



MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 5, 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. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Mark A. Strong
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. John Knotwell

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 Chair McKell called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

1 . Approval of Minutes

MOTION:

Rep. Duckworth moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2019 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Strong
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. J. Stevenson

2 . University of Utah FY2020 Budget Presentation

Dr. Ruth Watkins, President, University of Utah (U of U) discussed some performance measures and gave an overview of the U of U. She was assisted by Mr. Daniel Reed, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Mr. Jason Perry, Vice President, Government Relations.

Sen. Mayne discussed her work with the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational & Environmental Health and encouraged continued support of this program.

Sen. Mayne mentioned the OSHA audit regarding new buildings. Pres. Watkins responded.

Rep. Wheatley asked about the average student debt, and about a wage-gender gap. Pres. Watkins responded.

Rep. Ballard commented on several components of Pres. Watkins presentation. She asked about other goals at the U of U. Pres. Watkins responded.

Chair McKell asked how the U of U met their graduation rate goal, and how they compare to the other PAC-12 schools. Pres. Watkins responded.

Chair McKell asked Pres. Watkins to consider how more budget line items could be added.

Sen. Grover expressed appreciation to Pres. Watkins for her leadership through a very difficult situation at the U of U.

3 . Higher Education Performance Measures and Performance Funding

Mr. Sean Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, gave a brief overview of Higher Education Performance Measures and Performance Funding.

Chair McKell asked committee members to look at the Performance Funding Brief.

Performance Measures

Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst, discussed the USHE performance metrics.

[3e-Board of Regents Performance Metrics Materials - 1-25-2019](#)

[3k-All Institutions Crosswalk Performance Measures](#)

[3l-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - Utah System of Higher Education \(USHE\) - Performance Metrics](#)

[3i-UTECH Performance Measures FY 2020 Draft](#)

[3j-USHE Performance Measures FY 2020 Draft](#)

Chair McKell mentioned that the analysts are willing to answer any questions of committee members.

USHE Performance Measures

Dr. David Buhler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) introduced Ms. Nina Barnes, Vice Chair, Board of Regents.

Regent Barnes introduced the other regents and discussed some recent national rankings of USHE. She discussed performance measures, funding, the base budget, and FY 2020 Budget Request.

Comm. Buhler discussed USHE Performance Measures and Performance Funding.

[3d-Measures and Metrics HEAC USHE Presentation - 2-5-2019](#)

Chair McKell asked if the committee could receive a draft copy of the March 2019 Finalization of Institutional Goals. Comm. Buhler will get that information to committee members and continued his presentation.

Rep. Hawkins asked if LDS missionary service or military service was considered in the first year to second year retention data. Comm. Buhler responded and continued his presentation.

Chair McKell asked if Concurrent Enrollment students were part of the data regarding instruction-related classroom utilization. Comm. Buhler responded.

Comm. Buhler discussed mission-specific institution metrics.

Chair McKell asked about predictive analytics. Comm. Buhler responded.

Performance Funding UTECH Presentation

Mr. Jared Haines, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Colleges (UTECH) discussed some performance measures with the assistance of Mr. Zach Barrus, Assistant Commissioner for Institutional Research.

Rep. Strong asked for clarification about some of the acronyms being used. Chair McKell will send a document to all committee members delineating some common acronyms.

Comm. Haines continued his presentation.

Rep. Shipp asked about plans to get more students involved in the high-demand programs. Comm. Haines responded.

Performance Funding

Mr. Faherty briefly explained performance funding.

[3b-Board of Regents Performance Funding Materials - 5-18-2018](#)

[3c-Board of Regents Performance Funding Materials - 7-20-2018](#)

[3f-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - Higher Education Performance-Based Funding Background](#)

[3g-USHE FY19 Performance Funding Model](#)

[3h-UTECH FY19 Performance Funding Model](#)

USHE Performance Funding

Comm. Buhler discussed USHE Performance Funding.

[3a-Performance Funding HEAC USHE Presentation - 2-5-2019](#)

UTECH Performance Funding

Comm. Haines discussed UTECH Performance Funding.

Rep. Duckworth asked about the increase in completion rates. Mr. Barrus responded.

Rep. Duckworth mentioned the importance of certificate completion for blue collar workers. Comm. Haines responded and continued with his presentation.

Rep. Ballard asked which metrics are most useful and mentioned the continued need for collaboration in the higher education system.

4 . Board of Regents - Utah System of Higher Education Base Budget Presentation

Comm. Buhler introduced Dr. Kimberly Henrie, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, USHE.

Comm. Buhler gave three specific data points.

Dr. Henrie gave an overview of the FY 2018 Operating Revenues and Expenses Base Budget report.

[4a-USHE Budget Presentation](#)

Dr. Henrie discussed the FY 2019 budget report.

Rep. Hawkins asked about the drop in the number of scholarships. Dr. Henrie responded.

Rep. Duckworth asked how inflation and economic growth impact the budget. Dr. Henrie responded.

Comm. Buhler discussed some cost management efforts from USHE and some recent changes to the budget development process.

Rep. Ballard asked how the recent changes to the Regents' scholarship has impacted the numbers of applicants. Comm. Buhler will provide Rep. Ballard with this information.

Sen. Hillyard mentioned the need for dramatic change in the delivery of higher education. He discussed some concerns of students going out of state.

Comm. Buhler answered that higher education has changed dramatically. Mr. Spencer Jenkins, Assistant Commissioner, Public Affairs briefly described the tremendous growth in online courses.

Rep. Ballard asked Pres. Watkins to respond to Sen. Hillyard's comments.

Pres. Watkins gave some examples of the technological advances and changes in higher education. She also expressed the importance of having engaged learners and the positive results of interacting with others in a learning environment.

Regent Barnes discussed the innovative and creative engagement with the USHE Regents. She also discussed the USHE efforts to have more seamless transfers to other institutions.

Comm. Buhler gave an overview of the Statewide College Access Advisor Program.

Regent Barnes discussed the college access advisor program in more depth.

Mr. Jenkins explained that this program is being patterned after a program at the U of U.

Sen. Hillyard asked some clarifying questions about this program. Comm. Buhler responded.

Mr. Jenkins showed a video about the college access student advisor program.

Ms. Sara Moore, University of Utah student (who graduated from Hunter High School) discussed her experience with a college access advisor.

Ms. Jeannette Hernandez Culas, Granger High School, Utah College Advising Corps.

Chair McKell asked for clarification about the different types of counselors in high schools.

Mr. Rich Nye, Superintendent, Ogden School District discussed this program.

Rep. Shipp mentioned it is important to inform students of different paths available to them.

Regent Barnes responded and discussed the importance of this program.

Rep. Strong asked how parents are being included in this discussion.

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

Yeas-8

- Rep. M. Ballard
- Rep. S. Duckworth
- Sen. K. Grover
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. M. McKell
- Rep. K. Miles
- Rep. R. Shipp
- Rep. M. Strong

Nays-0

Absent-8

- Sen. D. Henderson
- Sen. L. Hillyard
- Rep. J. Knotwell
- Sen. K. Mayne
- Sen. A. Millner
- Sen. J. Stevenson
- Sen. E. Vickers
- Rep. M. Wheatley

Chair McKell adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.