

UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, LOGAN UTAH
ECCLES CONFERENCE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
Daniel W. Campbell, Vice Chair
Keith M. Buswell
Wilford W. Clyde
France A. Davis
James T. Evans
Marlin K. Jensen
Nolan E. Karras
Thomas D. Leavitt
Robert S. Marquardt
Erik Mikkelsen
Carol Murphy
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Harris H. Simmons
Marlon O. Snow
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer

Regents Excused

John H. Zenger

Office of the Commissioner

David Buhler, Commissioner
Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Gregory L. Stauffer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities
Cameron K. Martin, Associate Commissioner for Economic Development and Planning

Institutional Presidents

David W. Pershing, University of Utah
Stan L. Albrecht, Utah State University
F. Ann Millner, Weber State University
Michael T. Benson, Southern Utah University
Scott L. Wyatt, Snow College
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State College
Provost Chris Picard, Salt Lake Community College

Chair Beesley called the Regents to order in the Committee of the Whole at **12:03 p.m.**

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Buhler gave a brief overview of the September Regents Meeting.

Oath of Office to Marlin K. Jensen

Having been appointed by the governor and approved by the senate, Marlin K. Jensen took the oath of office for his service on the Board of Regents.

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at **12:12 p.m.**

Retreat for Regents and Presidents

The Board of Regents, presidents and Commissioner discussed plans to reach the 66% goal by 2020. Commissioner Buhler stated that in order to achieve the goal, Utah must increase higher education innovation and investment. He discussed increasing program capacity and student completion as two funding priorities.

The Committee of the Whole reconvened at **1:26 p.m.**

USHE – Institutional State-Funded Capital Development Projects for 2013-14 (TAB A)

Regent Marquardt explained how the Regents have the responsibility of reviewing the needs of the facilities, grounds, and buildings at the public higher education institutions of the state and assigning priorities to the most pressing and critical project requests. The Regents heard presentations on the following proposed state-funded projects:

- University of Utah – Crocker Science Center
- Utah State University – Biological Science Building
- Utah State University – College of Eastern Utah – Central Instruction Building
- Weber State University – New Science Lab Building
- Snow College – Science Building Renovation & Addition
- Dixie State College – Purchase of East Elementary School Purchase
- Utah Valley University – Classroom Building
- Salt Lake Community College – CTE Classroom & Learning Resource Space

Southern Utah University did not present. Chair Beesley acknowledged and thanked the task force that visited each of these proposed projects, Regents Marquardt, Stoddard and Clyde. No action was taken on this item.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at **2:51 p.m.** Following the meeting the Regents were given a tour of Utah State University's new Agricultural Science Building and attended a dinner hosted by President Albrecht.

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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.** at a breakfast meeting with the Utah State University Board of Trustees. Subsequently the Regents met in board committees. The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chair Beesley at **9:54 a.m.**

2013-2014 USHE Budget Request (TAB P)

Commissioner Buhler gave a presentation on the 2013-14 USHE budget request. He reported on the following budget priorities: Compensation, Mission Based Performance Funding, 66% Goal, Operational Imperatives, and USHE Programs. The USHE priorities request is a 7.2% increase over last year. Commissioner Buhler also reported on state initiatives, one-time increases and supplemental increases. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Campbell to approve the FY 2014 Budget Request Summary. The motion carried.**

Reports of Board Committees

Programs/Planning Committee

Snow College – Associate of Science in Nursing (TAB B)

It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Price to approve the Associate of Science in Nursing. The motion carried.

Snow College – Associate of Applied Science, Certificate of Completion, and Certificate of Proficiency in Industrial Mechanics (TAB C)

It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Zenger to approve the Associate of Applied Science, Certificate of Completion, and Certificate of Proficiency in Industrial Mechanics. The motion carried.

Utah Scholars Initiative Annual Report (TAB D)

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

UCAP Life Sciences Cluster Acceleration Strategy (TAB F)

Regent Davis drew the attention of the Board of Regents to the above information items. No action was taken.

Finance/Facilities Committee

University of Utah – Sale of Donated Residence in Milford, UT (TAB G)

Regent Pitcher reported that this item is on the action calendar due to the request for a policy exception that the property sell at or above appraised value. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Campbell to approve the sale of the property at the current offer. The motion carried.**

Snow College – Request for Differential Tuition for Bachelor of Commercial Music Degree (TAB H)

It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Leavitt to approve differential tuition for upper division course work for the Snow College Bachelor of Commercial Music Degree. The motion carried.

Proposed Policy: R571-Delegation of Purchasing Authority (TAB I)

It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the new policy, R571, Delegation of Purchasing Authority. The motion carried.

Dixie State College – Public/Private Housing Project (TAB J)

It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Prince to approve Dixie State College's request to secure authorization from the State Building Board to issue an RFP for the proposed public/private student housing project. The motion carried.

UHEAA - Approving Resolution, SBR Student Loan Backed Notes, Series 2012-1 (TAB K)

UHEAA Executive Director, David Feitz reported that the refinance of \$531 million of student loans would be a gain of approximately \$16 million. **It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Snow. The motion carried.**

Weber State University – Purchase of Residential Property Proximate to the Ogden Campus (TAB L)

It was moved by Regent Pitcher and seconded by Regent Marquardt to consent to the purchase of this property. The motion carried.

University of Utah – Bond Sale for Dee Glen Smith Athletic Complex, Ambulatory Care Complex Parking Structure, and Ambulatory Care Complex Infrastructure (TAB M)

Utah State University – Facilities Master Plan Progress Report (TAB N)

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

Regent Pitcher reported on the three above information items. No action was taken.

