



MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 13, 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. Jerry W. Stevenson
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:

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.

Chair Duckworth called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

1 . Utah Academic Library Consortium

Ms. Wendy Holliday, Incoming Chair, Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC), and Mr. Jon Glenn, Chair gave a presentation about the UALC funding request.

[2a-UALC Legislative Presentation 2019 - Agency \(Utah Academic Library Consortium\)](#)

[2b-UALC Legislative Update 2019 - Agency \(Utah Academic Library Consortium\) Background Materials](#)

Rep. Ballard appreciated the streamlining efforts in obtaining these materials.

2 . Approve Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 and February 11, 2019 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. K. Grover
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. M. Strong

3 . USHE Institution Presentations

Utah State University (USU)

Pres. Noelle Cockett, USU thanked the Legislature for last year's appropriations.

Pres. Cockett distributed a pamphlet entitled "The Greats 2018, Utah State University"

Pres. Cockett discussed USU's mission and gave an overview of USU with the assistance of Mr. Neil Abercrombie, VP:Government Relations.

Pres. Cockett discussed some events being held at OC Tanner, 1930 South State, on Air Quality on February 26, 2019; Water Quality and Quantity in June; and Land Policies and Use in October.

Pres. Cockett discussed the USU Extension system and some measurements for Land-Grant Institutions.

Rep. Ballard thanked Pres. Cockett for so many successful metrics.

Weber State University (WSU)

Pres. Brad Mortensen gave a presentation regarding WSU.

Sen. Vickers asked about the funding source for the Dream Weber program. Pres. Mortensen responded and continued his presentation.

Pres. Mortensen discussed the FY 2020 Budget Request.

Sen. Vickers asked about challenges to completing performance measures. Pres. Mortensen responded.

Rep. Ballard commented on the great successes at WSU.

Dixie State University (DSU)

Pres. Richard B. Williams gave a presentation about DSU.

Pres. Williams distributed copies of the "President's Report 2017-2018"

Sen. Vickers asked about access to capital improvement money. Pres. Williams responded.

Rep. Hawkins commented on the term "intrusive advisers". He asked about the student success course. Mr. Williams responded.

Rep. Ballard was impressed with the English and Math tutor programs, simplifying course offerings, and the innovation plaza.

Rep. Strong applauded the entrepreneurial classes.

Utah Valley University (UVU)

Pres. Astrid S. Tuminez thanked the Legislature for their support and discussed how some of the new resources have been utilized.

Pres. Tuminez gave a presentation about UVU with the assistance of Mr. Cameron Martin, Vice President - University Relations.

Pres. Tuminez discussed the FY 2020 budget needs.

Rep. Ballard was impressed with the way UVU is handling their tremendous growth.

Rep. Wheatley thanked Pres. Tuminez for her presentation and discussed his positive experiences while visiting UVU.

Snow College

President Gary Carlston, gave a presentation about Snow College with the assistance of Dr. Steve Hood, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Ms. Rosie Connor, Director of Advancement and Government Relations

Pres. Carlston discussed their FY 2020 Budget Requests.

Rep. McKell asked if the predictive analytic software could be statewide. Pres. Carlston responded and they will discuss this offline. Pres. Carlston continued the FY 2020 Budget Requests.

Sen. Grover assumed the chair.

Sen. Hillyard gave a tribute to Pres. Carlston for his great service. He also commented on the great preparation of transferring students.

Pres. Carlston introduced Dr. Bradley Cook, who will take over as President of Snow College in May 2019.

Dr. Cook introduced himself.

Sen. Vickers congratulated Pres. Cook on his new appointment.

Southern Utah University (SUU)

President Scott L. Wyatt gave a presentation about SUU with the assistance of Ms. Donna Law, Executive Director of Development and Government Relations.

Pres. Wyatt discussed how the FY 2019 budget appropriations for SUU have been utilized.

Pres. Wyatt explained the FY 2020 Budget Request for SUU.

Rep. Ballard mentioned the tremendous enrollment increase and the summer offerings to accelerate graduation.

Rep. Duckworth resumed the chair.

Salt Lake Community College

Pres. Deneece Huftalin with the assistance of Mr. Tim Sheehan, Executive Director of Development and Government Relations, gave an overview of SLCC.

Pres. Huftalin discussed prior legislative funding.

Pres. Huftalin discussed some of the FY 2020 budget requests.

Rep. McKell discussed the unique mission of SLCC.

4 . Requests for Appropriation

RFA - Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program

Rep. Derrin Owens discussed this budget request associated with H.B. 260.

[4a-HB 260 Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program - Legislator Background Document - Rep. Owens Request](#)

Rep. McKell asked if the request is still at \$30 million. Rep. Owens responded.

Ms. JaKell Larson, Student Regent spoke in favor of this budget request.

Regent Nina Barnes spoke in favor of this budget request.

RFA-HB 174 Psychiatry Medical Residents

Rep. Steve Eliason explained the Request for Appropriation in conjunction with HB 174.

[4b-HB 174 Psychiatry Medical Residents - Legislator Background Document - Rep. Eliason Request](#)

Dr. Douglas Gray, Professor of Psychiatry, Psychiatrist Training & Education, University of Utah (U of U), Psychiatry discussed the tremendous need for this funding request.

Rep. Eliason stated that annually there are about 900 applications for nine positions at the U of U. This funding request will add four more positions.

Sen. Grover explained the prioritization process that will take place on Friday. He encouraged committee members to meet offline with the chairs.

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

Yeas-8

Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Strong
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-8

Rep. M. Ballard
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Chair Duckworth adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.