

UHESA Meeting #21  
Conference Call  
October 11, 2006  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**WELCOME and ROLL CALL.....Mike Jorgensen**

Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m.

College of Eastern Utah:	Hank Savage, Jan Young, Geniva Brooks
Dixie State College:	No one in attendance
Salt Lake Community College:	Steven Lewis, Butch Steffen
Snow College:	Carol Jacobsen, Jim Kittelsrud Mike Jorgensen
Southern Utah University:	Jeb Branin, Barbara Rodriquez
University of Utah:	No one in attendance
Utah State University:	Jill Ballard
Utah Valley State College:	Clint Moser
Weber State University:	No one in attendance

**BUSINESS ITEMS.....Jennifer Evans**

Minutes 20 were approved with changes. Motion to approve the minutes with changes was made by Hank and seconded by Carol. Vote to accept was unanimous.

We talked about some of the hot issues that have been brought up. We decided that everyone would send their policies to Jill and she would get all of them out to everyone so that they could have all the details. The policies we were requesting are Sabbatical Leave, Retirement (police), Overtime for hourly and/or non-exempt and Tuition Waivers. Barbara has still not received the dues from Weber, University of Utah and half the dues from Dixie. There was no one from either of the institutions to respond.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT.....Butch Steffen**

The Legislative letter went out via email to 23-24 Representatives. Butch didn't get any email back as undeliverable, everyone should have received it. We did get a nice kudos from USU from representative Rhonda Menlove about the letter. Butch's representative was thankful for the letter. Butch suggested we get the letter out to our constituents and also to the Presidents of each institution. Jill will send the letter to everyone so that they can get it out at their institutions. Butch met with Spencer Pratt the legislative fiscal analysis. He was curious as to an actual head count for each institution. We will work on getting the information from University of Utah. Butch wasn't able to attend the meeting at SLCC with the public education and higher education. What came out of that is a sense that institutions need to look at retention of students, because we continue to lose students. We are concentrating on bringing in students but we also need to retaining them. There was an article in the Salt Lake Tribune this morning on enrollment at higher education institutions if you would like to go online and look at it. Snow, UVSC and SUU enrollments are all up. The rest are all down with Dixie being the furthest down. We need to understand about the tax reform and 70 plus million dollars coming out of Education. When were talking about state wide tax reform a lot of the monies come different areas not only education. We need to be careful about targeting this money going against education. Subject of UHESA Day has come up. It is a little early. We need

to collectively consider we are there umbrella concerns as opposed to each individual institution going up and concentrating on their particular issues. It may be controversial to some of us. The legislators' do not fund the specific Higher Education institutions they fund the Board of Regents. The money is filtered down through the Board of Regents to the Higher Education Institutions. We should lobby the Board of Regents in regards to how the money is divided out. The budget for the Board of Regents last year was about 980 million Dollars and may go over the billion-dollar mark this year. We need to understand that legislators don't fund individual institutions. There are exceptions to that like the USTAR, which is targeted to research institutions like USU and University of Utah. Generally those billion dollars is given to the Board of Regents to divvy out. I think to simplify we need to approach the legislators with our general concern that we have addressed in the letter. He's not saying that we can't talk about our individual institutions, you can but our promotion should a statewide cause apposed to each institution. Mike agreed that we need to have a united front in what we are doing. We need to keep it simple and not try and bring 9 different issues into a situation it fragments our issue, which are salary increases. Butch with Spencer Pratt dropped by the governor's office and left a copy to Dirk and a copy to the governor with a special note about the appreciation of their support and the fact that the letter was shared with 20+ legislators. He did get a note of thanks from Dirk. Butch found out from Spencer that there is a 30 million dollar cap on surplus monies. We may want to talk more about freeing up some of the money next time when it comes to UHESA day. We may need to present a brief letter before the session starts. Butch will work on it and get with us on it. We will go over all of the things we need for UHESA day at our next meeting at Dixie on November 17. Butch is still looking for representation on the legislative committee from Snow & Dixie. Let him know when you have someone. Jeff Alexander is leaving the legislature. He is from Utah County. He will stay in until January. He has been very supportive of Higher Education.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Next month we need to talk about Holiday hours. Everyone check into it at your institution. SUU is having a legislative day October 31<sup>st</sup>. They have invited the candidates to come down and have a debate/panel discussion. We will talk about Wellness options next month.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 17, 2006 at Dixie. Will begin at 10:00 am. More information will come.