

UHESA Meeting #23

Teleconference

December 13, 2006

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WELCOME and BUSINESS ITEMS.....Mike Jorgensen

Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm.

College of Eastern Utah:	Hank Savage
Dixie State College:	Darwin Gifford and Jackie Freeman
Salt Lake Community College:	Butch Steffen and Diana Harvey
Snow College:	Mike Jorgensen and Carol Jacobsen
Southern Utah University:	Jeb Branin (Barbara Rodriguez – excused)
University of Utah:	no one in attendance
Utah State University:	Jill Ballard (Betsy Newman – excused)
Utah Valley State College:	Clint Moser
Weber State University:	Jennifer Evans

- Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2006 meeting
Jeb made a motion to accept minutes, Diane seconded. Vote was unanimous.

UHESA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.....Butch Steffen

Butch sent out brief comment about ideas for the UHESA card. It didn't get out to everyone. Jill sent to everyone as we were meeting. Everyone can look at it and get back to Butch with comments.

Governor Huntsman is asking 2.5% for retention money. The money would be divided up and then the institutions would determine how it would be distributed. The Board of Regents proposed 1% for retention, the governor is asking for 2.5%. Do we want to adjust it? It was decided that we should support the governor's request. We will ask for 4% salary increase with continued coverage for benefits. 2.5% retention money. We would also like to exclude education as whole from the budget surplus spending cap. The governor's interpretation of the law is that education as a whole including Higher Ed are excluded from cap. When he made the recommendations he made them based on Education as a whole. Representative Hughes was quoted in the paper as saying that this statute was past back in hard times and they wanted to put spending caps on certain areas and higher education was included. Commissioner Kendall stated that the budget is based on state statute that lists public education, roads and long term debt as exempt. Butch will find out if we are in the cap or not. A question was asked on how many legislators have higher education. Butch will check and see if the data is available to find out.

We need to send out another email to the legislators with the revised issues, so we can let them know where we stand before they see the card in February at UHESA Day.

UHESA Day will be Tuesday, February 6th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Butch has reserved the same two rooms we had last year. Butch asked if we need both rooms or if we should only have one. It was decided to keep both rooms. It worked out okay last year. We will have our executive board meeting, and meet with the legislators. We will need to meet with the Legislators from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Home Owners Association is also schedule on that day.

Clint brought up that the governor's budget recommendations were in line with the all the spending caps and he still recommended the 3.5% salary increase and the 2.5% retention.

Butch received an email from Rory Weaver at USU. He is no longer with the University and so he will no longer be able to be the Legislative Vice Chair. Clint is more than happy to take the position. Jeb made a motion to appoint Clint Moser as Legislative Vice Chair.

Hank seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS.....Committee

Jill will get the policies of each institution on Retirement, overtime, Sabbatical, and Tuition Benefits to everyone.

Committee is working on the UCAT merger. They have been meeting with Commissioner Kendall this week. They want to have something set up before the meeting in January with the Board of regents. They reported in the cabinet meeting they will be Combining. They are meeting to discuss how they are going to combine. They are concerned about the money flow. If they combine do they cut off UCAT getting any money and they go with only the college's money. These questions have to be answered before the merge. The legislators have to approve.

SLCC had a Legislative Training Day. They talked about the fact SLCC is looking to merge with the SL/Tooele ATC in the valley.

Had talked to UCAT staff were asked if there members would like to be members of higher education. UCAT employees voted against it.

Butch was approached by a faculty member in SLCC; there is some language in the Retirement system something about money going in and money going out. He didn't have all the details. It affects adjunct/part time faculty. He will get something out to all of us and we can look at it and get it to our faculty groups.

Casey Bowns is the new President elect for SUU. Jill will make the changes on the contact sheet.

Darwin will be added to the Legislative sub committee for Dixie.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2007