

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT CAPITAL FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2004, 2:00 P.M.
Room 403, State Capitol Building**

Members Present: Sen. Beverly Evans, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. Loraine T. Pace, Committee Co-Chair
Sen. Greg Bell
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Rep. Roger Barrus
Rep. Ralph Becker
Rep. DeMar “Bud” Bowman
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Stephen Clark
Rep. Wayne Harper
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow

Staff Present: Kevin Walthers, Fiscal Analyst
Jonathan Ball, Technology Analyst
Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Commissioner Richard Kendell, Higher Education
Associate Commissioner Mark Spencer, Higher Education
President Ann Millner, Weber State University
Vice President Norm Tarbox, Administrative Services, Weber
State University
Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management, Weber State
University
President A. Lorris Betz, University of Utah
Sr. Vice President David Pershing, Academic Affairs, University
of Utah
President William Sederburg, Utah Valley State College
Ms. Cynthia Clark, Citizen
Interim President Judd Morgan, Salt Lake Community College
President Larry Hancock, IASIS
Director Betty Bembenek, Health Science, Salt Lake Community
College
Ms. Joyce Barra, Associate Professor, Salt Lake Community
College
Dr. Ron Godfrey, Vice President, Utah State University
Associate Vice President Darrell Hart, Utah State University
President Robert Huddleston, Dixie State College

Vice President Stan Plewe, Dixie State College
President Steven Bennion, Southern Utah University
Dr. Gregory L. Stauffer, VP Administrative and Financial Services,
Southern Utah University
President Ryan Thomas, College of Eastern Utah
President Michael Benson, Snow College
Vice President Rick Wheeler, Snow College
President Greg Fitch, Utah College of Applied Technology
President Paul Hacking UBACT/USU Vernal Campus
Executive Director Guy Denton, UBACT/USU
President Richard L. Maughan, Bridgerland ATC

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Co-Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. USHE Projects

Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Richard Kendell, Higher Education, presented the Capital Facilities needs for Higher Education. He summarized the Qualification and Prioritization Process and stated that he felt this is a good and rational approach to this process. He stated that all projects have merits and needs, and that he favors phase funding.

Associate Commissioner Mark Spencer reported that even though the UCAT projects are not ranked by USHE, they are endorsed by USHE.

The Analyst, Kevin Walthers, stated that the Capital Budget has been changed in that the funds in the Capital Development Fund have been transferred to Capital Improvements in the amount of \$1,870,000.

Mr. Walthers presented a history of prioritizing projects for the Subcommittee members. He stated that colleges and universities occupy two-thirds of all state space and, with growth continuing throughout the system, annually receive the largest capital funding for new projects, and the Legislature consistently reminds schools that there is no "queue" for projects, that each year projects are prioritized based on merit. The reason the Legislature avoids lining up projects is that priorities change from year to year even when projects aren't funded. A queue encourages schools to cling to projects that may not be in the long

term interest of the State or the school.

The Analyst reported that each year facility requests outpace the ability of the State to fund them. Rather than develop a priority list, he has presented projects on Tab 21, page 16, that he feels merit strong consideration from the Legislature. Categories are provided in priority order. The Analyst still believes that taking care of existing needs is the most important consideration in funding capital development projects.

Mr. Walthers stated that he hesitates to recommend phase funding unless there is a compelling reason, and he listed three projects that possibly could qualify for phase funding. The Analyst stated that he also hesitates to recommend any level of bonding.

Co-Chair Evans informed the Subcommittee that the agenda has been determined by the priorities as determined by the Board of Regents.

Weber State University - Swenson Building Renovation

President Ann Millner, Weber State University, introduced Vice President Norm Tarbox, Administrative Services; and Assistant Vice President Kevin Hansen, Facilities Management, and presented the project.

Mr. Tarbox stated that the Swenson Building is an 85,000 square-foot teaching facility that has served WSU for the past 40 years. It is used primarily as a home for WSU's Health Promotion and Human Performance Department which generates approximately 25,000 student credit hours annually. There have been no major renovations to the facility. DFCM's ISES evaluation identified multiple deficiencies in the building's infrastructure and systems. The \$5.5 million in requested State funds would address the needs identified by ISES.

A handout was distributed and a video was shown.

University of Utah - Marriott Library Renovation and Automated Storage and Retrieval System

President A. Lorris Betz, introduced Sr. Vice President David Pershing, Academic Affairs; and Taylor Morgan, a student.

Mr. Pershing distributed a hand-held computer which contains the contents of 1000 books and an old book. He stated that the J. Willard Marriott Library is located in the Intermountain fault zone and is unusually vulnerable to catastrophic damage in the event

of an earthquake because of its age and unique structural design and construction method. The project will provide pervasive seismic bracing and will upgrade the electrical mechanical and technological systems in the building.

A letter from the Chair of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission was distributed, and a slide show was presented.

Rep. Harper drew attention to a handout showing a poster inviting students to come to the Library for free pizza to advocate for the Library seismic retrofit which implied the Library wasn't safe. He asked if the University had consulted their attorney before posting this notice.

