

**MINUTES OF THE
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TASK FORCE**
Tuesday, May 30, 2000 - 1:00 p.m. - Room 405 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Martin R. Stephens, Chair
Sen. Leonard M. Blackham
Sen. Ron Allen
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. James R. Gowans

Members Absent:

Sen. Lane Beattie
Rep. Susan J. Koehn
Rep. Bill Wright

Staff Present:

Mr. John Q. Cannon, Research Analyst
Mr. John L. Fellows, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Alicia Gambles, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order - Speaker Marty Stephens called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

2. Applied Technology Education in Utah - Mr. Cannon presented an overview of the overall structure of applied technology education in Utah to the task force. He discussed the duties of the Applied Technology Education Task Force as outlined in H.B. 336, including the role and mission, governance, criteria for determining new facility requirements, funding mechanisms, and other issues.

Mr. Cannon outlined the delivery of applied technology education programs through public education, higher education, and joint efforts of higher and public education. Task Force discussion followed.

Mr. Fellows detailed the governance of applied technology education in the state. He discussed several relevant statutory provisions. Task Force discussion followed.

3. Funding of Applied Technology Education in Utah - Ms. Debbie Headden, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst, briefed the committee on the funding of applied technology education for higher education in Utah. Task Force discussion followed.

Mr. Gary Ricks, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst, described how applied technology education is funded within Utah's public education system. Task Force discussion followed. A significant issue discussed was the problem of duplicate funding: the public education system receives full funding for certain high school students, even though these high school students are concurrently enrolled in an applied technology center, community college, or higher education institution, which also is wholly or partially funded for that student.

Speaker Stephens requested additional information concerning the duplicate funding issue and general funding issues relating to applied technology education.

Mr. Kevin Walthers, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst, explained how certain applied technology education facilities are funded within the state. Task Force discussion followed.

4. Task Force Discussion -

Task Force members discussed potential issues for study this interim. Speaker Stephens suggested the task force study the following issues:

- ! governance of applied technology education in the state;
- ! the role of community colleges in the state and specifically the relationship between Salt Lake Community College and the Wasatch Front South Applied Technology Center;
- ! costs of providing applied technology services for public and higher education and who should deliver these services;
- ! duplicate funding; and
- ! how other states govern applied technology education.

Sen. Blackham requested that the task force study the populations and needs that are being served by the Applied Technology Centers and the Applied Technology Center Service Regions and the outcome of these services.

Rep. Bigelow suggested studying the pros and cons of different delivery systems and potential duplication of programs. He also suggested studying the requirements of initiating programs.

Sen. Allen suggested reviewing what is currently working or not working in the state.

Rep. Gowans asked that the task force examine how applied technology programs are delivered to rural areas of the state.

The task force scheduled additional meetings for June 12, June 26, and July 13.

5. Adjourn -

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.