

SPECIAL MEETING  
CONFERENCE CALL  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MARCH 8, 2006

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held as a telephone conference call at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard L. Shipley	Chairman
David P. Cook	
Robert L. Foley	
Quinn W. Millet	
R. Brent Nyman	
Suzanne Pierce-Moore	
Kellie S. Wood	

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Douglas D. Anderson	Vice Chairman
Douglas S. Foxley	
Lynnette T. Hansen	

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht	President
Juan N. Franco	Vice President for Student Services
Lee H. Burke	Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees Secretary

Chairman Shipley conducted the meeting.

President Albrecht indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the proposed Tier II Tuition increase because it had to go to the Board of Regents meeting this Friday. He asked Vice President Franco to explain the Tier II Tuition process. Vice President Franco said they had been meeting with students for some time, and the students had reacted to the proposals and made their own recommendations. The proposals were then presented in a public hearing held today.

Trustee Millet reported on the public hearing which he and President Albrecht conducted. Not many students attended the hearing, but students had been involved in the process previously. He indicated that students had received surveys (900 were distributed) and several were returned with suggestions.

President Albrecht said the process is transparent and well-received by students who feel a part of the decision. Following the many discussions and results of the State Legislative session, President Albrecht recommended a 4 percent Tier II Tuition increase. This would amount to a \$125 per year increase per student, which added to the 4 percent Tier I Tuition would total a \$250 per year increase. Tuition would increase from the current tuition per year of \$3,128 to \$3,378.

President Albrecht indicated that this would bring in about \$2.8 M based on a 3 percent enrollment growth, or \$1.6 M if enrollment is flat. He listed where the revenue would be allocated:

1. \$1.5 M for the next two years to offset the budget deficit.
2. \$200,000 for enrollment services initiative.
3. \$250,000 for retention of faculty and staff.
4. \$250,000 for faculty needs, especially for matching money for faculty chairs and faculty hires in high demand areas.
5. \$240,000 for student initiatives:
  - a. \$100,000 for undergraduate and graduate student support.
  - b. \$15,000 for library journals.
  - c. \$37,500 for classroom improvements such as desks, etc.
  - d. \$25,000 for HPER planning for future expansion of the facility.
  - e. \$30,000 for College of Agriculture Memorial.
  - f. \$7,500 for extending the Taggart Student Center computer lab hours.
  - g. \$25,000 to study the possibility of a student radio station.

Action: Trustee Foley moved approval of the 4 percent Tier II Tuition increase, and Trustee Wood seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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Richard L. Shipley, Chairman

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Lee H. Burke, Board of Trustee Secretary

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