

Budget Brief – Utah College of Applied Technology

SUMMARY

The mission of the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) is to provide applied technology education (ATE) to both secondary and post-secondary students to meet the social and economic needs of the state efficiently and effectively, through collaborative partnerships between the educational systems, business, and industry. UCAT offers quality educational programs and innovative delivery systems to ensure a skilled and educated workforce.

ATE institutions provide open-entry/open-exit, competency-based training and offer certificates of completion, associate of applied technology degrees, and competency-based high school certificates. UCAT has nine campuses located throughout the State. UCAT served a total of 58,753 students (headcount), with nearly 5.1 million membership hours.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

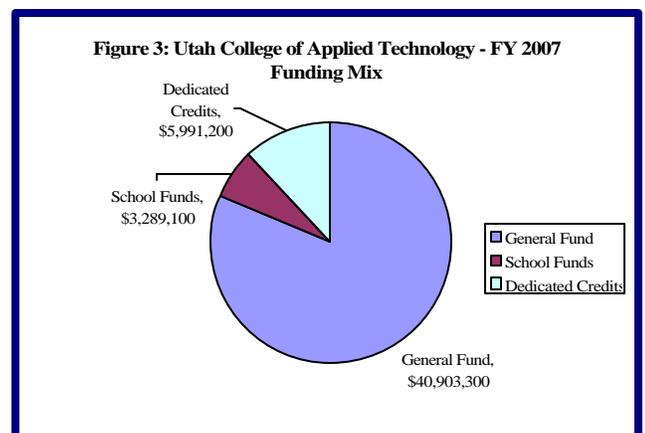
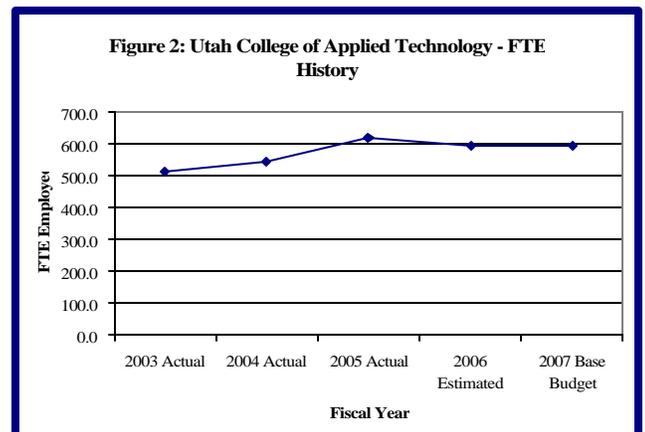
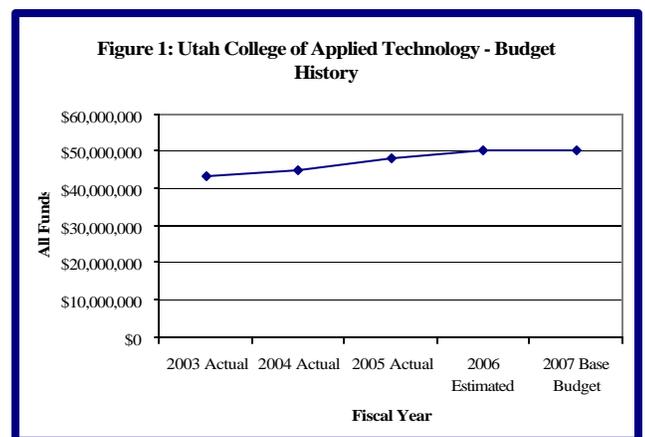
Base Budget: The total FY 2006 appropriated budget for the Utah College of Applied Technology was \$49,916,700, with \$40,903,300 from the General Fund and \$3,397,100 from Income Tax funds (including a one-time Income Tax fund appropriation of \$108,000). Using the FY 2006 ongoing appropriation as the beginning point for the FY 2007 base budget, with changes in the level of dedicated credits for increased tuition collections in the amount of \$374,900, the total adjusted amount becomes \$50,183,600.

