



MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Friday, January 31, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael K. McKell, House 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. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Mark A. Strong
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Rep. Susan Duckworth, House Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Sean C. Faherty, Finance Officer
Ben Leishman, Finance Manager
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.

Chair Grover called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1 . UTech Market Competitive Compensation Request

Sean Faherty, Finance Officer, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst explained several issue briefs.

[2a-Issue Brief - 2020 General Session - UTECH and SLCC Custom Fit](#)

[2b-UTECH FY 20 Appropriation Expenditure Summaries Compiled](#)

[2c-Issue Brief - 2020 General Session - UTECH Operations and Maintenance State-Funded Facilities](#)

[2d-Issue Brief - 2020 General Session - UTECH Vehicle Expansion Request](#)

Rep. McKell assumed the chair.

[2e-Outcomes of Programs Improvement Plans](#)

[2h-Market Competitiveness Compensation Presentation](#)

Jared Haines, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Colleges (UTECH) gave an introduction to the current compensation problem at UTECH with the assistance of Aaron Osmond, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Tyler Brinkerhoff, Assistant Commissioner for Planning, Finance and Facilities.

[2f-UTech Annual Report 2019](#)

[2g-UTech Budget Request Breakdown](#)

Aaron Osmond gave some background information regarding the current compensation challenge at UTECH.

Tyler Brinkerhoff discussed the compensation issue.

Aaron Osmond discussed some internal efficiencies to help fund the solution to the issue.

Chair McKell asked the subcommittee members to look at the study and let the chairs know if you have questions .

Sen. Hillyard discussed the wage gap between the USHE institutions and UTECH. Aaron Osmond responded.

Rep. Ballard commended UTECH for looking at their own system inefficiencies first. Jared Haines responded.

2 . UTech Institution Presentations (15 mins each)

Sean Faherty explained the documents regarding funding for FY20 and FY21. He stated that each institution was asked to report on what is happening at each campus, what are successes and challenges they are experiencing, what issues should the subcommittee be focusing on, how do the requests this session tie to those that were not funded last session, and what makes their campuses unique within the UTECH system.

Bridgerland Technical College

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

[3a-Bridgerland Presentation](#)

Sen. Hillyard commented about his experience at the recent BTECH graduation.

Davis Technical College

Darin Brush, President, Davis Technical College introduced their student of the year, Gabrianna Rhodes.

Gabby Rhodes discussed her positive experiences in the welding program at Davis Tech.

Pres. Brush gave an overview of Davis Tech.

[3b-Davis Presentation](#)

Rep. Hawkins asked about the statistics regarding return-on-investment statistic. Pres. Brush responded.

Sen. Mayne congratulated Gabby Rhodes on her accomplishments. She discussed women in the trades industry.

Pres. Brush continued his presentation.

Chair McKell was appreciative of the collaborative efforts from Davis Tech.

Rep. Wheatley asked some questions about the prison program. Pres. Brush responded.

Dixie Technical College

Kelle Stephens, President, Dixie Technical College gave an overview of Dixie Tech with the assistance of Sam Draper, VP of Administrative Services and Jordan Rushton VP of Instruction.

[3c-Dixie Presentation](#)

Chair McKell asked about articulation and collaboration with Dixie State University. Pres. Stephens and Jordan Rushton responded.

Chair McKell asked what makes Dixie Tech unique to the UTECH system. Jordan Rushton responded.

Sen. Hillyard asked if there is coordination with the private medical school. Pres. Stephens responded.

Mountainland Technical College

Clay Christensen, President, Mountainland Technical College gave an overview of MTECH.

[3d-Mountainland Presentation](#)

Rep. Ballard asked about the growth. Pres. Christensen responded and continued his presentation.

Sen. Grover congratulated Pres. Christensen on the phenomenal report from MTECH.

Chair McKell discussed the NCHEMS report and discussed MTECHs role in the system. Pres. Christensen responded.

Ogden-Weber Technical College

James Taggart, President, Ogden-Weber Technical College gave an overview of Ogden-Weber Tech.

[3e-Ogden-Weber Presentation](#)

Rep. Miles mentioned the new Northrup Grumman campus near Hill Air Force Base.

Sen. Millner expressed concern about filling the great need for workers at Northrup Grumman. Pres. Taggart responded.

Sen. Millner was appreciate of the information regarding stackable credentials. Pres. Taggart responded.

Chair McKell asked about some concerns about the demographics at Ogden-Weber Technical College. Sen. Millner responded.

Southwest Technical College

Brennan Wood, President, Southwest Technical College gave a presentation about Southwest Tech with the assistance of Cordelle Morris, Director of Marketing and Recruiting.

[3f-Southwest Presentation](#)

Sen. Millner asked about the difference between pork production and advanced swine production. Pres. Wood responded and continued his presentation.

Rep. Shipp gave praise to the Culinary Arts program and dual enrollment.

Rep. Ballard expressed appreciation for the information about counselors. She also discussed the apprenticeship program.

Tooele Technical College

Paul Hacking, President of Tooele Technical College gave an overview of Tooele Tech with the assistance of Kent Thygerson, Vice President of Finance.

[3g-Tooele Presentation](#)

Rep. Ballard commented on the new UTA bus routes to Tooele and other collaborative accomplishments.

Uintah Basin Technical College

Aaron Weight, President, Uintah-Basin Technical College gave an overview about UB Tech with the assistance of Mark Dockins Vice President of Development.

[3h-Uintah Basin Presentation](#)

Mark Dockins discussed the K-16 alliance and his perspective coming from the school district.

Pres. Weight described some of the challenges at UB Tech and some of their accomplishments.

3 . Other Business

Rep. Pierucci introduced herself.

Chair McKell announced that Rep. Duckworth is still sick with the flu, but hopes to return next week.

Chair McKell discussed the current budget issue regarding the General Fund.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

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Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair McKell adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.