

**UHESA Meeting #56**  
**Feb 04, 2010**  
**9:15 am**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND WELCOME.....**Jeff Sirrine

**Roll call:**

College of Eastern Utah:	No one in attendance
Dixie State:	no one in attendance
Salt Lake Community College:	Butch Steffen, Ron Giles, Dan Trujillo
Snow College:	Jim Kittelsrud, Jeff Sirine
Southern Utah University:	No one in attendance
University of Utah:	No one in attendance
Utah State University:	Doug Garrett, Karen Hoffman, Deb Megill, Bill Jensen
Utah Valley University:	No one in attendance
Weber State University:	Lynell Gardner, Lisa Pedersen

**Legislative discussion: Butch Steffen**

1. The Governor's budget request is to hold higher Ed harmless.
2. There is a 3% mandate tax cut across the board in higher Ed.
3. The legislature has a 98% budget put together for 2010. This will take care of the extra 20% we wouldn't have to come up with.
4. The Governor wants to use \$61,000,000 to make up for the \$61,000,000 in stimulus money from the government. He wants to take this out of rainy day funds. There is \$400,000,000 in rainy day funds. We want to be sheltered as much as possible.
5. In Aug of each year each state agency starts putting together their budgets which are based on revenue that comes into the State. The revenues for the State will be released in February.
6. The Executive Appropriations Committee is the big committee here in the Capitol. We want to talk to these members today if possible. This committee divvy's up the pie of money to the smaller committees. Recommendations are made and sent to the Executive Appropriations Committee.
7. The Utah Retirement Bill is headed by Senator Liljenquist. He has proposed eliminating the State's contribution to the State's Retirement System
8. There is a bill being proposed that would require employees to have worked 25-30 years before they can retire.
9. It was brought up that we might look more unified as a UHESA group if we wore matching shirts next year.
10. It is important that we each talk to our representatives individually to make sure our voice is heard and not rely solely on a group such as UHESA.
11. Butch has extended a big thank you to all Legislative members of UHESA Legislative Committee for all their help and hard work.

Everyone was adjourned to go and meet with their Legislators.

Next meeting on Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.