Enrollment Growth: The UCAT campuses are experiencing increasing enrollments in most of their programs. The projected growth for FY 2007 is over 495,000 membership hours. The Analyst recommends funding in the amount of \$1,750,000.

Operation and Maintenance of New Facilities: A new building in Blanding (Southeast ATC) will come on line during FY 2007 and will need O & M funding. The total amount recommended is \$11,400.

Lease Funding: Three of the ATCs have requested funding for new leased space. The Analyst recommends funding for the Price campus of the Southeast ATC at \$14,500.

Central Administration: Since UCAT was organized, its Central Administration has been funded with one-time, start-up funds. Those funds will run out at the end of FY 2006. The Analyst recommends \$350,000 to cover current ongoing salaries and add a Management Information System vice president and a secretary and provide a small amount of operational funding.



IT Security and Licensing: The Analyst recommends an appropriation of \$150,000 for licenses for software and networks, anti-virus protection, and replacement of servers, switches, routers, and hubs.

UCAT Accreditation: UCAT is in the process of accreditation. The larger campuses have been able to absorb the costs of preparation for the accreditation, but the smaller campuses do not have that flexibility. The Analyst recommends \$50,000 to assist in this process.

Student Information System: Because support of current data systems is ending, Davis ATC has developed its own system to track student information. To implement this system statewide, with the necessary central support, an appropriation of \$516,000 is recommended, together with a one-time appropriation of \$172,000 for computer hardware.

Custom Fit: This program assists Utah employers with educational training needs, tailored to their specific requirements. The Analyst recommends \$725,000 be added to this program's base, in addition to a one-time appropriation of \$1 million, which is to be coordinated with the Governor's Office of Economic Development, for training purposes.

Jobs Now: This program, first funded by the 2005 Legislature, is showing success. To continue these efforts, the Analyst recommends \$750,000 (one-time).

Training Equipment: Over time, equipment wears out and becomes obsolete. The Analyst recommends one-time funding of \$500,000 for the purchase of needed training equipment for the campuses.

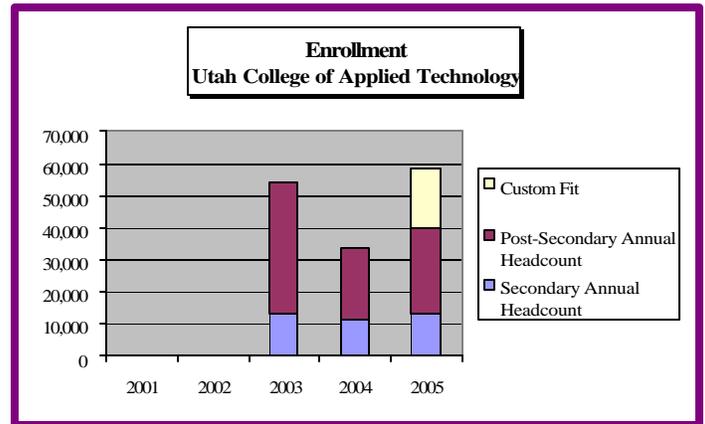
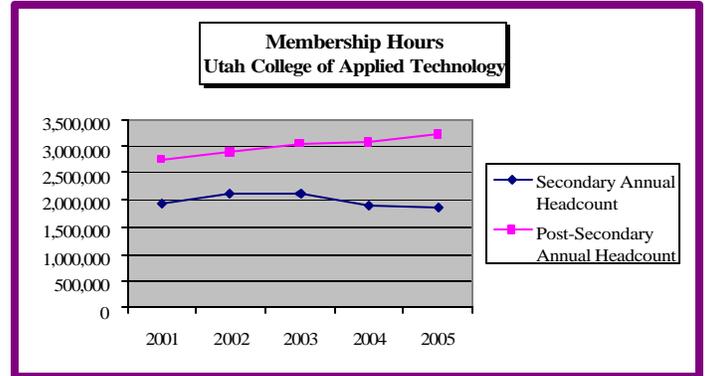
Petroleum Technology Program: The Uintah Basin ATC has an opportunity to take advantage of the current economic upturn in that area, where the petroleum industry is in need of high-paying professionals. Funding for training at the UBATC would provide individuals with the necessary knowledge to work in the energy industry. The Analyst recommends \$175,500 for this training program.

