

**MINUTES OF THE  
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday , February 7, 2018 • 8:00 a.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  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Rep. Kim F. Coleman

Rep. Brad M. Daw  
Rep. Karen Kwan  
Rep. Kelly B. Miles  
Rep. Val K. Potter  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley  
Rep. Mike Winder

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager  
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1 . Call to Order**

Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**2 . Requests for Appropriation**

**3 . a) School of Dentistry - Sen. Knudson**

Sen. Knudson discussed this request with the assistance of Dr. Rory Hume, Dean, School of Dentistry.

Sen. Stevenson asked several questions about enrollment in the dentistry program. Dr. Hume answered these questions.

**4 . Approval of Minutes - 2/5/2018**

**MOTION:** Rep. Winder moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Coleman  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. K. Miles  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. V. Potter  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. H. Stephenson  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**5 . Strategic Workforce Initiative**

Sen. Millner discussed the Strategic Workforce Initiative (SWI).

Mr. Ben Hart, Deputy Director, GOED, introduced Ms. Kimberlee Carlile, GOED Director of Talent Initiatives, who discussed the recommendations of the SWI proposals review committee.

Sen. Ipson commended Ms. Carlisle for her work.

Rep. Potter congratulated all of the institutions on the excellent proposals.

Rep. Coleman asked for more time to look at the rankings and the projects involved. After some committee discussion it was determined that Mr. Pratt and Ms. Carlile would get the information to committee members and a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

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## **6 . Requests for Appropriation**

### **7 . b) Online Competency Based General Education Courses - Sen. Millner**

Sen. Millner discussed the funding request for Competency Based General Education Courses.

Dr. Deenece Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) explained this funding request with the assistance of Mr. Tim Sheehan, Vice President of Government and Community Relations.

Rep. Kwan spoke in favor of the funding request.

Rep. Grover asked how this proposal would address outcome data and market demands. Pres. Huftalin responded.

Sen. Stephenson asked after transferability of courses and about online courses.

Sen. Millner discussed the TICE program; and stated that it was a different model.

Sen. Stephenson asked more questions about the program and Pres. Huftalin responded.

Rep. Winder spoke in favor of the proposal. He asked about the funding after this FY 2019.

Rep. Coleman asked about enrollment caps. Pres. Huftalin answered her questions.

Sen. Dabakis asked for clarification about the competency based terminology. Pres. Huftalin responded.

Sen. Millner gave some concluding remarks about the proposal and was appreciative that SLCC has been willing to address this need.

**8 . c) Prehistoric Museum Funding - Rep. Watkins**

Rep. Watkins explained this funding request.

Sen. Vickers asked where the funding would come from. Mr. Pratt replied it was from the Education fund.

**9 . d) Public Lands Research - Sen. Okerlund**

Sen. Vickers explained this funding request on behalf of Sen. Okerlund.

Dr. Ken White, Vice President and Dean of Extension and Agriculture at Utah State University, spoke in favor of this funding request and explained it in more detail.

Sen. Dabakis asked if this request is for more pure science regarding public lands. Dr. White responded.

**10 . e) Data System to Coordinate and Measure Stackable Credentials - Sen. Millner**

Sen. Millner discussed this funding request.

Commissioner David Buhler, Utah System of Higher Education with the assistance of Associate Commissioner, Spencer Jenkins discussed the software program request.

Rep. Coleman asked about the clarification about the request. Mr. Jenkins explained that the request was for a very specific software license.

Sen. Millner gave a brief summary of this funding request.

**11 . f) Graduate Certificate in Rural Medicine - Sen. Adams**

Sen. Adams discussed this request with the assistance of Dr. Wayne M. Samuelson, Professor, University of Utah School of Medicine.

Sen. Stevenson asked if this is a program used by other states. Sen. Adams responded.

**12 . g) Air Quality Temperature Inversion Monitoring Report - Rep. Redd**

Rep. Redd discussed this funding request with the assistance of Dr. Bruce Bugbee, Professor in Plant, Soils, and Climate Department, Utah State University.

Chair Owens commented on the proposal and Rep. Redd responded to those comments.

Rep. Kwan asked if the request would be more appropriate at the Natural Resources Appropriation Committee. Rep. Redd responded.

Sen. Millner asked about the coordination with Department of Environmental Quality. Dr. Bugbee responded.

Rep. Potter asked what could the state expect from the research. Dr. Bugbee responded.

