

**MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 2, 2017 • 8:00 am • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate Chair
Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair
Rep. Derrin R. Owens, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Jon E. Stanard
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Mike Winder

Members Absent:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager
Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

Chair Vickers called the meeting to order at 7:58 a.m.

1. Subcommittee Action on FY 2018 Base Budget - H.B. 1

[USHE and UCAT Line Item Performance Measures- 2017 GS](#)

Chair Vickers explained the reallocations documents and explained that USHE and UCAT only had about 24 hours to prepare these documents.

Comm. Woolstenhulme explained the UCAT reallocation document.

Chair Grover asked about the time frame involved if specific programs were cut. Comm. Woolstenhulme explained there would have to be a teach-out time in each program.

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to approve the minutes of the January 25 and 27, 2017 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-6.
Voting in the affirmative were:
Vickers E, Grover K, Owens D, Dabakis J, Henderson D, Ipson D, Millner A, Daw B, Kwan K, Potter V, Winder M
Absent or not voting were:
Stephenson H, Stevenson J, Coleman K, Miles K, Stanard J, Wheatley M

Comm. Buhler discussed the USHE Budget Reallocations.

Chair Grover asked if the Presidents would know exactly which positions would be cut. Comm. Buhler said that they haven't specifically been targeted because it may cause unintended consequences.

Sen. Dabakis asked about the rationale for this reallocation process and the harmful effects and perceptions that it often grows. Chair Vickers said that this was mandated by EAC.

Rep. Kwan asked if the cuts take FTEs because of retirement would be involved. Comm. Buhler answered. She asked for this to be made available. Staff will make sure this document is available to committee members.

Chair Vickers explained the process of taking the recommendations to the EAC.

Sen. Stephenson felt that the exercise is helpful.

Chair Grover discussed the importance of looking at increased efficiencies in all areas of government.

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to approve the Base Budget Performance Measures as presented and to instruct the Analyst to include them in a Substitute House Bill 1. There is no net funding change with this motion.

Sen. Millner expressed concern about different metrics for different institutions. Let's refine these during interim.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to append the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-3.
Voting in the affirmative were:
Vickers E, Grover K, Owens D, Dabakis J, Ipson D, Millner A, Stephenson H, Coleman K, Kwan K, Miles K, Potter V, Stanard J, Wheatley M, Winder M
Absent or not voting were:
Henderson D, Stevenson J, Daw B\

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to approve the reallocation of the funding for UCAT equipment from the Administration line item to the various colleges' line items. There is no net funding change with this motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-3.
Voting in the affirmative were:
Vickers E, Grover K, Owens D, Dabakis J, Ipson D, Millner A, Stephenson H, Coleman K, Kwan K, Miles K, Potter V, Stanard J, Wheatley M, Winder M
Absent or not voting were:
Henderson D, Stevenson J, Daw

Ms. Curry explained the UCAT equipment allocations.

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to approve the funding correction for the Museum of Natural History Museum as outlined by the analyst, deleting line 140, and changing the amount on 145 from \$1,592,200 to \$1,098,500. This will reduce the funding and expenditures in HB 1 by \$493,700, but there is no change to the state tax funds

with this motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-3.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Vickers E, Grover K, Owens D, Dabakis J, Ipson D, Millner A, Stephenson H, Coleman K, Kwan K, Miles K, Potter V, Stanard J, Wheatley M, Winder M

Absent or not voting were:

Henderson D, Stevenson J, Daw B

Mr. Pratt explained the reallocations involved.

MOTION: Chair Vickers moved to approve HB 1 with the changes approved by the subcommittee. The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-2.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Vickers E, Grover K, Owens D, Dabakis J, Ipson D, Millner A, Stephenson H, Coleman K, Daw B, Kwan K, Miles K, Potter V, Stanard J, Wheatley M, Winder M

Absent or not voting were:

Henderson D, Stevenson J

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to instruct the Analyst to prepare Substitute House Bill 1 as approved, for the consideration of the Legislature. The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-2.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Vickers E, Grover K, Owens D, Dabakis J, Ipson D, Millner A, Stephenson H, Coleman K, Daw B, Kwan K, Miles K, Potter V, Stanard J, Wheatley M, Winder M

Absent or not voting were:

Henderson D, Stevenson J

2. USHE Presentations

Snow College

Pres. Carlson gave a presentation about Snow College.

Rep. Owens discussed the importance of Snow College to rural Utah.

Chair Grover discussed the wonderful resource for the entire community and the unique role.

Rep. Winder discussed the importance of Snow College for the entire State. He asked about the relationship with Juliard. Pres. Carlson discussed the relationship.

Southern Utah University (SUU)

President Scott Wyatt gave a presentation at SUU with the assistance of Donna Law, Director of Public Relations.

Rep. Kwan appreciated the efforts in the intensive first-year program. She would like to learn more about this off-line. She asked about the teacher education graduates and the efforts involving the teacher shortage. Pres. Wyatt all graduates get employed. Challenge to motivate them.

Sen. Dabakis asked about the impact of the recent Executive Order regarding international students. Pres. Wyatt explained that teaching is much better with the international students.

Rep. Potter great work in Freshman advising and student support.

Sen. Ipson asked about the SkyWest program. Pres. Wyatt it will take a couple of years to build up.

Utah State University (USU)

President Noelle Crockett gave a presentation about USU with the assistance of Neil Abercrombie, Vice President, Government Relations,

Chair Vickers congratulated Pres. Crockett on her recent appointment.

Rep. Potter wanted committee to know that the students and community are behind Pres. Crockett.

Sen. Stephenson commented that most recently the USHE Presidents do have some deep Utah roots.

University of Utah (U of U)

President David Pershing gave a presentation about the U of U with the assistance of Dr. Ruth Watkins, Senior Vice President

Rep. Winder asked about the Luscan experience.

Rep. Daw thanked U of U set the bar high.

Rep. Kwan interested in teacher education. Pres. Pershing yes meant education.

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