Campus Furnishings: A one-time appropriation of \$25,000 is recommended for Southeast ATC for furnishing its new building in Blanding.

HVAC System: The Salt Lake/Tooele ATC is in a building with no air conditioning. A new, efficient system would require a one-time appropriation of \$61,000.

ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL

UCAT has system wide performance indicators to increase the number of degrees awarded, increase the number of membership hours, and increase the headcount served.



BUDGET DETAIL

Base Budget: The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends approval of the Utah College of Applied Technology’s FY 2007 adjusted base budget in the amount of \$50,183,600, with \$40,903,300 from the General Fund, \$3,289,100 from Income Tax funds, and \$5,991,200 from Dedicated Credits.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee adopt a base budget for the Utah College of Applied Technology in the amount of \$50,183,600. The approved allocation is \$40,903,300 (General Fund) and \$3,289,100 (Income Tax funds).

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee develop a prioritization list of items for additional funding for FY 2007 and FY 2006 (Supplemental).

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Utah College of Applied Technology						
Sources of Finance	FY 2005	FY 2006	Changes	FY 2006	Changes	FY 2007*
	Actual	Appropriated		Revised		Base Budget
General Fund	39,971,900	40,903,300	0	40,903,300	0	40,903,300
General Fund, One-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income Tax	489,300	3,289,100	0	3,289,100	0	3,289,100
Income Tax, One-time	0	108,000	0	108,000	(108,000)	0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	5,444,209	5,616,300	374,900	5,991,200	0	5,991,200
Transfers	233,665	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers - Interagency	590,776	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers - Within Agency	51,492	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Nonlapsing	3,738,675	0	100,000	100,000	(100,000)	0
Closing Nonlapsing	(2,459,823)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$48,060,194	\$49,916,700	\$474,900	\$50,391,600	(\$208,000)	\$50,183,600
Line Items						
Administration	4,539,528	4,770,500	100,000	4,870,500	(539,100)	4,331,400
Bridgerland ATC	8,924,452	9,419,600	0	9,419,600	80,600	9,500,200
Davis ATC	9,273,913	9,664,200	308,200	9,972,400	65,800	10,038,200
Dixie ATC	1,205,484	1,391,500	0	1,391,500	9,000	1,400,500
Mountainland ATC	3,116,031	3,798,000	0	3,798,000	28,900	3,826,900
Ogden/Weber ATC	11,040,480	10,714,400	100,600	10,815,000	73,300	10,888,300
Salt Lake/Tooele ATC	2,401,121	2,766,300	0	2,766,300	16,600	2,782,900
Southeast ATC	1,180,169	1,105,400	0	1,105,400	10,100	1,115,500
Southwest ATC	1,648,739	1,726,800	(33,900)	1,692,900	12,000	1,704,900
Uintah Basin ATC	4,730,277	4,560,000	0	4,560,000	34,800	4,594,800
Total	\$48,060,194	\$49,916,700	\$474,900	\$50,391,600	(\$208,000)	\$50,183,600
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	33,216,638	32,663,500	3,767,300	36,430,800	331,100	36,761,900
In-State Travel	320,235	246,600	115,200	361,800	0	361,800
Current Expense	8,982,198	12,084,000	(3,694,700)	8,389,300	(100,000)	8,289,300
Capital Outlay	1,357,245	977,100	(152,000)	825,100	0	825,100
Other Charges/Pass Thru	4,183,878	3,945,500	439,100	4,384,600	(439,100)	3,945,500
Total	\$48,060,194	\$49,916,700	\$474,900	\$50,391,600	(\$208,000)	\$50,183,600
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	619.0	540.0	53.1	593.1	0.0	593.1
Vehicles	168	78	0	78	0	78

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.