

(Draft-Awaiting Approval)
MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 • 1:15 p.m. • 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. 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
Rep. Brad M. Daw

Staff Present:

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

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

2. Fiscal Note and Building Block Follow-up Report

2-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report
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Mr. Spencer Pratt, Fiscal Manager, explained this Issue Brief.

Mr. Pratt discussed the FY 2016 General Session Demographic Decision Support information.

Ms. Jill Curry, Fiscal Analyst, discussed BATC program expansion for FY 2016.

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Mr. Pratt discussed the Dixie State University and University of Utah Healthcare Partnership program for FY 2016.

Ms. Curry discussed DXATC Campus Program Expansion for FY 2016.

Mr. Pratt discussed the Huntsman Cancer Institute General Session Budget information for FY 2016.

Mr. Pratt explained the budget items USHE Market Demand Programs for FY 2016,

Ms. Curry explained the MATC Campus Program Expansion for FY 2016.

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Mr. Pratt explained the Natural History Museum of Utah budget information for FY 2016.

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Mr. Pratt discussed the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project approved during the 2016 General Session.

Mr. Pratt explained the SLCC Credit Education for Prisoners program for FY 2016.

Mr. Pratt discussed the Student Athlete Graduation Improvement budget for FY 2016.

Mr. Pratt discussed the SUU K-16 Technology Pipeline Proposal for FY 2016.

Ms. Curry discussed the SWATC Program Expansion for FY 2016.

Ms. Curry explained the TATC Campus Program Expansion for FY 2016.

Ms. Curry explained the UBATC Campus Program Expansion for FY 2016.

Mr. Pratt explained the University of Utah Reading Clinic program expansion for FY 2016.

Mr. Pratt explained the Utah Shakespeare Festival funding for FY 2016.

Mr. Pratt explained the Washington County Tech Pipeline for FY 2016.

Mr. Pratt discussed the Water Conservation and Research Initiative for FY 2016.

3. USHE presentation on TICE Follow-up and "major creep" (Rep. Kwan request)

3a-TICE

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Rep. Kwan acknowledged her work with TICE. She mentioned the importance of keeping the courses updated and asked how this can be done with limited funding.

Ms. Hitch discussed that the budget restraints definitely impact the TICE program.

Chair Owens asked a question about the availability of these courses.

Sen. Millner asked about the percentage of TICE concurrent enrollment courses. Ms. Hitch didn't know the exact number, stating that it is not a large percentage. She will prepare the other data.

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Rep. Stanard mentioned that these courses are not technology courses; but courses which utilize technology. He asked for more details about the costs.

Rep. Coleman asked about the development of these courses. Ms. Hitch answered this question.

Rep. Kwan responded to Rep. Coleman's question regarding the development of these courses.

Rep. Kwan asked how this program could continue when all of the one-time funding has been depleted. Ms. Hitch answered this question.

3b - "Major Creep"

Ms. Hitch gave a presentation regarding the data found involving the "major creep" issue.

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Ms. Hitch introduced Ms. Martha Bradley Associate VP for University of Utah and Ms. Madonne Miner, VP of Academic Affairs, Weber State University. She discussed the definition of major creep.

Ms. Bradley explained the University of Utah's response to this issue. She discussed the "Plan to Finish" program.

Rep. Coleman discussed her great frustration regarding the extreme number of credit hours required for graduation in certain majors. She asked how this could have been allowed to happen.

Ms. Hitch thanked Rep. Coleman for her comments and stated that the Commissioner's office is also concerned about this issue and is working to alleviate this situation.

Chair Vickers discussed the higher education task force looking at ways to make higher education more efficient.

Ms. Madonne Miner, VP of Academic Affairs, Weber State University discussed how the certificate programs have helped with this issue.

Rep. Kwan thanked the presenters for their work.

4. Tuition Waivers

Mr. Pratt gave an introduction regarding the increase in tuition waivers over the past few years.

4-USHE Tuition Waivers

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Dr. Kimberly Henrie, Associate Commissioner for Finances and Facilities, gave information regarding tuition waivers at USHE institutions.

Sen. Stephenson commented about the statistics regarding total number of students and FTE. Dr. Henrie stated that 70 percent of students have part-time or full-time jobs.

Sen. Stephenson asked for clarification regarding the percentage of tuition waived. Dr. Henrie answered this question.

Sen. Stephenson asked if anything is being done to motivate students to complete their degree. Dr. Henrie discussed the "15 to Finish".

Sen. Stephenson asked about the relationship between degrees granted and workforce needs. Dr. Henrie addressed this concern.

Rep. Winder commented that out-of-state students don't pay taxes. He asked about scholarships and tuition waivers for athletes. Dr. Henrie answered both questions about athletic tuition waivers and scholarships.

Rep. Ipson asked about the statistics regarding tuition waivers and lost revenue. Dr. Henrie addressed this concern.

Rep. Stanard echoed Sen. Stephenson's and Sen. Ipson's comments. He suggested looking at the dramatic increase for out-of-state tuition. Dr. Henrie mentioned that they are looking at this issue.

Rep. Wheatley asked for clarification regarding declaring residency. Dr. Henrie answered this question.

5. Budget Deep-dive: USTC Dixie Technical College

Ms. Curry gave a summary and overview of the Technical College system. She discussed the mission of the technical colleges.

5a-Issue Brief - Budget Deep-dive: USTC Dixie Technical College - 2017 Interim

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Ms. Curry discussed student headcount and membership hours for the Utah System of Technical Colleges.

Ms. Curry explained the funding for the Utah System of Technical Colleges.

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Chair Vickers asked for clarification regarding the changes in headcount and membership hours from 2016 and 2017. Ms. Kelle Stephens, President, Dixie Technical College answered this question.

Ms. Curry discussed the recent appropriations and expenditures at DX Technical College.

Chair Vickers asked for more clarification regarding the increases in appropriations. Ms. Stephens will discuss this later on.

Ms. Curry continued her presentation regarding the Budget Deep Dive.

Vice Chair Owens asked about Custom Fit programs. Ms. Curry answered this question and then continued with her presentation.

Chair Vickers asked for clarification regarding the metrics involved. Commissioner Dave Woolstenhulme answered this question.

5b-Budget Deep-dive: Dixie Technical College Presentation

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Ms Kelle Stephens, DX TechPresident, gave a presentation regarding the budget with the assistance of Mr. Eric Grob, V.P. of Finance.

Rep. Stanard asked for clarification about the increase in budget over the past few years especially in staffing. Pres. Stephens will look into this and discuss it off line.

Rep. Stanard asked about Membership Hours from 2014-2016. Pres. Stephens will look into this and get back to Rep. Stanard.

Rep. Stanard asked for clarification regarding the American Heart program. Pres. Stephens addressed this issue.

Rep. Stanard asked about CPR training. Comm. Woolstenhulme answered that question.

6.

The Snow College information will be presented at the next meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Miles moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-9.

Yeas-8

Nays-0

Absent-9

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House Vice Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.