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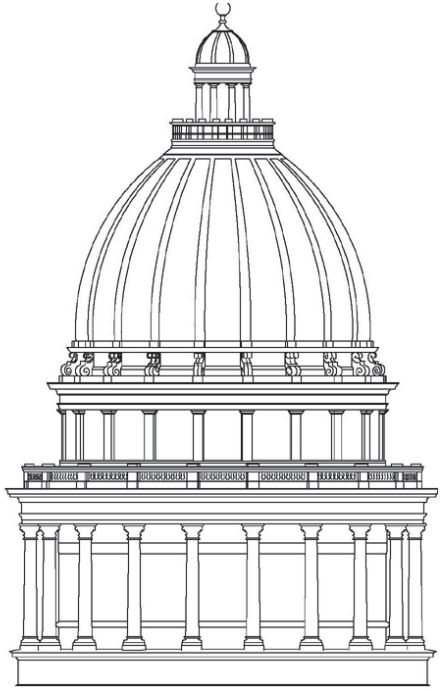

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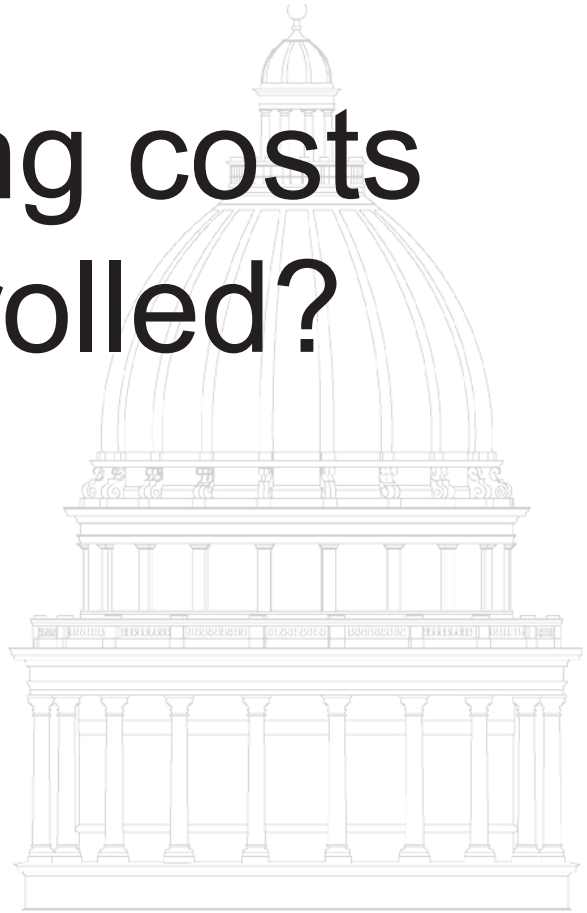
How are state building costs overseen and controlled?



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Statute says agencies and institutions must demonstrate, among other things:

1. The **need** for the building, and
2. The building **size/scope** that will satisfy that need

See Utah Code 63A-5-104(2)(b) and 53B-22-204(3)(a)

