

**MINUTES OF THE  
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Monday, February 6, 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  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
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

**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](http://le.utah.gov).

Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 7:59 a.m.

**1. UCAT College Presentations**

**Mountainland Applied Technology College**

**3-Mountainland ATC**

President Clay Christensen gave a presentation about MATC with the assistance of Mr. Kirt Michaelis, Vice President of Administrative Services

Sen. Vickers asked about possible relocation of the UCAT offices. Pres. Christensen responded.

Rep. Daw asked a question about the graduation rate and the possibility of contacting Adobe. Pres. Christensen responded.

Rep. Kwan asked about the impact on gender enrollment if the reductions were actually made. Pres. Christensen responded.

Sen. Dabakis asked if the ATCs are becoming a "free" HR department for companies. Pres. Christensen responded.

**2. USHE Presentations**

**Weber State University (WSU)**

President Charles Wight gave a presentation about WSU.

Mr. Oscar Bedolla discussed his experience at WSU.

Sen. Stephenson asked Mr. Bedolla for more information about his experiences from K-12. Mr. Bedolla answered the question.

Sen. Stephenson would like to see more metrics about students who do take longer than six years to complete.

Pres. Wight mentioned that Sen. Millner has been working on some newer metrics to take the time element out of the equation.

Sen. Stephenson asked for more metrics regarding salaries and earning power. Staff will work on this off-line.

Rep. Miles asked how WSU is able to keep its tuition at its low level. Pres. Wight discussed the very positive culture at WSU.

Rep. Coleman expressed concern about the recent position WSU took regarding women's constitutional rights with regard to sexual assault. Pres. Wight said one of their highest priorities is to keep students as safe as possible.

**3. Performance Audit of the University of Utah Athletics Department, Legislative Auditor General**

Mr. Kade Minchey, Legislative Auditor General's office introduced Mr. Jesse Martinson who supervised the audit. Mr. Martinson discussed the audit.

**5-Performance Audit of the University of Utah Athletics Department (OLAG)**

Sen. Vickers gave a description about the purpose of legislative audits. He mentioned that the U of U athletic department was unable to attend.

Sen. Dabakis expressed his frustration that the Legislature ordered this audit. He asked about the cost of the audit. Mr. Martinson and Sen. Vickers responded and will follow-up with Sen. Dabakis.

**4. Committee Discussion:**

**Compensation (75%/25% USHE, 100% UCAT)**

Mr. Pratt discussed the EAC request regarding this issue.

Sen. Vickers discussed the impact of this on tuition.

Sen. Millner expressed concern about the implications of higher tuition. She asked why the EAC is considering this compensation mix. Mr. Pratt responded to this question.

Comm. Woolstenhulme stated that changing the funding levels would be devastating to UCAT. Comm. Buhler responded that this would result in tuition increasing by \$7 million.

**Transferability of Assoc degrees, credits earned at community colleges to other USHE institutions.**

Comm. Buhler and Assoc. Commissioner Elizabeth Hitch discussed articulation.

Sen. Stephenson asked for clarification about this issue. Ms. Hitch discussed the state-wide majors meetings.

Rep. Owens mentioned that the increase in the number of graduates is an indicator of the positive outcomes of this coordination.

Rep. Coleman expressed concern that when courses are articulated some courses have been moved to upper level courses. Comm. Buhler discussed the course numbering system. Ms. Hitch responded to her concerns.

Rep. Kwan would like more discussion about this issue off-line. Sen. Vickers discussed the importance of transferability. Comm. Buhler discussed the focus on the transferability of an Associate Degree.

**Collaboration between USHE and UCAT for CTE programs.**

Comm. Woolstenhulme and Comm. Buhler discussed possible ways to improve the state-wide CTE collaboration requests.

Chair Vickers discussed Sen. Millner's bill (SB 117) proving accountability and demonstrating end goals.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dabakis moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

House Vice Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.