

MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2001, 12:00 P.M.
Room 223, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. Lyle Hillyard, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. Afton Bradshaw, Committee Co-Chair
Sen. Paula Julander
Sen. Peter Knudson
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Katherine M. Bryson
Rep. Margaret Dayton
Rep. Patricia W. Jones
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff
Rep. Richard M. Siddoway
Rep. Gordon E. Snow
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Poulton
Rep. Martin R. Stephens

Staff Present: Boyd A. Garriott, Senior Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Debra Headden, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Rolayne Day, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Commissioner Cecelia Foxley
Chalmers Gail Norris, USHE

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Committee Co-Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

1. Committee Business—Co-Chair Hillyard reported what happened at Higher Education's hearing before the Executive Appropriations Committee. He discussed a handout created by the analyst's office showing the approved USHE and UEN budgets. Higher education received an additional \$8 million to help fund the formula, \$200,000 for USU Extension, and \$1 million for the Engineering Initiative. They received a 4% salary increase (rather than 6%) with some additional money for health insurance increases and salary equity at just over \$3 million. The Executive Committee gave an additional \$2 million for salary equity, but it had to be paid for by cutting \$1 million out of on-going, and moving \$1 million in on-going to one-time. The co-chairs were subsequently informed that an additional \$286,500 would need to be taken out of the budget.

Additional one-time funding was also given for the Engineering Initiative (\$3 million), the UVSC Access Road (\$360,000), the U of U School of Medicine (\$1.5 million), and the U of U IT Infrastructure (\$1 million). UEN picked up an additional \$1,000,000 in on-going after switching some funding between one-time and on-going for a net of \$500,000.

The co-chairs, recommend the following for the \$1 million cuts:

1. Reduce UCOPE by \$600,000 (lowering it to \$1.366 million)
2. Move UALC funding of \$310,000 into one-time
3. Cut Hazardous Waste by \$200,500 (leaving \$80,000)
4. O & M—Cut \$22,500 from the Burbage Building at the University of Utah (as per FY 2001 intent language)
5. Move \$400,000 of Student Financial Aid to one-time
6. Change UVSC's National Guard contract funding to one-time (\$90,000)
7. Move the Botanical Center funding by \$200,000 (leaving \$125,000 in on-going)
8. Remove \$200,000 from ADA on-going

For the \$286,500 reduction, the analysts recommend not funding O & M for USU's Police (\$19,000) or University Press (\$18,000) requests, SUU's middle school grounds (\$93,000) and Birch Mann home (\$13,000) requests, and UVSC's Journal Building (\$42,000) and Science Building (\$37,000) request. Commissioner Foxley recommends telling the Executive Committee that higher education will not take the cut because it will hurt programs. The co-chairs do not recommend taking money from salaries because they have lobbied so hard to get the funding. It would send the wrong message if the Committee now took salary money to fund something else.

The Committee discussed the various options.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to cut UCOPE funding by \$600,000, move UALC funding of \$310,000 to one-time, cut Hazardous Waste by \$200,000, cut \$22,500 in O & M from the UU Burbage Building, move \$400,000 of Student Financial Aid to one-time, change UVSC's \$90,000 National Guard contract funding to one-time, move the Botanical Center funding of \$200,000 to one-time, and cut \$200,000 from ADA. Whatever the difference is for the required \$286,500 reduction should come from salary equity.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Bryson moved to take \$600,000 out of one-time technology funding and move it into UCOPE.

Speaking to the motion were Sen. Hillyard, Reps. Arent and Shurtliff, Chalmers Gail Norris, USHE, and Commissioner Foxley.

The Chair moved that the motion failed on a voice vote.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Dayton moved to take \$2 million away from salary equity and put it towards enrollment growth.

Speaking to the motion were Commissioner Foxley, Sen. Hillyard, and Reps. Bryson and Siddoway. Rep. Shurtliff said she could not support the motion because teacher salaries also are of a high priority.

Rep. Dayton withdrew the substitute motion.

The original motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to adjourn.

Committee Co-Chair Hillyard adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Rolayne Day, Secretary.

Sen. Lyle Hillyard, Committee Co-Chair

Rep. Afton Bradshaw, Committee Co-Chair