Sen. Stevenson asked a question about the current trends in air quality and meeting federal guidelines. Dr. Bugbee and Rep. Redd responded.

### **13 . h) Student Prosperity Savings Program - Rep. Robertson**

Rep. Robertson explained this funding request.

Rep. Winder asked who would benefit from the funding. Rep. Robertson responded.

Sen. Dabakis supported this program but asked about other possible solutions including free college access. Rep. Robertson responded.

### **14 . i) Rocky Mountain Univ. CRC Free Clinic - Rep. Malloy**

Rep. Malloy explained this funding request with the assistance of Mr. Vic Deavono, Chairman, University Foundation.

Rep. Kwan asked for clarification about the private school coordination with the USHE institutions.

Sen. Stevenson asked if this was heard in another appropriations committee. Mr. Deavono responded.

Sen. Vickers asked if they were aware if any of the free clinics in his area were funded from Social Services appropriations. Mr. Deavono responded.

Sen. Stephenson expressed concern that funding is only given to state-funded institutions.

Sen. Vickers explained that the meeting would have to end by 10:35 a.m. because of a special House caucus meeting.

**15 . j) First Star Foster Youth Academy - Rep. Eliason**

Ms. Sandy Pershing, Associate Vice President, First Star Academy, with the assistance of Mr. Steve Borscht, Board Chair discussed the funding request.

Sen. Dabakis expressed support for this initiative.

Sen. Vickers assumed the chair.

**16 . k) Dugway Proving Ground Exhibit - Rep. Redd**

Chair Vickers explained that this funding request had been assigned to a different committee.

**17 . l) Poison Control - Rep. Gibson**

Ms. Michelle McOmber, Utah Medical Association, explained this funding request with the assistance of Dr. Per Gesteland, Utah Advisory Board Chair, Utah Poison Control.

Sen. Dabakis asked for clarification about her personal experiences with Utah Poison Control.

**18 . m) Teacher Education Initiative - Sen. Mayne**

Sen. Mayne discussed this funding request with the assistance of Mr. Dale Smith, Associate Dean of Family and Human Studies, SLCC.

Chair Vickers asked if the money would go to SLCC and how it would be utilized. Mr. Smith responded.

Rep. Owens resumed the chair.

Rep. Kwan spoke in favor of this program.

Rep. Winder asked about how this program would coordinate with the T.H. Bell scholarship. Mr. Smith responded to this question.

Rep. Wheatley spoke in favor of the program.

Chair Owens recognized students from the Juab Junior High with teachers and board member who were in attendance at the meeting.

**19 . n) USTC Scholarship - Sen. Vickers**

Sen. Vickers discussed this program with the assistance of Commissioner David Woolstenhulme, Utah System of Technical Colleges.

Sen. Dabakis asked about eliminating the tuition requirement. Comm. Woolstenhulme responded.

Sen. Ipson wanted to ensure that the students have some personal investment and responsibility in their own education .

Sen. Vickers summarized the scholarship program.

Sen. Stephenson mentioned that Dr. Bugbee and Rep. Redd will prepare a summarized statement regarding air quality to committee members.

**Dual Language Immersion - Sen. Stephenson**

Sen. Stephenson explained Utah's dual language immersion program and the funding request to continue the bridge program pathway to 3000 level courses.

Ms. Jill Landes-Lee, Second Language Teaching and Research Center, University of Utah further explained this funding request for a dual immersion pathway.

Sen. Millner asked some clarifying questions regarding the pilot phase and expansion. Ms. Landes-Lee responded to these questions.

Sen. Stephenson announced that on Friday there would be a special program in the Capitol Board Room being broadcast from the World Trade Center.

Rep. Kwan asked how program would coordinate with Concurrent Enrollment. Ms Landes-Lee answered this question.

Sen. Vickers asked if this request was being made at both Public Education and Higher Education Appropriation Committees. Sen. Stephenson and Ms. Landes-Lee responded.

Rep. Grover asked Utah State University to provide some information regarding General Administrative Costs for the Regional Campuses to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

Sen. Vickers stated that the tuition waivers discussion would be held on Friday. He also requested that the two Commissioners (USHE and USTC) send an e-mail to Mr. Pratt with the individual item budget requests.

Chair Owens asked the Commissioners to come to Friday's meeting prepared to discuss these items.

Mr. Pratt will update these budget requests and send an e-mail to all committee members.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dabakis moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

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Nays-0

Absent-4

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Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.