

(Draft-Awaiting Approval)
MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 • 1:15 p.m. • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate 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. Karen Kwan
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Jon E. Stanard

Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Mike Winder

Members Absent:

Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Brad M. Daw

Staff Present:

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager
Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Debbie Benson, Administrative Assistant
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 Vickers called the meeting to order at at 1:24 p.m.

2. Budget Deep-dive: Snow College - Education and General

Mr. Spencer Pratt, Fiscal Manager, explained the Budget Deep Dive report for Snow College.

3-Snow College Deep Dive
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Rep. Kwan asked where students primarily transfer. Pres. Gary Carlston, Snow College President, answered that question.

Pres. Carlston gave a presentation regarding Snow College.

Chair Vickers discussed the importance of the collaboration with Utah State University.

Rep. Owens asked for clarification about the Concurrent Enrollment service area and the K-16 alliance. Pres. Carlston responded.

Sen. Ipson asked for clarification about the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program. Pres. Carlston answered this question.

3. Approval of minutes (7/26, 9/19)

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting and the September 19, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-5.

Yeas-12

Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. D. Henderson

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. B. Daw

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Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
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Rep. M. Wheatley
Rep. M. Winder

Rep. K. Grover
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. J. Stevenson

4. SB 117 Performance Funding required reporting (see 53B-7-706 and 707)

Mr. Pratt explained SB 117 regarding Higher Education Performance funding.

5-SB0117 - Higher Education Performance Funding
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Dr. Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Colleges (USTC) introduced the USTC Performance Model.

5b-USTC Performance Funding Model
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Mr. Zachary Barrus, Assistant Commissioner for Institutional Research explained the metrics of the document.

Sen. Dabakis asked for clarification about this report. Comm. Woolstenhulme responded.

Rep. Stanard reminded committee members of the historical perspective regarding performance based funding. He asked for clarification regarding the division of the funds.

Mr. Pratt gave further clarification regarding FY 2018 performance based funding for Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) and USTC.

Comm. Woolstenhulme discussed the impact of the recent policy changes.

Rep. Kwan asked for clarification about the impact of a budget reduction. Comm. Woolstenhulme and Chair Vickers answered this question.

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5a-USHE Performance Funding Model

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Chair Vickers asked about the fluidity of the list of market demands for degrees. Dr. Henrie answered this question.

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to make a one-time reduction of \$5 million for FY 2019 from the Education Fund Restricted account on the Performance Funding Budget. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-6.

Yeas-11

Sen. J. Dabakis
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Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
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Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. K. Coleman
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8-USHE and USTC Operations and Maintenance

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Rep. Potter asked if the institutions have agreed to these adjustments and asked about additional reserves. Mr. Pratt indicated that he has not heard of any objections. He also briefly discussed these reserves.

Sen. Stevenson asked about if the construction delays were because of labor shortages. Chair Vickers and Mr. Pratt answered this question.

Chair Vickers asked for clarification from Mr. Pratt regarding the specific reduction amounts.

MOTION: The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-6.

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Yeas-11

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Nays-0

Absent-6

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Ms. Curry discussed the Mountainland Technical College (MTech) Deep Dive report.

6. Budget Deep-dive: USTC Mountainland Technical College

4-Issue Brief - Budget Deep-dive: USTC Mountainland Technical College - 2017 Interim

[4-Issue Brief - Budget Deep-dive: USTC Mountainland Technical College - 2017 Interim](#)

Chair Vickers asked for clarification about the percentage of students receiving certificates. Mr. Clay Christensen, MTech President, answered this question.

Sen. Henderson asked about placement rates for certain programs. Pres. Christensen answered this question.

Pres. Christensen gave a brief presentation about Mountainland Technical College.

Rep. Stanard asked several questions about the budget deep dive. Pres. Christensen responded to each question.

Mr. Kirt Michaelis, MTech Vice President of Finance, explained the process when new programs begin.

Chair Vickers asked questions about high school students who are unable to complete the certificate program. He also asked about the UVU overlap. He will discuss these issues off-line with USTC.

Chair Vickers reported that the Dixie Technical College was originally going to report at the meeting. Because of the full agenda, President Stephens has submitted a written report to committee members.

7. USHE Update on Regents' Scholarship

Comm. Buhler explained the upcoming changes to the Regents' Scholarship program with the assistance of Mr. Spencer Jenkins, Assistant Commissioner, Public Affairs.

Rep. Winder asked for clarification about the changes. Comm. Buhler and Mr. Jenkins responded.

Sen. Henderson asked for clarification regarding some confusion about dis-qualifiers. Comm. Buhler discussed these issues.

Sen. Dabakis asked for clarification regarding the small number of low-income students utilizing of this scholarship. Comm. Buhler answered this question.

8. Nursing Consortium

Ms. Donna Lister, Chair, Department of Nursing, Southern Utah University gave a presentation regarding the shortage of nurses in the State of Utah.

Mr. David Gassell, Exec VP Utah Hospital Association, explained the collaboration between hospitals and institutions.

Ms. Abbey Osborne, Salt Lake Chamber, discussed the number of openings for nurses.

Ms. Kathleen Kaufman, Co-Chair Governor's Relations Committee, discussed the critical need for nurses. She will send information to committee members by e-mail.

Sen. Stephenson asked for more data regarding how many nurses are needed. Ms. Lister answered this question and will provide the data.

Sen. Vickers asked more for information regarding the differing levels of nurses. Ms. Lister will provide that information.

Rep. Sanpai discussed the advantage of a statewide approach to this problem. He asked how the private institutions are involved in this initiative. Ms. Lister responded.

9. Budget Deep-dive: SLCC School of Applied Technology

10-SLCC School of Applied Technology Deep Dive

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Mr. Pratt explained the Budget Deep Dive for Salt Lake Community College's School of Applied Technology.

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Pres. Deneece Huftalin discussed some of the differences between SLCC and the other USTC institutions with the assistance of Dr. Eric Heiser, Dean of the School of Applied Technology.

Rep. Wheatley asked for clarification regarding some of the statistics. Dr. Heiser answered this question.

Sen. Stephenson mentioned the Governor's "Year of CTE" program. He asked staff to send out a video about this program.

Chair Vickers mentioned an upcoming bill regarding streamlining reports.

MOTION: House Vice Chair Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at at 3:37 p.m.