

UHESA Meeting #54
Dec. 16, 2009
1:30 pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND WELCOME.....Geniva Brooks

Roll call:

College of Eastern Utah:	Geniva Brooks
Dixie State:	Carlene Holm, Dennis Cox
Salt Lake Community College:	Butch Steffen, Ron Giles
Snow College:	Jim Kittelsrud, Jeff Sirine
Southern Utah University:	Travis Rosenberg, Bruce Barclay
University of Utah:	No one in attendance
Utah State University:	Doug Garrett, Karen Hoffman
Utah Valley University:	Clint Moser
Weber State University:	Lynell Gardner, Lisa Pedersen

Legislative discussion:

UHESA Day – Feb 4, 2010 in multipurpose room at State Capital building from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

UHESA Card – We need to know where the UHESA template is and where the card will be printed. Karen will put the card together and Lisa Pedersen from Weber State will have it printed. We probably printed 2 cards per legislature last year. Lisa will check with the printing services at Weber State and see how many we printed last year so we will have a better idea and she will find out what our timeline is for getting the cards printed. Butch will get the funding priorities finished after the 1st of the year so he can learn more about what the Legislature is planning. The approach at this point comes from the Governor’s office which is to hold Higher Ed harmless this year. We have to be somewhat careful because many times what is on the Governor’s list of priorities goes into the garbage. The Governor signed an executive order for the 3% cut for this budget year, January – July and it is a done deal across the board. We can’t impact that at this point. But in his budget proposal for the next year he recommends to hold Higher Ed harmless. So this is our unknown with the Legislative session. The revenue projections come out in February and this will tell how the budget plays out. If we do a letter it needs to be about the students and how the cuts are impacting them and how this drags down the economy. It is interesting you don’t hear anyone complaining publicly about the mandatory 3% cut. It seems like there is something going on in the CT area that they think will provide some savings. The programs they are looking at cutting are the programs that cost the most, not the amount of students enrolled in them.

UHESA T-shirts – Butch said the legislative committee wasn’t really excited about the t-shirts. It was suggested maybe purchasing a nice UHESA pin that we could all wear.

Additional 3% cut: It sounds like they may hold Higher Ed harmless with this cut. Cuts have affected not only our faculty and staff but our students as well. Students are finding that they can't get the classes they need when they need to take them so it is delaying their graduating. Weber is holding a voluntary separation for staff in January.

UHESA Bylaws: We will review these and discuss them further and make sure the language is easily understood. We will not make any other changes until our May meeting at USU. They will be posted on the website as they stand right now

State Retirement: The committee is coming up with recommendations and then it will be discussed during the legislative session. The portfolio is doing really well. The Legislators will look at double dipping and 401K contributions. It is a wait and see time right now. It is something for us to watch and be aware of right now.

CEU update: Having CEU come under USU was voted on by the Board of Regents on Dec. 11th and it was approved and it is on its way to the Legislators.

Meeting adjourned: Motioned by Travis Rosenberg, 2nd by Dennis Cox

Next meeting on Wednesday Jan. 20th at 1:30 pm.