MOTION: Rep. Harper moved to notify the Safety Commission to close the Marriott Library until it is safe for the students to return.

Co-Chair Evans stated that this was an inappropriate motion.

Co-Chair Evans recognized members of the Board of Regents present and thanked them for their attendance.

Utah Valley State College - Digital Learning Center

President William Sederburg, Utah Valley State College, recognized Ms. Cynthia Clark, Citizen, Dr. Val Peterson, Dean Bonnie Henrie, and Mike Freeman, Director of the Library and presented the project which is to construct a separate building designed to merge information technology functions including research, academic computing, and media functions to match the growth and development of the institution.

A handout was distributed and a slide show was presented.

President Sederburg expressed appreciation to the Subcommittee and stated that he appreciated their efforts. He also expressed appreciation to BYU for their partnership in providing resources to the students at UVSC.

Salt Lake Community College - Health Sciences Building

Interim President Judd Morgan introduced President Larry Hancock, IASIS; Director Betty Bembenek, Health Science; Ms. Joyce Barra, Associate Professor; Director Mike Thurman, On-Line Marketing; and Vice President Dan Porter, Business Services; and presented the request, which would consolidate health science programs into a new

facility at the Jordan Campus. It would consolidate eight existing programs that are currently scattered in various locations as well as allow the creation of two new health science programs.

A handout was distributed and a slide show was presented.

Utah State University - Animal Science Building Renovation

Dr. Ron Godfrey, Vice President, Utah State University, and Associate Vice President Darrell Hart presented information regarding this project which would be to renovate and update the existing Animal Science Building.

A slide show was presented.

Dixie State College - Health Sciences Building

President Robert Huddleston and Vice President Stan Plewe presented information on this project. The requested facility would house all classrooms, laboratories, operatories, and offices for the College's Health Sciences Program.

A handout was distributed and a slide show was presented.

Southern Utah University - Teacher Education Building

President Steven Bennion, Southern Utah University introduced Dr. Gregory L. Stauffer, VP Administrative and Financial Services; Dorian G. Page, Associate Vice President, Treasurer and Legislative Representative; Associate Vice President Clair Morris; and three students: Katie Weaver Shakespeare, Lindsay Boss and Brett Nelson.

Dr. Stauffer and Mr. Morris presented information regarding this project. It will serve as a Center for Best Practices in Teacher Education with emphasis on Math, Science and Technology Education, and allow distance learning programs to be delivered to remote and geographically isolated teachers.

A slide show was presented.

College of Eastern Utah - San Juan Library & Health Sciences Building

President Ryan Thomas introduced Dr. Robert S. McPherson, Vice President, San Juan Campus, Cleal Bradford, Executive Director, San Juan Foundation, and Dennis Geary, Facilities.

President Thomas presented the request for the San Juan Library & Health Sciences Building. This project will construct a new two-story Campus Center that will house programs and functions that are presently housed in two converted residential homes.

A handout was distributed and a slide show presented.

Snow College - Sanpete County Library and Classroom Building

President Michael Benson and Rick Wheeler, Vice President, presented the request for the Sanpete County Library and Classroom Building. This project is a joint effort of Snow College and Ephraim City to construct a new library which would serve the needs of both.

A handout was distributed and a slide show presented.

President Benson expressed appreciation to the Subcommittee for funding Snow College projects in the past.

Co-Chair Evans stated that these presentations complete the requests for the Board of Regent priority list.

Utah College of Applied Technology

Uintah Basin Applied Technology College/USU Vernal Campus

President Fitch, Utah College of Applied Technology, introduced President Paul Hacking and Guy Denton, Executive Director, who presented the project. Mr. Hacking recognized the Vernal and Roosevelt citizens who were in attendance to support this request.

Co-Chair Pace expressed sympathy to the people of the Uintah Basin at the recent death of the president of the College.

President Hacking stated that this project will substantially expand a branch campus in vernal adjacent to Uintah High School for the Uintah Basin Applied Technology College and Utah State University.

Bridgerland Applied Technology College Bourns Building Purchase

President Fitch, Utah College of Applied Technology, introduced President Richard Maughn who presented this project which would purchase the Bourns Manufacturing

facility in Logan.

Mr. Walthers reported that this building contains 87,000 square feet and is ideal for the type of training that BATC provides. The \$3.55 million purchase price offers an opportunity to gain more space for much less than would be expended for construction of new facilities. The Analyst further stated that the Legislature should keep in mind that the facility will likely need additional upgrades (likely funded with Capital Improvements) and expansion of the program is no guarantee that this will completely relieve pressure to add new facilities on the main campus.

Co-Chair Evans thanked Subcommittee members for coming on time.

Rep. Bowman asked the Co-Chairs to write a letter of sympathy to the family of the deceased president of the Uintah Basin ATC for all Subcommittee members to sign.

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to adjourn he meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Co-Chair Evans.

The minutes were reported by Bonnie Brinton

Sen. Beverly Evans
Committee Co-Chair

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