

The Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT)  
Executive Committee Special Meeting

DATE: 14 March 2013

TIME: 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

LOCATION: Utah College of Applied Technology  
2801 Ashton Boulevard

Lehi, UT 84043

Conference Call

(Anchor location for telephone conference access)

**MINUTES**

Executive Committee Present

Tom Bingham, Chair – TATC\*

Michael Madsen, Vice Chair – BATC\*

Barbara Smith – DATC Representing Michael Jensen\*

Ron Larsen – DXATC\*

Jim Evans – MATC\*

Steven Moore – OWATC\*

Don Roberts – SWATC\*

Mark Dennis- UBATC\*

Excused

UCAT Administration

Robert Brems – President

Tyler Brinkerhoff – VP, Administrative Services

Jared Haines – VP, Instruction & Student Services

Kimberly Street – Executive Assistant

Others Present

Richard Maughan - BATC, Campus President\*

Mike Bouwhuis – DATC, Campus President\*

Kelle Stephens – DXATC, Campus President\*

Clay Christensen – MATC, Campus President

Collette Mercier – OWATC, Campus President\*

Dana Miller – SWATC, Campus President\*

Scott Snelson – TATC, Campus President\*

Dave Woolstenhulme – UBATC, Campus President\*

\*Attended via telephone conference call

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

UTAH COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY  
Board of Trustees Executive Committee - Special Meeting  
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### **I. Introduction**

#### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:39 a.m.

### **II. Action Items**

#### **Approval of the contract to purchase approximately 4.26 acres of land adjacent to the MATC campus at Thanksgiving Point**

On January 10, 2013, the Board of Trustees gave approval for MATC to pursue acquisition of the property adjacent to its Thanksgiving Point campus by selling the current automotive/diesel training facility and using the proceeds for the property purchase. The property is approximately 4.26 acres and will be the eventual permanent location for MATC's automotive and diesel programs. The land purchase price is \$1,575,000, and the approximate value of the building is \$1,500,000. MATC will cover any balance with existing funds.

The land purchase is contingent upon the sale of the automotive/diesel training facility. The attached purchase contract indicates a closing deadline of May 31, 2013 with an additional 30 days allowed for legal review and final State approval.

Approximately \$75,000 in addition to estimated sale proceeds from MATC for the property.

Motion to authorize President Christensen and President Brems to execute the attached Real Estate Contract of Purchase and Sale and move forward with the transaction as approved January 10, 2013.

Motion: Jim Evans, Second: Steve Moore; Voting: Unanimous

### **III. Information Item**

#### **Discussion of a possible two-tier UCAT tuition model to be piloted by selected campuses beginning July 1, 2013**

Legislative Audit Report Number 2013-02, "A Performance Audit of Utah College of Applied Technology Programs and Funding", completed February 2013 ([http://le.utah.gov/audit/13\\_02rpt.pdf](http://le.utah.gov/audit/13_02rpt.pdf)), observed that "some campuses assess fees that are not based on the costs of a specific program. Instead, these fees function more like tuition and produce a fixed amount of revenues for all programs" (page 23).

Historically, the Board of Trustees has approved a uniform hourly post-secondary tuition rate that applies to all campuses and all programs. The legislative audit, however, suggests that the uniform tuition may have led campuses to establish fees that "function more like tuition" to meet local campus needs. In a potential response to this audit recommendation, the UCAT President's Office and campus presidents have been discussing the possibility of some campuses piloting a two-tiered tuition model for FY 2014. The model would have the Board establish a first-tier tuition increase that would apply to all campuses and programs, and then approve additional campus-specific, second-tier tuition increases for some campuses based on the recommendation of their respective boards of directors.

The two-tiered tuition model would be allowable at the discretion of the Board of Trustees under current policy, which does not stipulate a uniform tuition rate but simply states that "low cost tuition, as prescribed in UCA 53B-2a-106(1)(b)(i) and as approved by the UCAT Board of Trustees shall be assessed to postsecondary students" (UCAT Policy 204.6.1).

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If a two-tiered tuition model were implemented for FY-2014, the UCAT President's Cabinet is recommending a tier-one increase of \$0.05, which would be a 2.8% increase over current tuition, bringing it to \$1.75 per hour. Campus presidents for DATC, MATC, and UBATC have indicated their campuses might recommend a tier-two tuition increase of up to an additional \$0.10 (5.6%) to \$0.25 (14.8%), bringing total tuition for those campuses to \$1.85 to \$2.00 per hour.

It was recommended that members of the Executive Committee discuss the potential two-tiered tuition model and provide feedback for the President's Cabinet. Tuition-increase recommendations will be brought to the Board of Trustees in its regular April meeting.

**IV. Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: Mark Dennis, Second: Jim Evans; Voting: Unanimous