

## UHESA Meeting #24

Teleconference

January 10, 2007

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **WELCOME and BUSINESS ITEMS.....Mike Jorgensen**

Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm.

College of Eastern Utah:	Hank Savage, Geniva Brooks and Jan Young
Dixie State College:	Darwin Gifford and Jared Johnson Laurie Sullivan (Excused)
Salt Lake Community College:	Butch Steffen, Steven Lewis and Diana Harvey
Snow College:	Mike Jorgensen, Jim Kittelsrud and Carol Jacobsen
Southern Utah University:	Barbara Rodriguez , Casey Bowns Jeb Branin (Excused)
University of Utah:	no one in attendance
Utah State University:	Jill Ballard , Marsha Howell
Utah Valley State College:	Clint Moser
Weber State University:	Jennifer Evans

- Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2006 meeting  
Butch ask to change the sentence “Jeb made a motion to appoint Clint Moser as Legislative VP” to “Jeb made a motion to appoint Clint Moser as Legislative Vice Chair.”

Steven made a motion to accept minutes with correction, Hank seconded. Vote was unanimous.

### **UHESA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.....Butch Steffen**

UHESA Card sent to the executive council. Mike sent the correct on to Jill. Jill sent to everyone as we were meeting. Everyone can look at it and get back to Butch with comments. Mike took our three priority items 1) 4.0% 2) 2.5 Retention Money 3) Exempting higher education from salary cap. A brief statement in regards to money being appropriated for Higher Education should be considered an investment in the state of Utah. Butch suggested that we put the room # on the card. Clint suggested that we change item 3 to fall in line with Senator Hickman’s bill. He will email Mike with the wording. Talked about putting the time on the card. It was decided to not put times on the card. UHESA Day will be Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. our executive board meeting will be from 12:30 – 1:30 pm we will meet with the legislators between 10:00 – 12:30. We need to have people in the rooms so when we invite the Legislators up to the room there will be people there to greet them.

The parking situation has not changed since last year. If you get up there early there are 200 parking spaces directly east of the east capitol building. We will be in the West Capitol building. That is where the house and the senate floors are. There is street parking on Capitol Boulevard which runs from State Street and wraps around to Main Street.

There is parking in the neighborhoods. You can also use Trax or the shuttle bus if you want to avoid parking. If you want to stay overnight you can call the Marriott you can get the state rate. Everyone will be taking a vacation day to attend UHESA Day. Let legislators know that we will be there a couple weeks before.

Butch attended the Higher Education Appropriation Sub-Committee meeting. In regards to the spending caps, it is a very complicated issue; they spend an hour and 20 minutes just discussing it. Some of the highlights are, the budget surplus is around 1.4 billion dollars. There is 675 million of ongoing money in the surplus and there is 800 million in one time surplus money. Cap options were to not appropriate any money and let it earn interest and put it in the rainy day fund. Another thing was to reduce taxes, possibly rebate some of the surplus back to the state citizenship. Another thing was to use it on the things that are exempted such as higher education that can actually use the money in case they run into any cap issue. On Tuesdays and Thursday starting February 1<sup>st</sup> they are instituting a new deal where they will be having a munch and mingle and will talk about the budget surplus and spending cap issues. He will attend the meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. They begin at 7:30 in the morning. They are proposing a 75% - 25% funding split and that money is appropriated for tuition. They want to take some of the load off the students and put it towards the institutions. Carol at Snow identified Penny Mickelsen as there legislative liaison. All nine institutions are covered on his committee.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS.....Committee**

**Old Business:** Butch talked about an article in Tribune. CEU and UCAT are partnering. They were going to do a partnership. Commissioner Kendall nixed that idea, he wants to see a merging of organization, and his feeling on that is that UCAT would come under the accreditation umbrella and would be able to start offering credits. It all has to be approved by the Legislators.

**Website:** Nancy is having trouble getting access to the website. Marsha will talk to Rob about the issues we are having.

**Budget:** Barbara stated that she has received the dues from Dixie. The U of U is the only institution that hasn't paid. They owe \$150 for last year and \$150 for this year. Butch will get with Robbi Dewey. He is going to try and attend their council meeting and go over UHESA.

Barbara motioned to adjourn, Jennifer 2nd

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: UHESA DAY Tuesday, February 6, 2007 – Salt Lake City – Capitol Building.