

## UHESA Meeting #43

November 14, 2008

Weber State University

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER and WELCOME.....Clint Moser**

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am.

<i>College of Eastern Utah:</i>	No one in attendance
<i>Dixie State College:</i>	No one in attendance
<i>Salt Lake Community College:</i>	Doug Thom & Butch Steffen
<i>Snow College:</i>	Jeff Sirrine
<i>Southern Utah University:</i>	Bruce Tebbs & Travis Rosenberg
<i>University of Utah:</i>	No one in attendance
<i>Utah State University:</i>	Lisa Leishman, Karen Hoffman, & Doug Garrett
<i>Utah Valley University:</i>	Clint Moser
<i>Weber State University:</i>	Lisa Pedersen, Heather Couturier, Lynell Gardner, Carol Lapine

### **GUEST SPEAKER.....Brad Mortensen**

Brad Mortensen is Weber State University's Legislative Liaison and he addressed some of the current issues in the legislature and plans for the remainder of this fiscal year and future plans for FY2010. Prior to the meeting, the legislature met in a special session and budget cuts were given in the amount of 4% to each institution across the state.

Brad indicated that through the course of the year, there would be additional cuts, presumably one in January and another in July at the start of FY2010. The cumulative cut would be around 10% at his best guess. He urged UHESA to contact the legislature and get our institution's voices out regarding the investment of higher education in the current economy.

Brad also said that there are several new changes in the legislative body that might be helpful to the higher education agenda come January.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS.....Clint Moser**

#### *Minutes*

The October meeting minutes were discussed. No corrections were made; Doug made a motion to approve the minutes. Heather Seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### *Website*

Travis confirmed that [www.uhesa.org](http://www.uhesa.org) was purchased and will be used for the next 5 years as the official UHESA website. The IT department at Utah State moved their site onto the new UHESA domain and is currently awaiting an update. Discussion followed regarding yearly maintenance and a much needed update. It was suggested that a student intern with web design could do the update and then the UHESA PR/Web Development Chair would manage the website.

### *Volunteer Work Survey*

Heather sent out an email requesting policies regarding paid volunteer leave at each institution. She received little feedback, so the item was discussed in greater detail at the meeting. Utah Valley has a policy directly related to this type of leave and it was suggested it be sent to the general body for review.

### *Legislative Items*

A finalized letter to the legislature outlining UHESA's objectives was sent out in October. A copy of the letter will be sent to the body with these minutes.

The minutes from September's Higher Ed Appropriations Subcommittee Meeting were brought up. It was suggested that capital facilities be investigated as they would not only help get needed buildings on campus, but would assist the struggling economy.

Butch has an update for the Day at the Capitol this year on Thursday, February 5, 2009. We will be meeting in the Capital Building, Room C415 at 10:00 am. The room holds more than 60 individuals and is more conveniently located. We will strategize from 10:00 – 10:30 am then meet with legislatures. It was proposed that the UHESA cards be prepared in January.

### *Current Campus Happenings*

Each institution was given time to go over what is happening on their campus relating to staff. The following is a report from the various institutions:

- **SUU** – had the Staff Opening Social which was well attended and given praise by the university administration. Currently working on getting their Staff award nominations out (four total awards) and then will begin work on determining scholarship recipients (six students were given partial tuition scholarships last year). Despite budget cuts, they remain optimistic and continue to move forward.
- **Snow** – very interested in seeing the infrastructure of other staff associations. Their association is in the beginning works and is interested in doing a survey to discuss the roles of each institution's staff association.
- **SLCC** – currently in a hiring freeze similar to other institutions. They are doing lots of examinations of programs, etc, to determine utility as well as having campus forums with their President.
- **USU** – currently working with their association scholarships.

Meeting was adjourned. Many thanks to Heather Couturier & Weber State for hosting this meeting! 😊

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 10, 2008, via conference call.