

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

Thursday, October 6, 2005 – 1:00 p.m. – Room W110 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. John Dougall, Co-chair
Sen. Beverly Ann Evans, Co-chair
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. David L. Thomas
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. David Litvak
Mr. Daniel Becker

Mr. J. Stephen Fletcher
Mr. Martin Frey
Mr. Richard Siddoway
Dr. Gary Wixom

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Christopher R. Parker, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Phalin L. Flowers, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Commission Business

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale, Rep. Clark, Rep. Dee, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Litvak, and Mr. Fletcher absent for the vote.

2. Life Sciences Cluster

Dr. Ned Weinshenker, Director, Life Sciences Cluster, Governor's Office of Economic Development, introduced himself to the Commission. He presented "GOED Life Sciences Cluster Presentation to the Utah Technology Commission." He explained the industry's top priorities and an integrated approach to economic development.

Dr. Wade Hull, ZARS Engineering, explained the challenges of a 4-year biotechnology program for colleges. He gave a summary of the program's development and an overview of startup funding initiatives.

Dr. Jim Price, Biology, UVSC (Utah Valley State College), spoke to the Commission about implementing this program at UVSC.

Mr. Mark Bracken, UVSC, added to Mr. Price's comments.

Dr. Ray Gesteland, Vice President of Research, University of Utah, spoke to the Commission about the possibility of implementing this program at the University of Utah as early as the fall of 2006.

Rep. Litvak asked if this program would take away from other college programs.

Dr. Gesteland explained that the University of Utah already emphasizes this area of study, so extra

students would only compliment and boost the current program.

Mr. Bob Seltzer, Westminster College, spoke to the Commission about the Westminster College's interest in this program.

Mr. Frey congratulated Dr. Tami Goetz for taking the initiative to get a 4-year degree program started in all the colleges around the state.

Mr. Andrew Laver, APL Advisors, spoke to the Commission about the Life Sciences Angel Network.

Mr. Doug Clark, Governor's Office of Economic Development, spoke to the Commission about creating world-class business and technology parks.

Dr. Weinshenker spoke to the Commission about creating a task force that would address proposals for industry growth.

Dr. Greg Jones, State Science Advisor, Governor's Office of Economic Development, explained what characteristics are shared by successful clusters.

Mr. Steven Kubisen, Utah State University, presented "Utah Technology Commission." He spoke to the Commission about technology commercialization.

Mr. Ed Watts, President, Andigen, presented "Bio-Waste Treatment Systems - Renewable Energy." He spoke to the Commission about technology commercialization.

Mr. Brian Cummings, University of Utah, presented "Technology Commercialization." He spoke to the Commission on the objectives of technology commercialization.

Dr. Steven Jacobsen, University of Utah and Sarcos Research Corporation, spoke on technology commercialization.

3. Centers of Excellence Program (COEP)

Ms. Nicole Toomey Davis, Director, Centers of Excellence Programs, presented "The Centers of Excellence Program Budget and Legislative Overview." She explained the purpose and the key elements of the program. She also spoke about the programs current and target budget.

4. Legislature - Blackberry Communications

Mr. North distributed and discussed "Legislative Technology Studies' Overview" and "Legislative Study on Blackberry Devices." He explained that the Legislative Automation Committee, as part of its multi-year comprehensive review of legislative communications, has been studying the need for a "single point of contact" device. Because legislators are highly mobile in meeting the demands of their work lives, legislative duties, and family needs, a single point of contact device would increase effectiveness in all

areas. He noted that the United States Congress, many federal and state governments, as well as large private corporations, have already adopted single point of contact devices to increase productivity.

Mr. North explained the Governor's Office has successfully used the Blackberry devices since the beginning of the year and has authorized agencies to distribute the devices to management and staff whose duties require them to be mobile.

Ms. Chris Calcut, Legislative Research and General Counsel, answered question and provided examples of how legislators might use a Blackberry on a day-to-day basis to be more effective in their legislative communications.

Ms. Kate Bradshaw, House of Representatives staff, explained how they are using the Blackberry to enhance communications with the Speaker's Office.

MOTION: Rep. David Clark moved to go forward with the Blackberry program as described in the report. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Frey absent for the vote.

5. Department of Technology - Transition Report

Mr. Fletcher distributed and discussed "Report to the Utah Technology Commission." He explained the progress DTS (Department of Technology Services) is making with transition of information technology staff members.

6. Utah Technology Industry Council

Mr. Stan Lockhart, UTIC (Utah Technology Industry Council), gave an update on UTICs current work. He explained that they are studying the Governor's strategic economic development plan and USTAR (Utah Science, Technology, and Research Economic Development Initiative).

7. LEONARDO Center - Art, Culture, and Science

Ms. Mary Tull, Executive Director, The Leonardo, explained that the center is remodeling for a new technology department.

Dr. Joe Androtti, Director, Utah Science Center, explained what the new technology department of the Leonardo will include.

Dr. Ned Weinshenker, Chair of the Leonardo board, explained that this program is very important to help stimulate economic growth in Utah.

Mr. Dave Jones, The Leonardo, explained the background of the Leonardo's new technology department.

8. Other Items / Adjourn

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MOTION: Rep. Litvak moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Frey absent for the vote.

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.