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SUMMARY

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends the prioritization of \$2 million as the second installment of funding for Utah Valley State College to attain university status. During the 2007 General Session, the Legislature passed S.B. 70, “Utah Valley University Institutional Name Change” and provided \$8 million to UVSC for additional faculty, advisors, and other resources. The total funding recommended and requested by the State Board of Regents was \$10 million. The \$2 million would complete the funding for this change.

OBJECTIVE

To fully fund the recommended \$10 million needed to provide university services to students, faculty, and staff, an additional \$2 million is needed. According to the language in S.B. 70, UVSC will become Utah Valley University on July 1, 2008.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Utah Valley State College has developed a methodical approach to reach the necessary levels comparable with other teaching universities. At the undergraduate level, much of the funding has been used for full-time faculty to achieve comparable teaching loads and reduce the usage of adjunct faculty. Additional faculty have been added to enhance the quality of existing and proposed academic programs. Nine academic advising staff have been added to provide services to more students. A smaller portion of the \$8 million in funding has been used for new graduate programs. During FY 2009, with the additional \$2 million, further steps will be taken at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, providing additional faculty and staff.

