

DIXIE COLLEGE STATUS

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AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS AS PART OF ITS MASTER PLANNING TO REVIEW THE ROLE AND MISSION OF DIXIE COLLEGE AS RELATED TO OFFERING A LIMITED NUMBER OF BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS AT THE COLLEGE; PROVIDING FOR A REPORT; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTENT OF THE REPORT; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF UNIVERSITY CENTER PROGRAM MONIES; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS AT DIXIE COLLEGE; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OF THOSE PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR A NAME CHANGE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act enacts uncodified material.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Baccalaureate programs at Dixie College -- Subject to review and report -- Transfer of University Center funding -- Foundation contribution.

(1) (a) The State Board of Regents, in consultation with Dixie College's president and board of trustees and subject to the review and report required under Subsections (2) and (3), shall:

- (i) establish a minimum of three baccalaureate programs for students at the college; and
- (ii) authorize a delivery method for the programs.

(b) The programs shall be in place for the beginning of the 2000 fall semester.

(2) (a) The Legislature reaffirms the State Board of Regents governance of the state system of higher education.

(b) The board, under its master planning responsibilities in Section 53B-6-101, shall

review the role and mission of Dixie College in relation to:

(i) the offering of a limited number of baccalaureate programs by the college; and

(ii) other available options for the college to provide baccalaureate programs, including contracting with a research university to deliver baccalaureate programs at or through the college.

(3) (a) The board shall report its findings, together with recommendations for legislation, if required, to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee and Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee by November 15, 1999.

(b) The report shall include:

(i) consideration of changing the name of the college to a name such as "Dixie State College"

to reflect consistency within the system as related to institutional offerings and programs; and

(ii) (A) the methods of delivery and timing for delivery of baccalaureate programs at the college, comparing on-campus, instructor delivered programs with other available alternatives and demonstrating that the recommended delivery methods have cost and quality advantages;

(B) the estimated cost for those programs; and

(C) their impact on other institutions within the system.

(4) (a) The budgetary appropriation for the University Center Program at Dixie College made to Southern Utah University, including any existing reserve funds as of July 1, 1999, shall be transferred as follows:

(i) monies for administration costs shall be transferred to Dixie College; and

(ii) monies used for offering baccalaureate programs shall be transferred to the State Board of Regents for distribution to Dixie College.

(b) Dixie College is authorized to use the monies received from the board under Subsection (4)(a)(ii) to contract with a university or universities to deliver high demand baccalaureate programs on the Dixie College campus.

(5) (a) The programs referred to in Subsection (1) shall be funded by the monies referred to in Subsections (4)(a)(i) and (ii).

(b) A contribution of at least \$500,000 from the Dixie College Foundation to be made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, shall be used to help fund future baccalaureate programs to

be offered by the college and for name change costs.

Section 2. Name change.

The name of the college shall be changed from Dixie College to Dixie State College, effective July 1, 2000, unless the State Board of Regents, in consultation with Dixie College's president and board of trustees, recommends otherwise as a result of the review process and report required under Section 1.

Section 3. Effective date.

This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.