



MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

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

Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Mike Winder

Members Absent:

Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager
Ms. Lorna Wells, Session Secretary
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst

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

Special Note: The committee met with the Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee at 8:30 a.m. before starting this part of the meeting. Minutes for that portion of the meeting can be found at the IGG website.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Vickers called the second part of the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Chair Vickers explained because of time constraints, Items #10 and #12 will not be discussed, but the information is listed under meeting materials. Committee members were encouraged to review these items on their own time.

[10b-USTC FY 2017 Intent Language \(Performance Metrics\)](#)

[10-2017 General Session Performance Measure Follow-up \(USHE and UTech\)](#)

[12a-Student Fees](#)

[12b-Ethnic/Gender Demographics - Faculty/Staff/Students and Completion Rates](#)

[12c-SLCC CTE Tuition Rates](#)

[12d1-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - USTC Five-Year Funded Program History](#)

[12d2-USTC Five-Year Program History Chart - October 2018](#)

2 . Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2018,

Committee Secretary, Lorna Wells, explained some minor corrections to the minutes.

MOTION: House Chair Owens moved to approve the corrected minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

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Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0Absent-3

Rep. B. Daw
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

Utah Valley University (UVU) introduction of new president

Dr. Cameron K. Martin, UVU Vice President for University Relations introduced the new President, Dr. Astrid S. Tuminez by showing a short video.

Pres. Tuminez addressed the committee and the life-journey that brought her to UVU.

Rep. Kwan, Sen. Stephenson, Sen. Dabakis, Rep. Owens, Rep. Daw and Rep. Coleman welcomed Pres. Tuminez. She responded to their comments.

3 . Legislative Auditor General Report 2018-05, A Performance Audit of Inventory and Security Controls at Institutions of Higher Education

[9-A Performance Audit of Inventory and Security Controls at Institutions of Higher Education](#)

Ms. Leah Blevins, Audit Supervisor, introduced Mr. Brian Dean, Audit Manager.

Ms. Blevins gave a brief summary of the audit as well as the recommendations given.

Chair Vickers asked if the capital losses were across the board for all USHE institutions. Ms. Blevins answered that only Weber State has been consistently tracking these assets.

Sen. Dabakis asked about the extent of the problem with having doors open. Ms. Blevins responded to this question.

Rep. Coleman asked whether a recommendation was made to determine what has been stolen. Mr. Blevins responded to this question and stated that their recommendation is to fix the problem moving forward.

Dr. David L. Buhler, Commissioner for USHE responded to the audit. He stated that the commissioner's office has committed to establish a new asset value threshold of \$3,000 instead of the \$5,000 previous threshold. The Board of Regents is also working to address each of the audits findings.

Rep. Potter commented on these recommendations. Comm. Buhler responded.

Chair Vickers asked Comm. Buhler to report back to the committee as progress is made on the audit recommendations.

4 . Sen. Stephenson discussion on Arizona State University model

[11a-Five Rules of the College and Career Game](#)

[11b-The Economic Value of College Majors - Executive Summary](#)[11c-The Economic Value of College Majors](#)

Sen. Stephenson reported on his discussion with Pres. Michael Crow from Arizona State University and their Enterprise Model. He indicated that Pres. Crow would be willing to host any other Legislators.

Chair Vickers indicated that he is visiting ASU with Sen. Millner on Nov. 16. If other Legislators would like to join them, please let them know.

Chair Owens reported on his experience at ASU.

Sen. Ipson expressed concern about too much emphasis on the financial aspects of certain degrees. It is important not to stifle passion.

Rep. Judkins mentioned some of her family members' personal experiences regarding chasing degree shortages. She also emphasized the great need for good teachers.

Rep. Kwan stated that teachers are underpaid. She mentioned the Promise program at Salt Lake Community College uses the FAFSA applications. She would be very supportive of having this program available at all USHE institutions.

Chair Vickers discussed the positive statistics regarding Utah State University compared to ASU in a recent U.S. News & World Report .

Chair Vickers expressed appreciation to Sen. Stephenson for his great passion and tremendous work in education and higher education.

Sen. Stephenson expressed gratitude to the committee and the higher education institutions. He made closing comments.

5 . Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Miles moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.