



Budget Brief: Utah System of Higher Education

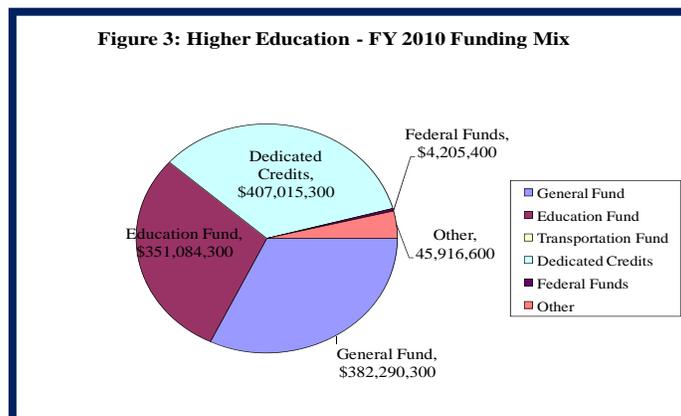
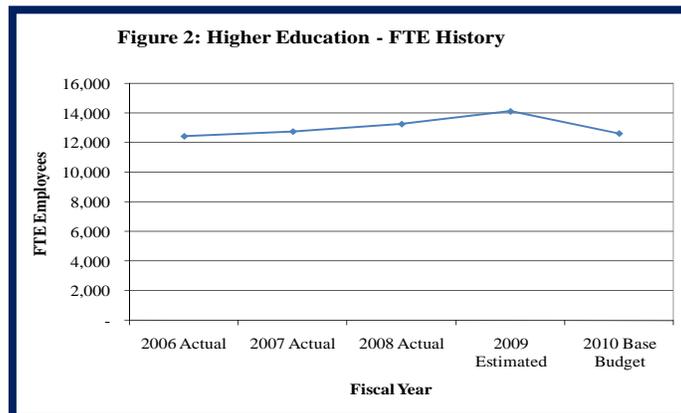
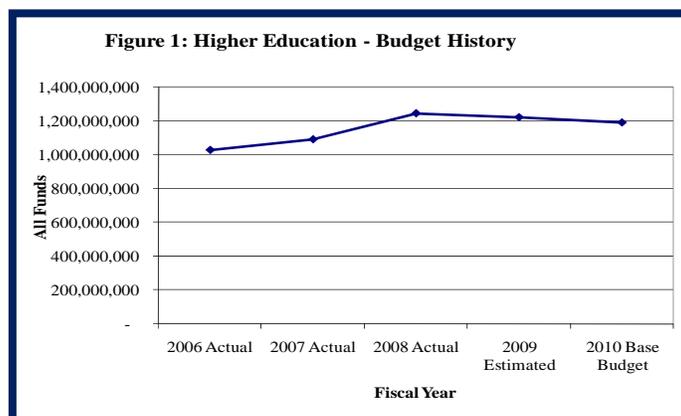
SUMMARY

The Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) is comprised of nine traditional institutions of higher learning, the Utah College of Applied Technology, and the State Board of Regents. The USHE is governed by the Utah State Board of Regents, with the assistance of the local Boards of Trustees.

The mission of the Utah System of Higher Education is to provide educational opportunities to the citizens of the State through traditional classroom settings, distance learning, and applied technology education. The FY 2008 enrollment at the nine traditional USHE institutions was 99,941 full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Base Budget: The total FY 2009 appropriated budget (including the September 2008 Special Session) for the Utah System of Higher Education was \$1,198,509,300, with \$423,505,300 from the General Fund (offset by a one-time reduction of \$42,343,600), \$19,756,800 from the Uniform School Fund (including a one-time appropriation of \$740,100), and \$391,798,700 from the Education Fund (including a one-time appropriation of \$43,387,300). Additional FY 2009 reductions expected to be made during the 2009 General Session further cut the ongoing General Fund by \$41,215,000 and the ongoing Education Fund by \$16,343,800, with additional one-time General Fund offsets of \$140,800,600 and one-time Education Fund offsets of (\$111,022,800). Using the FY 2009 ongoing appropriation as the beginning point for the FY 2010 base budget, with changes in the level of dedicated credits in the amount of \$18,367,000, and nonlapsing balances in the amount of \$32,978,200, the adjusted amount base becomes \$1,190,511,900.



ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL

Performance indicators are shown in each institution's budget brief.

BUDGET DETAIL

Base Budget: The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends approval of the FY 2010 Utah System of Higher Education base budget in the amount of \$1,190,511,900, with \$382,290,300 from the General Fund, \$19,016,700 from the Uniform School Fund, \$332,067,600 from the Education Fund, \$4,205,400 from Federal Funds, \$405,906,800 from Dedicated Credits, \$1,108,500 from Land Grant Management Funds, \$1,745,800 from the Mineral Lease Account, \$4,284,500 from the Restricted Cigarette Tax Account, \$4,000,000 from the Restricted Tobacco Settlement Account, \$298,800 from the Restricted Land Exchange Distribution Account, \$1,000,000 from the Restricted Prison Telephone Surcharge Account, \$34,500 from Transfers from the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, \$50,039,200 from Beginning Nonlapsing balances, and (\$15,486,200) from Closing Nonlapsing balances.

Intent Language: In the past, there have been several items of legislative intent language included in the various appropriations acts regarding higher education issues. During the 2005 General Session, there was an effort to reduce the amount of intent language, especially those items that were repeated year after year. For FY 2009, there were two pieces of intent language that affected the Utah System of Higher Education in the appropriations acts for FY 2009 (H.B. 3, Items 113 and 116)

The Legislature intends that Public Employees Health Plan (PEHP) allow the College of Eastern Utah's employees located in Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan counties who opt to stay on the Preferred Plan during open enrollment, the opportunity to switch insurance plans one time during FY 2009 outside of the open enrollment period.

The Legislature intends that the task force on higher education governance and the State Board of Regents study ways for greater collaboration and cooperation between the College of Eastern Utah and Utah State University, including consideration of partnerships, alliances, or a merger, in order to increase educational opportunities for the citizens in eastern Utah and maximize state resources. The study shall include ways of protecting the traditional community college role including access to career and technical education currently provided by CUE. The task force and the Board of Regents shall provide their recommendations to the Executive Appropriations Committee for any changes that require legislative action of funding.

CEU reports that most of its employees moved to the Preferred Plan during open enrollment, but a few have utilized the option to move outside of the open enrollment period.

The Board of Regents engaged a trio of consultants, to perform a facilitated study which would work with individuals at both institutions, develop a list of important issues, and develop a possible model for merging the two institutions. However, following the first set of meetings, the consultants determined that unbiased, objective responses were not coming forth and decided to conclude the study. This was reported to the Executive Appropriations Committee on November 18, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee adopt a FY 2010 base budget for the Utah System of Higher Education in the amount of \$1,190,511,900. The allocation approved by the Executive Appropriations Committee is \$382,290,300 (General Fund), \$19,016,700 (Uniform School Fund), and \$332,067,600 (Education Fund).

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee develop a prioritization list of items for additional funding for FY 2010 and FY 2009 (Supplemental).