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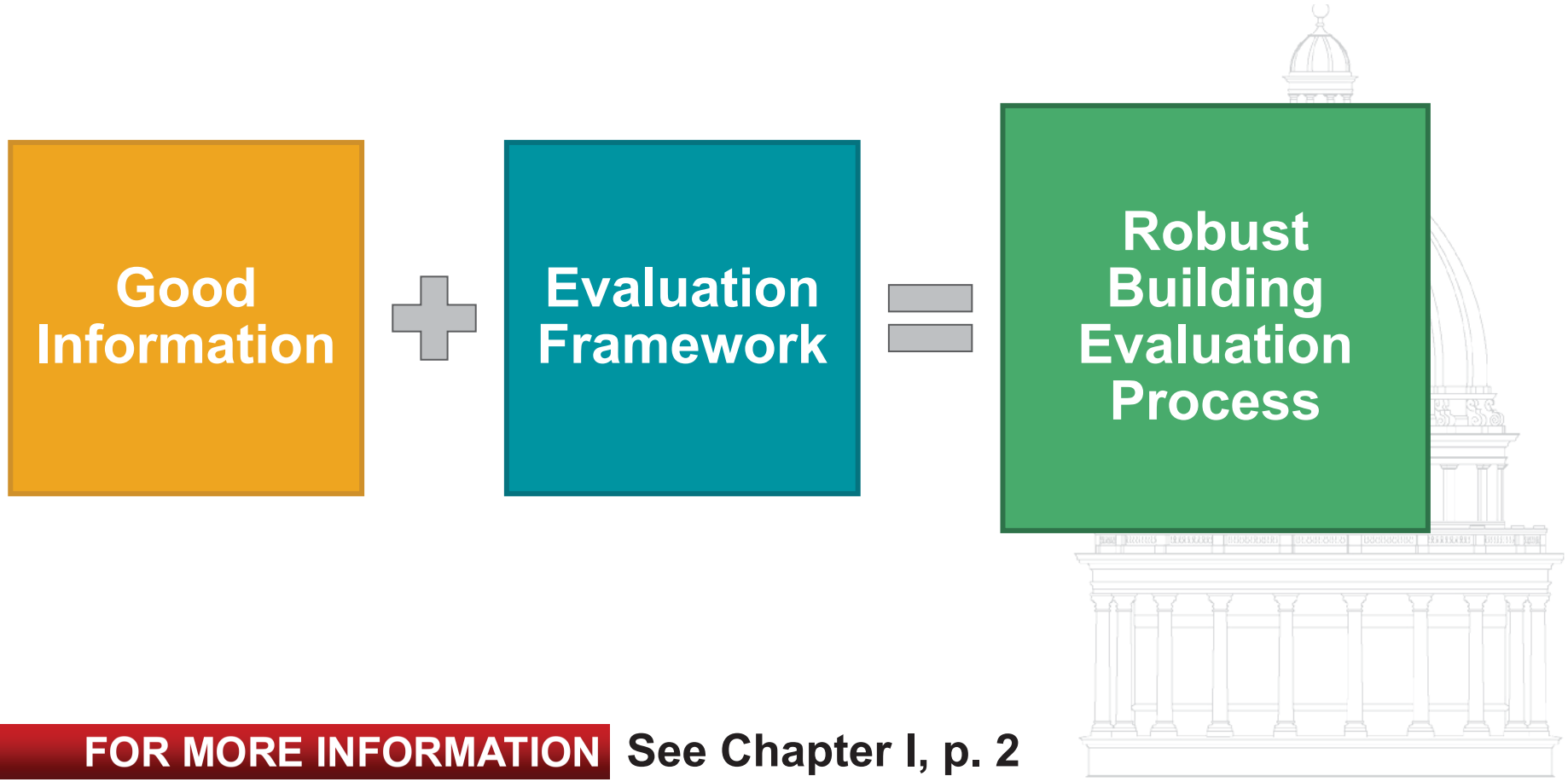
A Good Building Review Process Has Two Key Elements



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Regents' Method Inflates Building Need Because Enrollment Data Has Included Off-Campus Students

	Fall 3rd Week Enrollment FTEs (2017 End-of-Term)	Online FTE	Concurrent Enrollment FTE	Adjusted Enrollment	% Decrease
U of U	28,188	3,456		**24,732**	(12%)
USU	22,813	3,297	1,007	**18,509**	(19%)
WSU	17,221	3,395	3,476	**10,349**	(40%)
SUU	7,761	1,142		**6,619**	(15%)
Snow	4,097	267	612	**3,218**	(22%)
DSU	7,398	864	510	**6,024**	(19%)
UVU	25,198	3,558	3,379	**18,260**	(28%)
SLCC	16,297	3,216	2,238	**10,843**	(33%)

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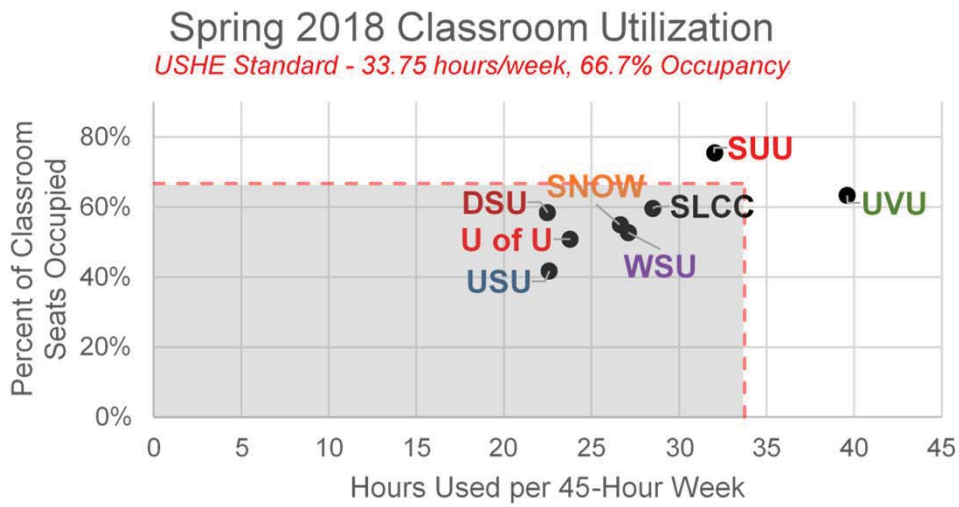

