

MINUTES OF THE  
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998, 2:00 P.M.  
Room 223, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. David Steele, Committee Co-Chair  
Rep. Afton Bradshaw, Committee Co-Chair  
Sen. Lyle Hillyard  
Sen. Nathan Tanner  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen  
Rep. Mary Carlson  
Rep. Orville D. Carnahan  
Rep. Margaret Dayton  
Rep. Patricia B. Larson  
Rep. Swen Nielsen  
Rep. Carl. R. Saunders

Members Absent: Sen. George Mantes

Members Excused: Rep. Martin R. Stephens

Staff Present: Boyd A. Garriott, Senior Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Kevin Walthers, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Rolayne Day, Secretary

Others Present: President Grace Jones, CEU  
President Gerald Day, Snow College  
Dr. Richard Wheeler, VP for Student Affairs, Snow  
Commissioner Cecelia Foxley  
Dr. Brad Winn, GOPB  
Vice President Brent Haddock, CEU  
Rep. Brad King

List of Others Present on File:

Committee Co-Chair Steele called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m.

1. College of Eastern Utah Presentation—Analyst Boyd Garriott—The analysts recommend an increase of \$118,900 in the adjusted base budget for CEU. The recommendation includes a decrease in enrollment of \$63,800, increased O & M funding for the Student Center in Price at \$109,700 and \$41,000 for six month's operation of the San Juan Campus Center. Mandated costs recommendations include ADA, hazardous waste, increased fuel costs, risk management, and the new Energy Tax. The analysts also recommend funding \$55,400 for technology and \$54,000 in one-time funding for ATE equipment.

Dr. Brad Winn, GOPB—The Governor recommends fully funding O & M for the Student Center and the Arts and Conference Center and all standard mandates. He recommends funding hazardous waste at 50% of the request, full funding for enrollment and the Star Schools, and funding two full-time instructors, one in ATE.

President Grace Jones said CEU used federal dollars to assemble a \$10 million distance education system covering the south eastern quadrant of the state. Last year's appropriation was used to hire personnel; they now need on-going funding for equipment and repairs mainly to the two hubs. CEU is involved in the electronic community college with 61 courses currently going over their service area at 14 sites.

Vice President Brent Haddock discussed the new faculty request in the psychology/sociology department. CEU currently has one instructor covering both areas with the assistance of an emeritus faculty member. They also want to expand the Criminal Justice Program. A second position is necessary in math. CEU hopes to have six new academic programs accepted by the Regents. Another funding request is for a paraprofessional recruitment enhancement specialist to better coordinate recruitment efforts. Rep. Brad King, who works at CEU in high school relations, said it is a terrible disservice to higher education to increase funding based on FTE. President Jones introduced those in attendance in support of CEU.

Responding to a question from Rep. Nielsen, President Jones said CEU has 3,500 students at four sites with most at the Price Campus. Many of the degrees are geared to mining interests and there is a nursing degree and an outstanding science department. Other areas include geology, the prehistoric museum, business administration, computer courses, fine arts, and a nationally recognized forensics program.

2. Snow College Presentation—Mr. Garriott discussed the analyst's budget recommendations for increase of \$518,100. Recommendations include enrollment growth of \$485,300 for 167 FTE, O & M funding for an addition to the Noyes Building, ADA, hazardous waste, increased fuel costs, risk management, and the new Energy Tax. Technology funding is recommended at \$55,400 excluding UEN, and \$48,000 in one-time funding for equipment costs in ATE programs.

Dr. Winn said the Governor recommends fully funding O & M for the Noyes Building, risk insurance, the Energy Use Tax, and the Institutional Technology Initiative. He recommends \$40,000 for the Student Work to Learn Program and funding the ATE Building Construction faculty. He also recommends \$25,000 in one time funding for technology and \$15,000 for ATE equipment.

President Gerold Day said enrollment growth funding for 167 FTE is essential; in the last eleven years enrollment has more than doubled. They request funding for the Work to Learn Program, money President Day feels is the best money spent last year. Faculty and staff submitted 175 position descriptions that 265 students responded to; 59 positions were filled by 78 students (some job-shared). There is an enormous responsibility on the faculty/staff mentors for jobs that always have demonstrable learning objectives.

President Day reminded the Committee about the Snow College Gala to be held at Abravanel Hall on Thursday, February 12, 1998.

Rep. Nielsen asked if the Work to Learn Program displaces jobs for people from the community. President Day said there have been no complaints, only praises for the program. Vice-President Richard Wheeler said the most beneficial jobs to students were selected and cover areas such as journeyman electrician helpers, student services workers, computer help desk personnel, and several jobs with faculty members. Sen. Tanner complimented Snow College on the Work to Learn program because it fills a job void in an area that has few jobs. President Day agreed, saying 85% of Snow's students need some kind of income to stay in school.

3. Tentative Committee Decision—Sen. Steele—The Committee needs to consider several items for the next meeting when budget decisions will be made. O & M requests will need to be considered especially for the Biology Research Building at the U of U. There needs to be a policy governing when O & M will be paid by the State and when it will not. New faculty positions to cover growth needs to be addressed as well as unfunded mandates, the SUU health and dental issues, risk management, and technology issues. Sen. Steele asked Committee members to decide where funding could be reduced if they wish to fund other items. He also asked Committee members to make a list of funding priorities.

Mr. Garriott distributed a copy of last year's intent language and some proposed intent language for this year. Committee members were asked to review it and come back with recommendations on Friday.

Sen. Hillyard asked if higher education had investigated overcharges for risk management. Commissioner Foxley said they have not done so, but it might need to be done. At a meeting with Risk Management and Lynn Koga, GOPB, higher education understood they would have the shortfall put back into the base.

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Dr. Winn distributed a copy of the capital budget developed by the GOPB.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bradshaw moved to approve minutes of the February 9, 1998, meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Nielsen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Co-Chair Steele adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Rolayne Day, Secretary.

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Sen. David H. Steele, Committee Co-Chair

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Rep. Afton Bradshaw, Committee Co-Chair