

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Yamamoto, McCann, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Sherri Ybarra, Superintendent, State Board of Education introduced and welcome the 2022 Teacher of the Year, **Todd Knight**.

Todd Knight, Teacher, Crossroads Middle School, discussed how his school helps students who would not thrive in a traditional classroom. He shared his educational history and schooling background. Mr. Knight shared that the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) is not helping teachers or students know which areas to better study. He discussed how this test lacks clarity and causes confusion for students. Mr. Knight proposed to shift the focus on growth with the proper use of assessment tests.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Knight** shared prepping the students with the basic skills to answer ISAT test questions can take days. He also shared the ISAT does not provide a complete picture to measure growth, because there is not testing in the fall to determine a starting score.

C. Scott Green, President, University of Idaho, discussed how the President's Leadership Council is working together to serve Idaho. He shared that higher education has added \$4.5 billion to Idaho's economy in 2019-2020. President Green discussed how all four of the universities collaborated to transition to the Jaggaer system which has increase savings.

Kevin Satterlee, President, Idaho State University, shared how ISU has had a 3.15% increase in student enrollment. He discussed how ISU is raising a \$20 Million Student Scholarship Campaign to help all students afford higher education. President Satterlee described how they deal with complaints and changes made to programs relating to diversity in compliance with **H 377**.

Dr. Marlene Tromp, President, Boise State University, discussed the Community Impact Programs and how they are recruiting within rural communities. Dr. Tromp discussed the Military Gap Assistance Program which provides supplemental funding for student veterans. There was discussion on how Boise State University is reaching out to first-generation students and the programs they have tailored for them.

Dr. Tromp discussed the Institute for Advancing American Values, which brings about people from different walks of life to understand American Values to help problem solve within Idaho. This spring BSU will have the first speaker and Dr. Tromp discussed how this Institute will enable students to discuss their differing opinions.

Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President, Lewis-Clark State College, discussed how the majority of their students are low income and first generation higher education students. She shared how the net price of attending LC State College has decreased 19% in the last 10 years. Dr. Pemberton discussed how they are creating programs focused on filling Idaho's needs, including expanding their nursing and cyber security programs. She shared how every complaint filed is looked into.

C. Scott Green, President, University of Idaho, discussed how in 2021 they saw the largest freshman class since 2016. He shared that the University of Idaho's research expenditures total more than \$120 million. President Green discussed their partnership with Idaho National Laboratory and ISU to advance engineer and energy solutions within Idaho. He shared how they have reviewed their programs to be in compliance with **H 377**.

In response to Committee questions, **President Green**, discussed how they have several mining programs and students are going to work for different mining companies. He also shared how they are closing different programs to put money towards the career pathway and cyber security program budgets. President Green discussed how the University of Idaho is leasing the Concordia University building to expand class sizes.

In response to Committee questions, **President Satterlee**, shared to the committee that if ISU received more money they would expand their nursing and health care programs and invest in students.

In response to Committee questions, **President Green** and **Dr. Tromp** discussed how they are collaborating between different universities to lower costs and create more engineers.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the committee adjourned at 10:46 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary