

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS  
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY  
R HAZE HUNTER CONFERENCE CENTER, CEDAR CITY, UTAH  
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES

Regents Present

Daniel W. Campbell, Chair  
Jessellie B. Anderson  
Nina R. Barnes  
Wilford W. Clyde  
Marlin K. Jensen  
Patricia Jones  
Steve Lund  
Robert S. Marquardt  
Cristina Ortega  
Robert W. Prince  
Mark Stoddard  
Teresa L. Theurer  
Alex Trujillo  
Joyce Valdez

Regents Absent

Ron Jibson  
Harris Simmons  
Thomas E. Wright

Office of the Commissioner

David L. Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Kimberly L. Henrie, Associate Commissioner for Planning, Finance and Facilities  
Elizabeth Hitch, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs

Institutional Presidents Present

David W. Pershing, University of Utah  
Laurens Smith on behalf of Noelle Cockett, Utah State University  
Scott L Wyatt, Southern Utah University  
Gary L. Carlston, Snow College  
Jeff Olson on behalf of Matthew S. Holland, Utah Valley University  
Paul Morris on behalf of Richard B. Williams  
Clifton Sanders on behalf of Deneece G. Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College  
Charles Wight, Weber State University

Other Commissioner's Office and institutional personnel were also present. The signed role is on file in the Commissioner's Office.

**Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.;** the meeting began with President Wyatt's State of the University.

### Discussion – Tuition Waivers

A review of the use of resident and non-resident tuition waivers. Presentations were given by: President Pershing, University of Utah; President Wight, Weber State University; President Williams, Dixie State University.

### State of the University

President Wyatt stated he wanted to begin with the context of the Board of Regents' strategic plan and describe some of things Southern Utah University (SUU) is doing to meet those goals. SUU's mission is "Dynamic teaching and learning community that engages students in experiential education, leading to personal growth, civic responsibility and professional excellence." The first Regent initiative is innovative discovery. SUU's Experiential Education is one program that is part of innovative discovery. Another is internships. SUU has the largest program in southern Utah with 248 paid interns and has secured grants where SUU collects the federal money and distributes money to students. They have 42 unique categories in addition to biological technicians that range from recreation to interruptive. Service learning is another program, where on average, students have 24 hours of documented service hours. This past year SUU had the largest field trip in the world, with four and half thousand participants, and was performed on the 100 anniversary of the national park service. They sent more than 100 field trips lead by faculty and staff. The EDGE program continues to grow and they are now the curator of the National Society of the Experiential Education's archives. The combination of this work has made SUU a national leader in experiential education. The next strategic priority is Timely Completion. SUU's graduation rate has increased 22% in the last five years. Part of this increase is a result of a program SUU implemented to help guide freshman on a course to ensure success. President Wyatt highlighted a couple of things SUU is doing as part of this program: Freshman are not allowed to schedule their own classes; SUU makes up to 38 personal contacts with Freshman prior to the start of school. The third strategic priority is affordable participation. SUU's enrollment is up 25.4% and retention has gone up by 6.6% from 2014 to 2015. One of their retention initiatives is having a day care facility. Almost 10% of their students have children and 33% of those parents have missed class because of a child. 43% of those students have considered leaving school because of child care issues. President Wyatt acknowledged the facilities crew stating over the last ten years they have reduced energy consumption by 6.26%. He finished by saying that SUU's strategic plan aligns with the Regents' strategic plan and they continue to strive to meet those goals.

Chair Campbell recognized guests in attendance: Tami Phyer, Governor's office, Dr. Morris Betz, Senior Vice President of Health Sciences, University of Utah. He also recognized two new Regents, Cristina Ortega and Alex Trujillo.

### Oath of Office

Having been appointed to the Board of Regents, Cristina Ortega and Alex Trujillo took the Oath of Office.

### Resolution for Kim Burningham

Regent Theurer read a resolution recognizing former Regent Kim Burningham and his many accomplishments during his life. **Regent Theurer motioned to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Regent Marquardt and the motion carried**

Open Meetings Training

Commissioner Buhler reminded Regents of the requirement to hold Open Meetings Training annually. He noted we would be showing a 12 minute video prepared by the state auditors for this.

General Consent Calendar (TAB R)

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

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting May 19, 2017, Salt Lake Community College, Salt Lake City, Utah
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved

Chair Campbell thanked all those who served in capacity over the last year and recognized the leadership of Regent Prince and Regent Marquardt for the time they served as chairs of the Academic Affairs and Finance & Facilities Committee. He added many changes have been made to the committees in an effort to give additional opportunities to Regents.

Reports of Board Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Institutional Completion Update – Southern Utah University (TAB A)

Regent Theurer expressed appreciation to SUU for the work they are doing. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

Technology Initiative Advisory Board (TAB B)

Regent Theurer noted John Sutherland, Chair Technology Initiative Advisory Board was a guest in committee and reviewed with them funding of the four million dollars that was approved in this last legislation session. He suggested that in addition to approving the funding, that the Regents include a tracking of the funding. **Regent Theurer motioned to approve as outlined in TAB B, with the addition of the institutions having a responsibility to track how funding is spent; the motion was seconded by Regent Jensen and the motion carried.**

Revision of Policy R401, Approval of New Programs, Program Changes, Discontinued Programs, and Program Reports (TAB C)

Regent Theurer noted Geoff Landward reviewed the changes made and answered questions the committee had. There was some concern expressed during the Thursday meeting regarding program approval outside of an institution's mission; the committee spent time reviewing and understanding that section of the policy and noted there is a process to handle programs outside of an institution's mission. **Regent Theurer expressed appreciation to the many hours that went in to this revision and moved to approve as outlined in TAB C; the motion was seconded by Regent Barnes and the motion carried.**

Utah State University – Bachelor of Science in Technology Systems with Emphases in Information and Computer Technology, Technical Management, Robotics, Automation, and Controls, and Product Development (TAB D)

Regent Theurer noted this program was developed along with ATC to work with stackable credentials.