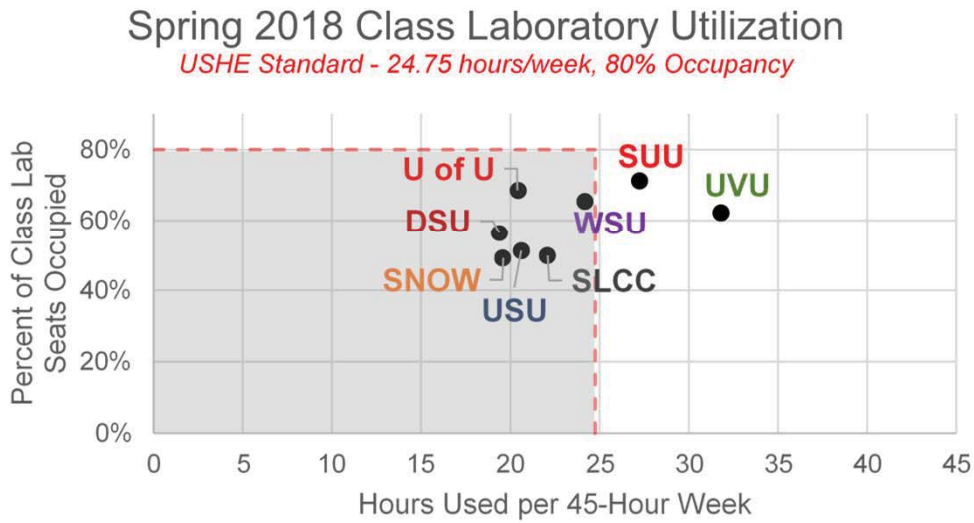

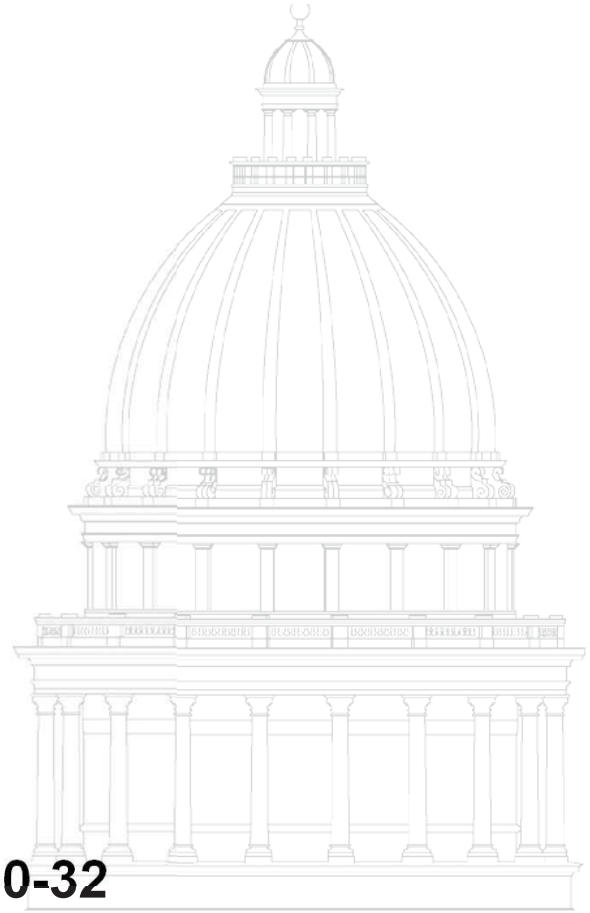

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Some Buildings Expand Scope After Legislative Approval

	USU Huntsman Hall	OTECH Health Science	MTECH Lehi Campus
Proposed sq. footage	100,000	65,000	75,000
Actual sq. footage	148,671	88,000	97,727
Difference	**48,671**	**23,000**	**22,727**
Percent increase	49%	35%	30%

FOR MORE INFORMATION **See Chapter IV, pp. 38-40**

Operation and Maintenance Is Diluted When Project Size Is Increased After Funding

	Proposed Sq. Footage	O&M Funding	Actual Sq. Footage	Actual O&M Needed	Estimated Annual Amount of O&M Lacking Due to Increased Bldg. Size
MTECH	75,000	$513,800	97,727	$ 669,495	**($155,695)**
OTECH	65,000	$445,300	88,000	$ 602,868	**($157,568)**
USU Huntsman Hall	100,000	$796,718	148,671	$1,184,489	**($387,771)**

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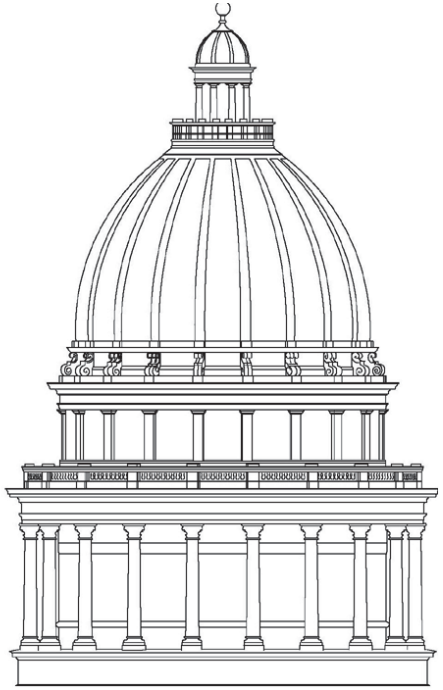

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