General Consent Calendar (TAB Q)

Regent Campbell proposed a language change in the minutes on page two, striking the phrase “changing the age group from 25-64 to 25-35 which is the age of most students currently in the system” and replacing it with “focusing or prioritizing the age group 24-34 within the age group 25-64”. **On a motion by Regent Theurer, seconded by Regent Stoddard, the following items were approved on the Regents' General Consent Calendar including the proposed change of the minutes:**

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Retreat and Board Meeting July 12 and 13, 2012, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah.
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved

Utah State University – Technology Strategy (TAB R)

Eric Hawley, Chief Information Officer and Associate Vice President for Information Technology gave a presentation on the Utah State University Technology Strategy. His report focused on strategically minimizing cost and effort and maximizing reliability.

Resolution

Meghan Holbrook

Regent Pitcher read a resolution honoring Meghan Holbrook for her service to the Board of Regents and the community. **Regent Pitcher moved the adoption of the resolution and it was seconded by Regent**

Stoddard. Commissioner Buhler added that in her professional role, she coordinated the lobbying effort behind USTAR in 2006, which was a significant contribution to higher education. **The motion carried.**

State of the University

President Stan Albrecht gave a presentation on the state of Utah State University. He reported that 2012 is the 150 year anniversary of President Lincoln signing the Morrill Act of 1862 that allowed the creation of land grant colleges. He touched on each of the “three legs of the land grant stool” at Utah State University: learning, research and service. He also announced that on Friday, October 12, Utah State University will celebrate the successful end of their capital campaign.

The Committee of the Whole broke for lunch at **11:23 a.m.** and reconvened at **12:17 p.m.**

USHE – Institutional Non-State Funded Capital Development Projects and Land Bank Requests for 2013-14 (TAB S)

Regent Marquardt introduced the presentations on the non-state funded projects and land bank requests. These projects are submitted for approval by the Board and recommendation to the state legislature to approve but not for prioritization. One issue to keep in mind is that O&M money is required for some of these projects, however for the last several years the legislature has not funded O&M. Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer explained that Weber State University would not be presenting on the Social Science Building Renovation. They presented last year, and it was approved by the Board, but when it was known O&M would not be funded, it was pulled off the list. However, the project remains on the list to approve. The Regents heard presentations on the following proposed non-state funded projects:

Non-state Funded

- Southern Utah University
 - Center for the Arts
- University of Utah
 - Kennecott Building Renovation & Addition Phase II O&M
 - Utility Distribution Infrastructure Replacement Phase II Bonding
 - Basketball Training Center (HPER Addition) Bonding
- Utah State University
 - Science and Technology Classroom Building (Tooele Campus) O&M
 - Blanding Recreational Building (San Juan Campus)
 - Aggie Life and Wellness Center Bonding
 - Brigham Entrepreneurship & Energy Research Center (BEERC) Addition and Renovation (Vernal)
- Utah Valley University:
 - Provo Culinary/Classroom Building O&M
 - Wee Car Facility

Land Bank Requests

- Southern Utah University
- Utah Valley University
- Dixie State University

Capital Facilities Prioritization and Approval (TAB T)

It was moved by Regent Marquardt to recommend the following non state funded projects to the legislature for authorization to plan, design and construct the facilities as outlined in Tab S:

- University of Utah:
 - Kennecott Building – Renovation and Addition Phase II O&M
 - Utility Distribution Infrastructure Replacement Phase II Bonding
 - Basketball Training Center (HPER Addition) Bonding
- Utah State University:
 - Science and Technology Classroom Building (Tooele Campus) O&M
 - Blanding Recreational Building (San Juan Campus)
 - Aggie Life and Wellness Center Bonding
 - Brigham Entrepreneurship & Energy Research Center (BEERC) Addition and Renovation (Vernal)
- Weber State University:
 - Social Sciences Building Renovation O&M
- Southern Utah University:
 - Center for the Arts
- Utah Valley University:
 - Provo Culinary/Classroom Building O&M
 - Wee Car Facility

Regent Marquardt also moved to recommend without prioritization the land-bank requests listed in the agenda under Tab S for Southern Utah University, Dixie State College and Utah Valley University, to the state legislature and governor for funding consideration. As an amendment, he also moved that the request from Dixie State College for the purchase of the East Elementary property be listed on the land-bank-list in addition to the state-funded list. The amended motion was seconded by Regent Snow. The motion carried unanimously.

Regent Marquardt reported on the capital facilities prioritization process. He also explained there are two important priorities for the Regents, classroom space to accommodate the growth in order to reach the 66% goal and STEM focused buildings to make science, technology, engineering and math attractive to students. It was moved by Regent Marquardt to adopt the following list of project in the rank order listed for submission to the State Building Board, State Legislature, and the Governor for funding consideration:

1. Weber State University – New Science Lab Building
1. Utah Valley University – Classroom Building
3. Snow College – Science Building Addition & Renovation
4. Utah State University – Biological Sciences Building
5. Utah State University – College of Eastern Utah – Central Instruction Building
6. Salt Lake Community College – CTE Classroom & Learning Resource Space
7. Dixie State College – Purchase of East Elementary School Property

(Note: Weber State University and Utah Valley University are tied for first)

The motion was seconded by Regent Jensen. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Regent Marquardt to approve the University of Utah's request to move forward with programming for the Crocker Science Center (George Thomas Building Renovation, Addition, and Seismic Upgrade) with programming costs to be covered with University of Utah institutional funds. The motion was seconded by Regent Clyde. The motion carried unanimously.

Regent Marquardt added that Utah State University took the Brigham City campus expansion off the state-funded list; however he clarified that the Regents still support the expansion of the Brigham City campus and it remains on the master plan for Utah State University and their strategic plan. While it is not on the state-funded prioritization list this year, the Regents are committed to moving forward with that campus at the appropriate time.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at **1:27 pm**.

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: November 16, 2012
Attachment