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Higher Education						
Sources of Finance	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2009 Revised	Changes	FY 2010* Base Budget
General Fund	360,773,500	423,505,300	(41,215,000)	382,290,300	0	382,290,300
General Fund, One-time	(301,894,100)	(42,343,600)	140,800,600	98,457,000	(98,457,000)	0
Uniform School Fund	18,137,400	19,016,700	0	19,016,700	0	19,016,700
Uniform School Fund, One-time	27,200	740,100	0	740,100	(740,100)	0
Education Fund	407,878,100	348,411,400	(16,343,800)	332,067,600	0	332,067,600
Education Fund, One-time	314,318,400	43,387,300	(111,022,800)	(67,635,500)	67,635,500	0
Federal Funds	6,692,500	4,205,400	0	4,205,400	0	4,205,400
Dedicated Credits Revenue	391,872,200	387,539,800	18,367,000	405,906,800	0	405,906,800
Dedicated Credits - Land Grant	1,702,100	1,108,500	0	1,108,500	0	1,108,500
Federal Mineral Lease	2,687,200	1,745,800	0	1,745,800	0	1,745,800
GFR - Cigarette Tax Rest	4,284,500	4,284,500	0	4,284,500	0	4,284,500
GFR - Land Exchange Distribution Account	389,300	298,800	0	298,800	0	298,800
GFR - Prison Telephone Surcharge Account	886,600	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
GFR - Tobacco Settlement	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	4,000,000	0	4,000,000
Trust and Agency Funds	209,100	0	0	0	0	0
Land Grant Mgt Fund	478,200	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	16,822,900	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers - Commission on Criminal and Juv	34,500	34,500	0	34,500	0	34,500
Beginning Nonlapsing	80,797,000	1,574,800	48,464,500	50,039,300	0	50,039,300
Closing Nonlapsing	(65,009,400)	0	(15,486,300)	(15,486,300)	0	(15,486,300)
Total	\$1,245,087,200	\$1,198,509,300	\$23,564,200	\$1,222,073,500	(\$31,561,600)	\$1,190,511,900
Agency						
University of Utah	418,574,700	397,878,800	9,254,200	407,133,000	(7,876,100)	399,256,900
Utah State University	239,487,200	232,206,200	2,653,500	234,859,700	(5,384,900)	229,474,800
Weber State University	113,956,800	112,580,100	1,847,700	114,427,800	(2,322,800)	112,105,000
Southern Utah University	54,487,100	52,535,100	2,035,500	54,570,600	(1,143,400)	53,427,200
Utah Valley University	124,922,500	120,718,200	3,843,000	124,561,200	(2,254,700)	122,306,500
Snow College	26,983,600	26,641,900	554,200	27,196,100	(310,100)	26,886,000
Dixie State College	35,035,900	32,923,100	1,181,700	34,104,800	(680,800)	33,424,000
College of Eastern Utah	19,700,100	20,470,100	1,122,700	21,592,800	(1,261,100)	20,331,700
Salt Lake Community College	107,975,300	107,805,500	1,321,900	109,127,400	(2,367,200)	106,760,200
State Board of Regents	40,118,600	31,780,800	763,200	32,544,000	(4,239,100)	28,304,900
Utah College of Applied Technology	63,845,400	62,969,500	(1,013,400)	61,956,100	(3,721,400)	58,234,700
Total	\$1,245,087,200	\$1,198,509,300	\$23,564,200	\$1,222,073,500	(\$31,561,600)	\$1,190,511,900
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	910,730,600	966,508,100	13,619,000	980,127,100	(27,589,600)	952,537,500
In-State Travel	10,544,200	5,501,700	132,900	5,634,600	(9,900)	5,624,700
Current Expense	231,295,300	177,796,900	9,612,400	187,409,300	1,686,700	189,096,000
DP Capital Outlay	0	215,000	(215,000)	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	15,994,800	6,559,100	481,200	7,040,300	(214,700)	6,825,600
Other Charges/Pass Thru	76,522,300	41,928,500	(66,300)	41,862,200	(5,434,100)	36,428,100
Total	\$1,245,087,200	\$1,198,509,300	\$23,564,200	\$1,222,073,500	(\$31,561,600)	\$1,190,511,900
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	13,280.7	13,794.1	349.7	14,143.7	(1,503.0)	12,640.7
Vehicles	1,973.0	1,938.0	35.0	1,973.0	0.0	1,973.0

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