

**MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE**

Thursday, May 17, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. – Room W125 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Bell, Senate Chair
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Dennis E. Stowell
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. John G. Mathis
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Peter Knudson
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

Staff Present:

Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Ms. Allison Morgan Nicholson, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

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

1. Task Force Business

Chair Holdaway called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. He asked members of the Task Force and staff to introduce themselves. Sen. Knudson and Rep. Urquhart were excused from attending the meeting.

Chair Holdaway and Sen. Bell identified issues they were interested in the Task Force addressing.

2. Institutional Missions

Dr. Richard E. Kendell, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Ms. Amanda Covington, Director of Communications, Utah System of Higher Education, distributed copies of and presented a slide presentation, "Utah System of Higher Education, Building a Stronger State of Minds." They also distributed and referred to a handout, "Utah System of Higher Education Institutional Missions and Roles." Commissioner Kendell gave an overview of the missions of the institutions within the higher education system.

3. History of Applied Technology Governance

Mr. Larsen distributed handouts, "A Brief Overview of Applied Technology Education in Utah" and "How is Applied Technology Education Administered in Utah?" He reviewed the current and past governance of the state's applied technology institutions.

Mr. Robert Brems, President and CEO, UCAT (Utah College of Applied Technology), commented on applied technology institutions in Utah, their growing enrollment, the collaboration of higher education institutions within the higher educational system, and his willingness to work with the Task Force in the future.

Sen. Stowell asked Mr. Brems to identify for a future meeting the successes and failures of applied technology systems in other states.

4. Task Force Discussion on Work Plan

Chair Holdaway discussed the statutory duties of the Task Force.

Task force members identified the following issues for further study:

- 1) Transfer of credits and articulation, including the transfer of concurrent enrollment course credits
- 2) Length of time to graduate and why it takes more than four years
- 3) How unnecessary duplication of programs is defined
- 4) Teacher salaries - history and comparison of salaries
- 5) Obstacles to year-round school
- 6) Data on minority enrollment and low socioeconomic enrollment
- 7) Where students are coming from - the states and foreign countries
- 8) Applied technology governance models in other states and their success
- 9) UCAT operations - including the effect of being under the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee and interaction of UCAT and the Utah System of Higher Education
- 10) How to provide low-cost degrees
- 11) Interaction between tier one and tier two tuition

Chair Holdaway indicated that the meetings of the Task Force are scheduled for June 21, July 19, August 17 (revised), September 20, and October 18, 2007.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Holdaway adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.