

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY, CEDAR CITY, UTAH
R. HAZE HUNTER CONFERENCE CENTER
FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2014

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
Keith M. Buswell
Leslie Brooks Castle
Wilford W. Clyde
Brady L. Harris
Marlin K. Jensen
Robert S. Marquardt
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer
Joyce P. Valdez
John H. Zenger

Regents Absent

James T. Evans
Harris H. Simmons

Office of the Commissioner

David L. Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education
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

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
Stephen D. Nadauld, Dixie State University
Jeffery Olson, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Utah Valley University
Tim Sheehan, Vice President of Government and Community Relations, 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 Southern Utah University Board of Trustees. Following breakfast, the Board of Regents met with the Institution Presidents at 9:00 a.m., for one hour, discussing possible issues the Utah System of Higher Education and the Board of Regents could focus on in the coming year. The Regents then met in committees until 11:30 a.m.

The Committee of the Whole was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Chair Campbell welcomed new student regent Brady Harris and reported he was sworn into office the day previously at Dixie State University. Chair Campbell excused Regents Simmons and Evans.

State of the University

President Wyatt gave a presentation on the state of Southern Utah University focusing on many of the university's successful student programs, such as Campus Connections, New Student Orientation, Thunder Academy and the Passport Program.

The Committee of the Whole broke for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and was called back to order by Chair Campbell at 12:55 p.m.

General Consent Calendar (TAB R)

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

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting May 16, 2014, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah.
- B. Grant Proposals
- C. Awards
- D. Academic Items Received and Approved
- E. Executive Committee Item Approved

Reports of Board Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

USHE Completion Grants (TAB A)

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

State Systems Transformation Co-creation Participation (TAB B)

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

Utah Data Alliance (UDA) – Update Report (TAB C)

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

Finance/Facilities Committee

Southern Utah University – Campus Master Plan Approval (TAB D)

Regent Marquardt reported on three changes to the updated SUU Campus Master Plan. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the updated plan. The motion carried.**

Southern Utah University – Ratification of Property Gifts for the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts (TAB E)

Regent Marquardt reported on two property parcels given to SUU, as gifts, to be used for the new Beverly Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts facility. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Barnes to ratify SUU's acceptance of the gifts. The motion carried.**

Adoption of Policy R611, Veterans Tuition Gap Program (TAB F)

Regent Marquardt reported on the new policy addressing the passage of SB 16, Veterans Tuition Gap Coverage, that passed in the 2014 Utah Legislative Session. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Davis to approve the new policy, R611, Veterans Tuition Gap Program. The motion carried.**

Regent Marquardt reported the following three items have to do with leases; therefore he rolled them into one motion.

Utah State University – Brigham City Regional Campus Ground Lease for the New Academic Building (TAB G)

Regent Marquardt reported the type of bond Brigham City has determined as most advantageous is one where the city is required to retain an ownership interest; thus their request to enter into a ground lease with Brigham City to facilitate the city's issuance of bonds to finance its commitment of \$7.5 million for construction of Utah State University's Academic Building project.

Utah State University – Innovation Campus (Research Park) Lease-purchase Agreement (TAB H)

Regent Marquardt reported on Utah State University's request to enter into a lease-purchase for a facility on its Innovation Campus. This facility is a specialized high-bay building and vehicle test track.

Weber State University – Approval of Station Park Property Lease in Farmington, Utah (TAB I)

Regent Marquardt reported on WSU's request to lease property in Farmington, Utah to establish a Professional Education Center for expansion of its Continuing Education programs.

It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Pitcher to approve the following items as outlined in their tab materials: Tab G, Tab H and Tab I. The motion carried.

Regent Marquardt reported on the following four items, all dealing with University of Utah, were to be rolled into one motion.

University of Utah – Property Purchase (TAB J)

Regent Marquardt reported on University of Utah's request to purchase property for relocation of University departments during the demolition and replacement of the School of Medicine Building.

University of Utah – Energy Efficiency Project Approval (TAB K)

Regent Marquardt reported on the University of Utah's request for approval of an energy efficiency project for three energy intensive major research buildings.

University of Utah – Approval to Remodel the Biomedical Polymers Research Building Remodel (TAB L)

Regent Marquardt reported on the University of Utah's request to remodel the Biomedical Polymers Research Building with non-state funds.

University of Utah – Farmington Ambulatory Care Center Project Approval (TAB M)

Regent Marquardt reported on the University of Utah's request for design and building approval for an Ambulatory Care Center Facility in Farmington, the purchase of which was approved by the Regents in November 2012.

It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Harris to approve the following items as outlined in their tab materials: Tab J, Tab K, Tab L and Tab M. The motion carried.

Regent Marquardt reported on the following two items, both pertaining to SLCC, and made one motion to approve both.

Salt Lake Community College – Westpointe Center Property Acquisition (TAB N)

Regent Marquardt reported SLCC requests authorization to proceed with the purchase of property that has been identified as the future site for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Learning Resource Building.

