



MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Friday, February 1, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael K. McKell, House Chair
Rep. Susan Duckworth, House Vice Chair
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. John Knotwell

Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Mark A. Strong
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson

Staff Present:

Ms. Lorna Wells, Session Secretary
Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst
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.

House Vice Chair Duckworth called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Chair Duckworth announced that Sen. Henderson was excused from the meeting.

1 . Utah System of Technical Colleges (UTECH) Base Budget Overview

Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst, discussed the USTC Issue Briefs.

[2a-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - Utah System of Technical Colleges Equipment Needs](#)

[2b-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USTC Outcomes of Accredited Programs](#)

[2c-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USTC and SLCC Custom Fit](#)

[2d-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USTC Membership Hour History](#)

[2e-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USTC Student Headcount History](#)

[2f-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - UTECH Vehicle Expansion Request](#)

Ms. Willis gave a brief history of UTECH Funding and a budget overview of FY 2019 and FY 2020.

Rep. Hawkins asked about the Custom Fit program. Ms. Willis responded.

Rep. McKell asked Mr. Haines and the campus presidents to briefly discuss Custom Fit at their locations.

Mr. Sean Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, explained the funding components for Custom Fit programs.

Sen. Hillyard asked if it is time for the Custom Fit program to be in statute. He also asked to have more information about increases in tuition and fees at UTECH in relation to USHE.

2 . UTECH Agency Base Budget Presentation

Mr. Steve Moore, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees gave an introduction to UTECH.

Rep. Ballard was impressed with the graduation and completion rates. She mentioned that they don't seem to match up with the USHE measurements. She would like to discuss this offline.

Mr. Jared Haines, Interim Commissioner, UTECH, gave an overview of the budget.

[3a-UTECH Base Budget Presentation](#)

[3b-UTech Budget Presentation 2019-02-01](#)

Mr. Tyler Brinkerhoff, UTECH Assistant Commissioner for Planning, Finance and Facilities, discussed the FY 2020 Budget Requests for USTC.

Comm. Haines explained the Custom Fit program.

Mr. Brinkerhoff continued discussing FY 2020 Budget Requests.

Sen. Stevenson asked about equipment requests. Mr. Brinkerhoff responded.

Rep. McKell asked about the equipment contract between companies and UTECH. Mr. Brinkerhoff responded.

Rep. McKell asked for clarification about the prioritization of the items on the list. Mr. Brinkerhoff responded and continued his presentation.

Sen. Hillyard asked about the number of SLCC's Applied Technology Certificates compared to the UTECH campuses. Comm. Haines responded to the question as it applied to UTECH.

Sen. Hillyard commented about much higher tuition rates at the USU Price campus compared to tuition rates in Vernal even though both campuses have ATC programs. Comm. Haines responded.

Rep. Ballard suggested using the STEM fair for recruiting as well as getting sponsors for some equipment needs. She mentioned an elevated path at the high school level for scholarships to UTECH campuses. Comm. Haines responded.

Mr. Brinkerhoff continued with the FY 2020 Budget Request.

Comm. Haines discussed the student information system needs.

3 . UTECH Institution Budget Presentations

Southwest Technical College

Mr. Brennan Wood, President gave a presentation about Southwest Tech.

[4a-SWTECH - Jan 2019 HEAC Budget Request Presentation](#)

Rep. Strong asked some general questions about Southwest Tech. Pres. Wood responded.

Pres. Wood continued his presentation about Southwest Tech.

Rep. McKell asked about other dual enrollment programs. Pres. Wood responded.

Sen. Vickers discussed the partnerships between Southwest Tech and Southern Utah University.

Rep. Strong asked if dual enrollment could be spread statewide. Pres. Wood responded.

Sen. Hillyard discussed some concern about the salary difference for teachers teaching in the dual enrollment program. Pres. Wood responded.

Pres. Wood discussed space utilization and resource reallocation. He gave the FY 2018 and FY 2019 appropriation reports.

Pres. Wood discussed the FY 2020 Budget Request.

Rep. Shipp complimented Southwest Tech on their great work.

Davis Technical College

Mr. Darin Brush, President, Davis Technical College gave a presentation regarding Davis Tech.

Pres. Brush explained the FY 2020 budget requests and priorities.

[4b-Davis Tech - Jan 2019 HEAC Budget Request Presentation](#)

Sen. Stevenson asked about students who take classes that don't lead to certificates. Pres. Brush responded and will follow up with Sen. Stevenson.

Rep. Ballard asked if students who don't graduate could have incentives to come back and finish. Pres. Brush responded.

Sen. Hillyard asked what percentage of the students are high school and what percentage are adult learners. Pres. Brush will get this information to Sen. Hillyard.

Sen. Mayne expressed concern about the employee skilled for a specific company but not skilled for life. Pres. Brush responded.

Pres. Brush continued his presentation about future needs and initiatives.

Dixie Technical College

Ms. Kelle Stephens, President, Dixie Technical College gave an overview of Dixie Tech.

[4c-Dixie Tech - Jan 2019 HEAC Budget Request Presentation](#)

Sen. Hillyard asked a question about adjunct professors. Pres. Stephens responded.

Rep. Miles asked about the budget request regarding Veteran's assistance. Pres. Stephens responded.

Tooele Technical College

Mr. Paul Hacking, President, Tooele Technical College gave a presentation about Tooele Tech with the assistance of Mr. Kent Thygerson, Vice President of Finance & Operations.

Sen. Stevenson asked about police officer training. Pres. Hacking responded.

Uintah Basin Technical College

Mr. Aaron Weight, President Uintah Basin Technical College gave an overview of UBTECH.

[4e-UBTECH - Jan 2019 HEAC Budget Request Presentation](#)

Bridgerland Technical College

Mr. Chad Campbell, President of Bridgerland Technical College gave a presentation about Bridgerland Tech with the assistance of Ms. Wendy Carter, Vice President for Instruction.

[4f-BTECH - Jan 2019 HEAC Budget Request Presentation](#)

Rep. Ballard asked about information regarding workforce needs and how UTECH campuses are meeting those needs in various regions. Comm. Haines responded.

Mountainland Technical College

Mr. Clay Christensen, President, Mountainland Technical College gave a presentation about Mountainland Tech.

[4g-MTECH - Jan 2019 HEAC Budget Request Presentation](#)

Ogden-Weber Technical College

Mr. James Taggart, President of Ogden-Weber Technical College gave a presentation about Ogden-Weber Tech.

[4h-OTECH - Jan 2019 HEAC Budget Request Presentation](#)

Senate Chair Grover assumed the chair.

Rep. Miles asked how difficult it was to have two separate locations. Pres. Taggart responded.

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

Senate Chair Grover adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.