

UTAH COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
6 FEBRUARY 2002
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES

Board of Trustees Present

Norman Bangerter, Chair - Salt Lake-Tooele
Doug Holmes, Vice Chair - Ogden-Weber
Carl R. Albrecht - Central
Pamela Atkinson - Regents
Janet Cannon - SBOE
John Busch - Uintah Basin
Don Ipson - Southeast
Charlie Johnson - Regents
Michael Madsen - Bridgerland
Earl McCain - SBOE
Doyle Mortimer - Mountainlands
William Prows - Davis
Don Roberts - Southwest
Wayne Woodward - Southeast

Institutional Representation

Gregory G. Fitch

Regional Presidents

Mike Bouwhuis - Davis
Bo Hall - Salt Lake-Tooele
Carl Holmes - Central
Richard Jones - Uintah Basin
Richard Maughan - Bridgerland
Miles Nelson - Southeast
Rich VanAusdal - Dixie
Brent Wallis - Ogden-Weber
Don Reid - Southwest

Commissioner's Office

Gary Wixom, Assistant Commissioner for Applied Technology Education & Special Projects
Linda Fife, Director of Academic Programs

Media Present

Deseret News

Others Present

Jared Haines, Vice President representing Mountainlands ATC

Excused Absent

Thomas Bingham
Royanne Boyer

MINUTES OF MEETING
UTAH COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HARVEY J. BARLOW BOARD ROOM #1022
DAVIS APPLIED TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE
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The meeting of the UCAT Board of Trustees was held on 6 February 2002 beginning at 10:12 a.m. in the Barlow Board Room at Davis ATC.

Call To Order

Chairman Bangerter called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Dr. Fitch (serving as the Secretary) confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Bangerter asked if there were any additions and/or changes for the agenda of the 6 February 2002 Board meeting. Mr. Holmes requested the agenda be modified to allow for a discussion on goals, directions, measures, and allocation of resources. It was also requested the agenda add another discussion item dealing with the Regional Presidents' Evaluation Process and provide for an Executive Session to discuss the purchase price of property under Item III. a. Ogden-Weber Property Acquisition.

Motion to amend the agenda was approved.

Chairman Bangerter asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2 January 2002 Board of Trustees meeting. Motion was made and approved as presented.

Floor was open for discussion regarding UCAT

D. Mortimer: There needs to be an analysis made to determine a number of concerns regarding UCAT to include a cost per student and efficiency review. He also asked, "What is this Board? What is our creditability?" There needs to be a definition of our role. (Chairman Bangerter interjected, that "this Board needs a state-wide perspective".) Mr. Mortimer continued with his concern regarding "measurable outcomes. . . a way to know if we are serving the citizens better."

P. Atkinson: Emphasized that UCAT must be concerned with teamwork and its position within the system.

J. Cannon: Reminded the Board that one of the primary objectives of UCAT was to serve high school students. UCAT needs to "clearly maintain its high school connections and services."

D. Mortimer: We (UCAT) need a validation and to establish its creditability. . . in budgets. Budgets

need to be fair. . . like in custom fit.

W. Woodward: Recognizing efficiency of operations as a measure doesn't do any good if it is not an apples-to-apples comparison. Distance and number of delivery sites add to costs.

M. Madsen: I am concerned with growth and limiting technology (for the ATCs) depending on the placement of funds. We must concentrate our (UCAT) efforts to improve funding to meet the challenge of technology.

Chairman Bangerter: We can't always operate or define a '*quid pro quo*' on things. There may be a need to develop working subcommittees and create policies to guide us.

D. Mortimer: We did not meet budget request requirements. . . required by law. We took what was presented.

(Note: The UCAT budget for FY02 and FY03 had been established in accordance with State Board of Education policy. However, with the shift in governance (1 September 2001) and the creation of the UCAT Board of Trustees and Regional Boards of Trustees, the budgets had already been submitted. The UCAT Board of Trustees approved the budget – once in operation – after the fact.)

D. Mortimer: We need to look at measurements and develop a base that proves cost efficient.

Chairman Bangerter: In looking. . . we need to look at all (UCAT's) partners and services.

D. Roberts: Even though I'm from the rural area, I don't want to break it (i.e. Davis, and the other larger colleges) up. We need to grow both.

P. Atkinson: We must see education not as a pyramid, but as a continuum.

ACTION ITEMS

a. Consideration of the FY02 Budget

President Fitch provided an overview of the FY02 Budget proposal for UCAT (Exhibits A and B). These exhibits are copies of material provided to the Commerce and Revenue Committee (Exhibit C is a copy of the letter sent to the Commerce and Revenue Committee.) The presentation to the Board of Trustees included a column-by-column explanation.