Salt Lake Community College – West Valley City Property Lease (TAB O)

Regent Marquardt reported SLCC requests authorization to lease space in West Valley City for the establishment of a Community Learning Center.

It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve SLCC's requests as outlined in Tab N and Tab O. The motion carried.

USHE Budget Framework for FY 16 (TAB P)

Regent Marquardt reported the budget framework is identical to the one the board approved in May 2014 with the exception of slight modifications. The framework is intended to guide the formulation of the Commissioner's recommendation for the FY 16 budget request, to be approved at the September 2014 meeting. **It was moved by Regent Marquardt and seconded by Regent Clyde to approve the updated Draft Budget Framework. The motion carried.**

University of Utah – Series 2014A General Revenue and Refunding Bonds Sale (TAB Q)

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

2014-15 Mission Based Funding – Distinctive Mission (TAB S)

Commissioner Buhler reported each institution submitted a revised detailed initiative description to align with the update of the actual legislative appropriation of \$7 million. **It was moved by Regent Theurer and**

seconded by Regent Davis to approve the Distinctive Mission Initiatives and allocations as outlined in Tab S. The motion carried.

2014-15 Mission Based Funding – Acute Equity (TAB T)

Commissioner Buhler reported on the updated Mission-Based Funding [Acute Equity] budget initiatives and allocations from \$69.7 million request to \$50 million allocation. **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Stoddard to approve the Acute Equity initiatives and allocations. The motion carried.**

2013-14 USHE Performance Funding Allocations (TAB U)

Commissioner Buhler reported the first page of the attachment shows what the Regents approved last year and the following pages show each institution's goals and where they are now. **It was moved by Regent Theurer and seconded by Regent Barnes to approve the institutional allocations. The motion carried.**

2014-15 USHE Performance Funding Measures (TAB V)

Commissioner Buhler reported on the proposed performance funding measures for the coming year (2014-15). **It was moved by Regent Davis and seconded by Regent Theurer to approve each institution's core performance measures, specific measurements, metrics, current data, allocations, and one-year goal for fiscal year 2015 as outlined in Tab V. The motion carried.**

Completion Initiatives and Goals for 2015 (TAB W)

Commissioner Buhler reported to the board on the priority of improving college completion. Presidents Pershing, Wight and Nadauld reported on what their institutions are doing to help improve college completion. **It was moved by Regent Valdez and seconded by Regent Beesley to commend the presidents and institutions of the Utah System of Higher Education for their first year progress in implementing completion strategies as outlined by resolution in July 2013, and to further direct the institutions to develop goals for 2015, by January 1, 2015, as described in the attachment to Tab W. The motion carried.**

Resolution of Appreciation

Stephen D. Nadauld

Regent Prince spoke in support of a resolution of appreciation for Dixie State University President, Stephen D. Nadauld, and his many years of service to the Utah System of Higher Education as president of two institutions. **It was moved by Regent Prince and seconded by Regent Clyde to adopt the resolution of appreciation for President Nadauld. The motion carried.**

USHE – Institutional State-funded Capital Development Projects for 2015-16 (TAB X)

Associate Commissioner Gregory Stauffer gave the board an introductory presentation regarding the Regents' process for prioritizing capital development projects. He also noted that there had been additional changes on the institution's projects in the last few days that are not part of the original attachment to Tab X.

Regent Marquardt, Chair of the Capital Facilities Committee, reported to the board the committee's discussion around possibly putting together a ranked package for the Building Board surrounding a theme,

such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) buildings, and to build a coalition with political support and other organizational allies to obtain funding from the legislature for several STEM buildings. This would not benefit all campuses this year, however if the package was funded, it would clear the deck for other buildings in future years. He finished with adding all of the proposed projects deserve funding, and the committee discussed the most advantageous ways to compete for funding.

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

- Utah State University – Biological Sciences Building Clinical Services Building (President Albrecht)

[The Board of Regents took a break from **2:20 p.m. and resumed at 2:35 p.m.**]

- University of Utah – Crocker Science Center (George Thomas Building Renovation, Addition, and Seismic Upgrade) (President Pershing and Henry White, Dean of Science)
- Weber State University – Social Sciences Building Renovation (President Wight)
- Southern Utah University – New Business Building (President Wyatt)
- Snow College – New Science Building (Interim President Carlston)
- Dixie State College – Physical Education/Student Wellness Center (President Nadauld and Greg Layton, Student Body President)
- Utah Valley University – Performing Arts Building I (Val Peterson, Vice President Finance and Administration)
- Salt Lake Community College – Westpointe Center Campus -Career and Technical Education (CTE) Classroom and Learning Resource Building (Tim Sheehan, Vice President Government and Community Relations)

No action was taken on this item at this time. The board will reconvene in August to approve the prioritization of the projects.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 3:59 p.m. The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: September 26, 2014