

152 (7) Five members of the governing authority are a quorum.

153 (8) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but  
154 may receive per diem and travel expenses as allowed in:

155 (a) Section 63A-3-106;

156 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and

157 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance according to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
158 63A-3-107.

159 (9) (a) After consultation with the USTAR governing authority, the governor, with the  
160 consent of the Senate, shall appoint a full-time executive director to provide staff support for  
161 the USTAR governing authority.

162 (b) The executive director is an at-will employee who may be terminated without cause  
163 by the governor ~~§~~ → [†] or [~~†, by the Senate, or~~] ← ~~§~~ by majority vote of the USTAR governing  
163a authority.

164 Section 5. Section 63M-2-302 is amended to read:

165 **63M-2-302. USTAR governing authority powers.**

166 (1) The USTAR governing authority shall:

167 (a) ensure that funds appropriated and received for research and development at the  
168 research universities and for the [~~technology outreach program~~] TOIP are used appropriately,  
169 effectively, and efficiently in accordance with the intent of the Legislature;

170 (b) in cooperation with the universities' administrations, expand key research at the two  
171 research universities;

172 (c) enhance technology transfer and commercialization of research and technologies  
173 developed at the research universities to create high-quality jobs and new industries in the  
174 private sector in Utah;

175 (d) review state and local economic development plans and appropriations to ensure  
176 that the USTAR initiative and its appropriations do not duplicate existing or planned programs;

177 (e) establish written economic development objectives for the USTAR initiative that  
178 are measurable and verifiable, including how to maximize revenue to the USTAR initiative so  
179 that it becomes financially self-supporting;

180 (f) by following the procedures and requirements of Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
181 Administrative Rulemaking Act, make rules for allocating appropriated money for research  
182 teams and for the commercialization of new technology between Utah State University and the