Utah State University – Master of Data Analytics with Specializations in Statistics, Management Information Systems, and Economics and Finance (TAB E)

Regent Theurer noted this was created across several colleges and expressed appreciation for the way this program was developed.

Utah State University – Doctor of Philosophy in Landscape Architecture (TAB F)

Regent Theurer noted this is not a common doctorate and this will be the fourth in the country.

**Regents Theurer motion to approve TAB D, TAB E, and TAB F as outlined; the motion was seconded by Regent Ortega and the motion carried.**

Dixie State University – Bachelor of Science in Population Health with Emphases in Health Care Administration and Public Health (TAB G)

Regent Theurer noted there is a great demand for this program.

Dixie State University – Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Sport Management with Emphases in Corporate Recreation and Wellness, Experience Industry Management and Sport Management (TAB H)

Regent Theurer noted this program is in high demand and noted that one of the greatest employment needs in the country is in leisure activities.

**Regent Theurer motion to approve as outlined in TAB G and TAB H; the motion was seconded by Regent Valdez and the motion carried.**

#### Finance and Facilities

USHE – Review of Finance and Facilities Committee Accomplishments FY 2017 (TAB I)

Regent Stoddard noted this highlighted some of the many items covered over the last year under the leadership of Regent Marquardt. The committee has had six in-depth discussions, took action on 37 items including budget development, capital facilities and several others, and received information on 27 items. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – FY19 Budget Development Process (BDP) Guidelines (TAB J)

Regent Stoddard noted the budget ties in the Regents' 2025 Strategic Plan of Affordable Participation, Timely Completion, and Innovative Discovery. This continues to address the needs of the state and the proposed guidelines highlight a request that increases total funding and identifies the budget categories including: compensation, student growth and capacity building initiatives, performance based initiatives, work initiatives, and Regents statewide initiatives. **Regent Stoddard moved to approve as outlined in TAB J; the motion was seconded by Regent Clyde and the motion carried.**

USHE – Architectural Programming for USHE State Funded Capital Developments and revisions to Policies R701 and R702 (TAB K)

Regent Stoddard noted this change will align the policy with legislative changes and will allow more flexibility to the Regents. **Regent Stoddard moved to approve as outlined in TAB K; the motion was seconded by Regent Prince and the motion carried.**

Utah State University – Long-term Lease for the USU Salt Lake Education Center (TAB L)

Regent Stoddard noted the current lease has expired and USU is negotiating a location in Taylorsville for 15 years with two optional five year additional terms. **Regent Stoddard moved to approve as outlined in TAB L; the motion was seconded by Regent Barnes and the motion carried.**

UESP – Adoption of Policy R686, *Student Prosperity Saving Program* (TAB M)

Regent Stoddard noted this deals with the Utah Education Savings Plan and specifically allows for nonprofit organizations that serve under privileged youth to open 529 UESP Savings Plans on behalf of a child under the age of 20. **Regent Stoddard moved to approve as outlined in TAB M; the motion was seconded by Regent Anderson and the motion carried.**

Southern Utah University – Trustee Property Acquisition (TAB N)

Regent Stoddard noted SUU has acquired a hanger for their aviation program. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

Utah State University – Trustee Property Acquisition (TAB O)

Regent Stoddard noted USU is adding property for their ranch and farm operations. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – 2017-18 Performance Funding Initiatives (TAB P)

Regent noted this was an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – Growth Funding Initiatives (TAB Q)

Regent Stoddard noted this was an information item only; no action was taken.

Chair Campbell asked Regent Stoddard to comment on communications. Regent Stoddard noted there was a discussion in the Finance and Facilities committee regarding communication. The committee believes strongly that the USHE needs to work together and present themselves with all the positive things that are happening throughout the system. He noted we are targeted often on the negative things that happen and that seems to put us on the defensive. It would be a positive thing for us to get out in front of that and let people know what is happening at each institution, how we are educating students, and all the positive things that are happening; maybe a committee can help in this area. Chair Campbell asked the Commissioner to comment on what we are currently doing in this area. Commissioner Buhler noted we would be adding this topic to a future agenda to allow us to go into more depth. Currently the Regents receive weekly an email called HigherEd Matters. This email goes out to 1700 individuals each week including legislators, regents, trustees, media outlets, and other leaders. He also said people are welcome to forward that email to others, post on Facebook and social media as well. This has led to a number of media stories over the years. We also have coming out of our outreach area a StepUp to Higher Education electronic newsletter. This goes out monthly to 120,000 parents, counselors, and students in grades 8 –

12, focusing on college preparation, how to pay for college and other topics. We also have twitter feeds, Instagram and various social media.

**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.**

The Board of Regents met in Executive Session until at 2:13 p.m.

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Loreen Olney  
Executive Secretary

Date Approved: September 15, 2017