

**MINUTES OF THE
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TASK FORCE**
Monday, September 11, 2000 - 1:00 p.m. - Room 303 State Capitol

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Sen. John L. Valentine

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 Stephens called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Buffmire, and Rep. Buttars absent for the vote.

2. Updated Data Tables from the 1995 Legislative Performance Audit of Applied Technology Education Programs -

Mr. Boyd Garriott, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst, and Mr. Jim Behunin, Office of Legislative Auditor General, distributed information and answered questions about updated audit information on applied technology education (ATE). Task Force discussion followed.

3. Task Force Discussion

Mr. Charlie Johnson, Chair, Board of Regents, discussed the data in Table 7A of the handout from the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

Ms. Pamela Atkinson, Board of Regents, indicated that ATE is an integral part of Higher Education. She suggested that the Task Force focus on a continuum of education and what is best for the children and adults taking ATE courses.

Mr. John Cannon, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, distributed a handout to the Task Force. He discussed a problem statement including assumptions about ATE, and suggested the Task Force's initial choice was to choose to solve ATE issues globally or locally. He noted potential pros and cons of the two approaches.

Mr. John Fellows, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, outlined multiple options for the Task Force to consider concerning governance of ATE in Utah. Task Force discussion followed.

Some of the ATE issues/principles discussed by the Task Force members included:

- ! meeting the needs of adults and secondary students by examining the solutions that will work best for them;
- ! treating all regions of the state equitably;
- ! ensuring that successful programs continue;
- ! eliminating competition between Higher and Public Education and encouraging cooperation between the two systems;
- ! empowering representatives of the secondary system with money to meet the needs of the secondary students;
- ! modifying the powers of the Joint Liaison Committee;
- ! encouraging ATCs to contract with Public and Higher Education to provide ATE;
- ! creating equal opportunities for all students;
- ! creating an independent board to govern ATE; and
- ! granting responsibility for adult ATE to Higher Education and secondary student ATE to Public Education.

Speaker Stephens referred Task Force members to the possible options outlined in the handout.

MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved that the Task Force vote concerning whether each option should be preserved for further consideration by the Task Force. The motion passed unanimously.

The following approaches/options were discussed and voted upon:

OPTIONS:	NUMBER VOTING YES:	NUMBER VOTING NO:
Status Quo:	1 - Rep. Buffmire	8
Legislative Approach:	2 - Sen. Blackham and Rep. Buffmire	7
Modified Joint Liaison Committee:	8	1 - Rep. Johnson
Board of Regents:	2 - Spkr. Stephens and Rep. Johnson	7
State Board of Education:	0	9
New ATE Board:	2 - Reps. Buttars and Wright	7
New ATE/Comm. Colleges Board:	2 - Reps. Buttars and Wright	7
State Agency:	1 - Sen. Allen	8
Single Board:	6	3 - Sen. Allen, Reps. Buffmire and Gowans
Transfer of ATC Governance:	0	9
Credit/Noncredit:	2 - Reps. Buffmire and Johnson	7
Adult/Secondary:	6	3 - Sen. Allen, Reps. Buffmire and Gowans
Regional:	2 - Sen. Blackham and Rep. Wright	7

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved that staff review and further develop the three proposals approved for further consideration by the Task Force and examine the concepts supported by Task Force members during the discussion of this meeting and report at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fellows discussed the identified problems solution concerning governance and funding inequities. He outlined different approaches to fund ATE. Task Force discussion followed.

Speaker Stephens suggested that interested parties could provide input to staff concerning the three options.

5. Task Force Business -

The task force confirmed the next two meetings to be held on Monday, September 25, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. and Monday, October 16, 2000 at 1:00 p.m.

6. Adjourn -

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.