

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 24, 2013  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW41  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman Nielsen, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Bateman, Boyle, Agidius, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Horman, Mendive, VanOrden, Pence, Kloc, Ward-Engelking  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Nielsen  
**GUESTS:** Gerald Beck, College of Southern, Idaho; Tracie Bent and Marilyn Whitney, State Board of Education

**Chairman DeMordaunt** called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Jerry Beck**, President of College of Southern Idaho (CSI), gave a presentation to the committee. CSI is located in Twin Falls, and has off campus centers in the Burley-Rupert area, the Hailey-Sun Valley area, the Gooding area, and a number of other locations in the eight counties that CSI serves. They also have numerous dual credit programs across the State of Idaho. Mr. Beck stated in the last five years, CSI has grown six times faster than the population of the State of Idaho, and enrolls 51% of the students in lower division classes.

**Mr. Beck** reviewed data on student head count, enrollment, and annual student costs at CSI. He stated that since the 2007-08 academic year head count growth has been 18% and full-time equivalent growth has been 23%. Mr. Beck said this is the first year the number of campus credits has gone down and the number of online credits has gone up. He stated CSI is working with the College of Western Idaho (CWI) and North Idaho College (NIC) to transfer some of their dual credit classes over to them. He spoke of other programs at CSI, which include industrial maintenance training, dairy training, and a new program that starts this week in partnership with Sage Truck Driving Schools. Mr. Beck said CSI has established a partnership with the new Chobani plant to be the primary provider of training for the new workforce.

**Mr. Beck** reviewed some budget figures and funding requests for 2014. This included occupancy cost for the new Applied Technology and Innovation Center. Mr. Beck also is requesting funds for Voluntary Framework of Accountability, Idaho Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (ISTEM), the Idaho Falls Outreach Center, and funds to hire additional people to improve graduation rates.

In response to a question on whether any of CSI's numbers will change when they are fully accredited, **Mr. Beck** stated he doesn't anticipate the numbers dropping because of the specialized programs that CSI has. He said CSI has the only Vet Tech program in the state, a very large nursing program, and there are more students from Ada and Canyon counties now.

**Duane Nellis**, President of the University of Idaho, gave a presentation to the committee. University of Idaho (U of I) is the state's first higher education institution, with a historical mandate to serve the entire state as one of only 72 national land-grant universities. Mr. Nellis said under the Morrill Act, public lands are sold to help support higher education. In addition to the core campus in Moscow, they have campus centers in Coeur d'Alene, Boise, Idaho Falls, and extension offices in 42 of the state's 44 counties.

**Mr. Nellis** presented information on the College of Business and Economics, which was reaccredited and received national recognition in four different areas. He also spoke of the College of Engineering, the Capstone Design Program, the College of Education, the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, and the College of Science. Mr. Nellis said the University of Idaho has programs in four of their colleges that are unique in Idaho; the College of Art and Architecture, the College of Law, the College of Natural Resources, and the U of I Rangeland Center. Other programs Mr. Nellis presented information on the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) medical program, which now has at least one doctor in every county in Idaho, as well as the Idea Network of Biomedical and Research Excellence (INBRE), and the Regional Approaches to Climate Change project.

**Mr. Nellis** discussed two of the successes from U of I nanotechnology research. He passed around to the Committee a screw used in orthopedic implants that increases bone bonding. Mr. Nellis also showed a small chemical sensor that senses particles in the air, and analyzes their chemical properties. This sensor is designed to detect explosives, and is being developed through funding from the Department of Defense for use by the military.

**Mr. Nellis** reviewed budget requests for FY14, which include funds that would add five new seats for WWAMI, a second year curriculum to the College of Law, and funds for the new Rangeland Center to help address issues such as wildland fire and the sage grouse status. Mr. Nellis is also requesting funds for salary increases and enrollment workload adjustment.

In response to questions of who owns the patents on inventions, **Mr. Nellis** explained the patents are owned, in part, by the inventor, U of I, and the business that produces the product.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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Representative DeMordaunt  
Chair

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Lynn Walker  
Secretary