P. Atkinson: Motion was moved and seconded to accept the budget as presented; Discussion:

D. Mortimer: This is "not for Mountainlands!" "Our President walked out." For the past three or four years the bigger schools got the money. Last year, we finally got extra money due to our growth. We need to get to the measurements, growth, percentage of market served as part of the budget. It's "sad the only female president resigned."

President Hall (was granted an exception to speak during the motion discussion): The motion of taking the cuts off. . . with adjustments is at 6% for Salt Lake-Tooele. There needs to be a means to equate one-time funding in the process. In the future, there should be a “unified funding formula that uses membership hours and a facilities/support services base”.

P. Atkinson: There are a number of variables that apply, but it is important that we work together on this item.

President Bouwhuis (was granted an exception to speak during the motion discussion): President Bouwhuis gave an overview of the budget impact on DATC and how it was handled within his college. “Nobody is happy with budget cuts, but you deal with them.”

Vote Called: 12 Ayes 1 Nay (2 absent)

D. Mortimer: Asked if we knew if the Joint Appropriations Committee was going to line item the application of the budget and if we will begin the FY03 budget at the beginning level of FY02.

There was a general discussion of the motions approved by the Commerce and Revenue Committee (see Exhibit D).

b. Consideration of the FY03 Budget

Although reviewed, no action was taken because the UCAT Board of Trustees had previously approved the budget. However, Exhibits E and F were handed out to reflect the differences between the analyst’s budget and UCAT’s presentation to the Commerce and Revenue Committee.

c. Accreditation

Dr. Wixom gave an overview of the accreditation meeting with the Northwest Association (Dr. Baker) and presented a time line sequence for the process. A brief discussion followed regarding accreditation under one umbrella (UCAT), candidacy, degree requirements, and the necessity of accreditation. The Board accepted the “Tentative Accreditation Sequence” (Exhibit G).

D. Holmes: Indicated his concern for the primary purpose for awarding degrees. The representative’s comments about the “preponderance of offerings” held concern for those attending.

P. Atkinson: We need to educate all the citizens of Utah at all levels to include the short term certificate programs and the degree option.

D. Holmes: “I’m also concerned about references to faculty.” Northwest requires “appropriately qualified” faculty. . . what does that mean in relation to technical programs?

E. McCain: Inquired as to when the year (for accreditation) starts? Does UCAT need a year of operational experience before consideration? (Dr. Wixom's response, "not for the application phase.")

Information/Discussion

b. Box Elder County Project

President Maughan gave an overview of the project (see Exhibit H). A brief discussion followed dealing with ownership of the property and the projected bonding effort to support it. Who really will own it if it is purchased?

(The Board took a pause to thank the students from the Culinary Arts Program at DATC for the snacks and lunch.)

c. Vernal Project

President Jones gave an overview of the five-year effort to fund the project. The \$8.2 million request was denied by the Building Board on a split vote. A discussion followed which identified that funds for a basic remodel through DCFM was made and that the Community Impact Board (CIB) set aside \$2.5 million for the project. There too was concern because of the emphasis on other higher education projects, e.g. two university libraries (safety concerns) and the new UVSC project.

J. Busch: represents the Uintah Basin and expressed his concern over the loss of the project. There is a critical need for it and advancing technology in the region. Due to the change in the local economy, there is a need to re-educate and serve the citizens. We need a place for students! We are not serving the high school students in the area. Trustee Busch cited the Haliburton Truck Driving Training effort as an example of area support.

Chairman Bangerter: We need to look at the project, but a complete assessment is needed for facilities.

Questions arose regarding the recognition of the system (UCAT) and its creditability. (PR efforts are being conducted locally and through the Commissioner's Office.) Additionally, our (UCAT's) Role and Mission statements need to be acted upon in the near future (President Fitch will have them ready for the March meeting.)

President Fitch also outlined the Regional Presidents' Evaluation process (to be considered at a later meeting) and its implication on Regional Presidents' salaries.

a. Ogden-Weber Property Acquisition

(changed to accommodate an Executive Session provided for under law to discuss the purchase of property that a public review may alter/impact price).

Motion made by D. Mortimer, seconded by M. Madsen to go into Executive Session. Roll call vote conducted: Albrecht, Atkinson, Bangerter, Busch, Holmes, Mortimer, Prows, Roberts, Woodward, Cannon, Ipson, Madsen, McCain, aye; Bingham and Johnson absent – Motion carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 1:40 p.m.

Board reconvened at approximately 2 p.m. – no action taken!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:05 p.m.