilities Items

Utah State Board of Regents 2014-2015 Meeting Schedule Approval (TAB W)

On a motion by Regent Theurer, and seconded by Regent Barnes, the 2014-2015 meeting schedule for the Board of Regents was approved.

Reports of Board Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Snow College – Associate of Arts and Associate of Science in Outdoor Leadership and Entrepreneurship (TAB D)

Regent Davis reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved Snow's request for this new degree and added that it taps the local area's need for this type of degree. **Approval for the new degree was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Mikkelsen. The motion carried.**

Snow College – Certificate of Proficiency / Certificate of Completion / Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Manufacturing Technology (TAB E)

Regent Davis reported on Snow's College request for this stackable credential and moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Regent Zenger and approved.

Regents' Policy R315, Service Area Designations and Coordination of Off-Campus Courses and Programs (TAB F)

Regent Davis reported on four changes to this policy following recommendations from the R315 Task Force. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Price to approve the changes to R315 as outlined in Tab F. The motion carried.**

StepUp to Higher Education Update and College Guide (TAB G)

Regent Davis recommended the Regents read the attached information item and StepUp College Guide, no action was taken.

Utah Scholars Initiative Annual Report (TAB H)

Regent Davis also reported on this information item, no action was taken.

Finance/Facilities Committee

USHE 2020 Financial Forecast (TAB I)

Regent Marquardt reported that the 2020 financial forecast demonstrates the amount of resources and capacity needed to reach the goal of 66% of the adult population having some form of post-secondary education by the year 2020. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the USHE 2020 Financial Forecast. The motion carried.**

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

Regent Marquardt reported that the Finance/Facilities reviewed the Utah State University Campus Master Plan and moved its approval; it was seconded by Regent Pitcher. The motion carried.

University of Utah – Environmental Humanities Education Center [Lakeview, Montana] Property (TAB K)

Regent Marquardt reported on the University of Utah's request for authorization to accept a generous gift of property by the John and Melody Taft family foundation of property in Lakeview Montana. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve such authorization. The motion carried.**

Annual Report on Foreign Gifts and/or Donations (TAB L)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

University of Utah – Series 2013 Bond & Commercial Paper Sales (TAB M)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

Utah State University – Aggie Life & Wellness Center and Athletic Complex/Training Center Revenue Bond Sale (TAB N)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

Southern Utah University – New Markets Tax Credit Financing for the Shakespeare Festival Project (TAB O)

Regent Marquardt reported that this item will come back to the board for approval in November. No action was taken on this information item.

Bonded Debt Summary (TAB P)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, and encouraged the Regents to read the report attached to Tab P. No action was taken.

University of Utah – University Student Apartments Replacement (TAB Q)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

Salt Lake Community College – South City Campus Property Purchase (TAB R)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

Legislative Audit of Higher Education’s Competition with the Private Sector – An Update (TAB S)

Regent Marquardt reported that the Commissioner’s Office will craft final policy language amendments for action and approval at the January 2014 meeting. No action was taken on this information item.

Review of Regents’ Role in the Prioritization Process for Capital Development Projects (TAB T)

Regent Marquardt reported on this information item, no action was taken.

Federal Direct Student Loan Interest Rates (TAB U)

Executive Director of UHEEA, David Feitz reported on the recent new student loan legislation and how the changes will affect Utah’s students.

Fiscal Year 2015 USHE Budget Request (TAB X)

Commissioner Buhler reported on the Utah System of Higher Education 2014-15 Operating Budget Request. He reported that the five categories that make up the USHE Budget Priorities for 2014-15: Compensation, Mission Based Funding (Acute Equity and Distinctive Mission), Performance Based Funding, Operational Imperatives and Statewide Programs.

It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Theurer to include in the Utah System of Higher Education budget request \$69,705,000 for Acute Equity Funding as the top priority in Mission Based Funding distributed as follows:

USU Regional Campuses	\$ 7,830,600	(11%)
Weber State University	\$ 6,200,600	(9%)
Dixie State University	\$ 4,529,500	(7%)
Utah Valley University	\$29,429,400	(42%)
Salt Lake Community College	\$21,714,900	(31%)

It is further moved that whatever amount is appropriated by the Legislature for Acute Equity be distributed among the institutions according to the percentages listed above. Further, by adopting this recommendation the Board acknowledges that all institutions face funding challenges and are funded less well either in tax funds, tuition, or both, than similarly situation institutions. The motion carried as outlined in Tab X.

Capital Development Project Prioritization and Approval (TAB Y)

Regent Marquardt, Chair of the Capital Facilities Committee, reported and explained the process leading up to the ranking action taken on this day. The committee's top priority are the Weber State University, Snow College and University of Utah science buildings and would like the legislature to adopt these three as a package to support STEM in the state of Utah. The committees' specific rankings are as follows:

1. Weber State University – New Science Lab Building (STEM)
2. Snow College – New Science Building (STEM)
3. University of Utah – Statewide Instructional Initiative
4. Utah State University – Statewide Instructional Initiative
5. Salt Lake Community College – CTE Classroom & Learning Resource Space
6. Dixie State University – Physical Education/ Student Wellness Center
7. Southern Utah University – new Business Building
8. Utah Valley University – Performing Arts Building 1

It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Zenger to approve the rankings as outlined above. The motion carried.

Chair Beesley thanked the hard work of the Capital Facilities Committee: Chair Marquardt, Regents Stoddard, Barnes and Clyde.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and was followed by the State of the University. The Board of Regents did not meet in Executive Session.

State of the University

President Stan Albrecht gave a presentation on the state of Utah State University. His presentation focused on the unique and important mission of the land grant university celebrating 150 years of learning, discovery and engagement. His report featured two interesting research projects at Utah State University on the topics of spider silk and clean coke.

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: November 15, 2013