

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2014
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Cameron, Vice Chairman Keough, Senators Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayne, Schmidt, Lacey
Chairman Bell, Vice Chairman Bolz, Representatives Eskridge, Thompson, Gibbs, Miller, Stevenson, Youngblood, Ringo, King
ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None
STAFF PRESENT: Headlee
CONVENED: Chairman Cameron convened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

AGENCY PRESENTATION **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
University of Idaho, Colleges and Universities
Don Burnett, Interim President

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Dr. Burnett introduced the following members of his administrative team: Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. Katherine Aiken, Legislative Liaison and Special Assistant Joe Stegner, President of the Associated Students of the University of Idaho and ASUI student lobbyist Ashley Morehouse. This year the University of Idaho celebrates its 125th year as an educational institution, established as a land-grant institution in 1889 when Idaho was still a Territory. The University's most important work is the outstanding post-secondary education it provides to students as they pursue their future careers. U of I's leadership role includes enlisting the collaboration of sister institutions and eliciting the support of partners in the public and private sectors. The school works with industry partners in agriculture, architecture, business, engineering, forestry, law and many other fields. The University considers the entire state of Idaho its campus.

Many of the most productive collaborations are in science because science is an engine of progress and science brings money to Idaho. Various scientific partnerships and programs bring in millions of dollars to the University. Examples of multi-disciplinary cooperation are in the area of water; such as, the Waters of the West program, groundwater studies across the State, the Consortium on Columbia Basin Governance, and the Idaho Water Resources Research Institute, agricultural specialists working on better irrigation methods, etc. The University provides leadership with a variety of programs such as extension services, legal assistance, service learning all of which strengthens students by providing many practical ways to learn, research and serve.

Dr. Burnett also discussed U of I's academic, research and economic advances that benefit all of Idaho. The University attracts national merit scholars, continually increases its enrollment and leads the State in retention and graduation rates. The University is known for its high research activity which attracts grants and contracts of more than \$100 million. The School of Law has received awards for innovative programs. The University has various collaborative projects to stimulate successful innovation, productivity and prosperity while positioning Idaho's economy to be more competitive and dynamic in today's global marketplace.

Funding a CEC increase is a top priority for Idaho higher education. The University of Idaho replaces almost 14% of its workforce annually and asked the Committee to consider full-funding. Dr. Burnett encouraged the Committee to fund an additional five positions to the WWAMI program as well as money to support a second-year curriculum in Boise in the law school program. He also asked the Committee to consider expanded funding for both new structures and needed alterations and repairs on existing structures.

PRESENTER: AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SERVICE (ARES)
John Foltz, Dean, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Idaho

To view the presentation, please click on the following link [Agricultural Research & Extension Service](#)

ARES is part of the \$7.8 billion Idaho agricultural enterprise and is the research and development engine of the industry through involvement in teaching, research, extension, and partnerships. Research and technology combined have improved production for many agricultural products. ARES has 11 facilities statewide and the county extension service has a presence in 42 of Idaho's 44 counties. Research and the Extension Service have worked together on many projects, such as managing dairy waste, controlling disease, and educating the next generation of students. The Governor's recommended budget for FY 2015 is \$26,022,500 which is an increase of 7.4% with 4 FTP.

PRESENTER: HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Dr. Mike Rush, Executive Director, Office of the State Board of Education

The State Board of Education has responsibility for a number of specific programs that are funded directly by the Legislature. Five years ago the Board approved expanding Graduate and Undergraduate Medical Education but some plans were put on hold as the economy experienced a downturn. **Dr. Rush** expressed appreciation for the support last year when funding was provided for five new WWAMI seats as well as funding for the internal medicine residency program.

Dr. Rush spoke in support of the University of Utah Medical Education program. Idaho contracts with the University of Utah for 8 seats per year for a total of 32 seats. The Idaho-sponsored students are required to spend seven weeks in Idaho in their third year doing a four-week family medicine rotation and a three-week internal medicine rotation. It is difficult to find physician mentors for these students during their rotations, one of the problems being the lack of compensation for physician mentors. Currently, the mentoring is done on a volunteer basis. The \$28,000 ongoing General Fund request is to cover costs to compensate the mentors for eight students during the seven-week period.

Dr. Rush also addressed additional health education program which receive State support. 1) There are two family medicine residencies in Idaho: the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho (FMRI) in Boise which graduates 16 new family physicians each June, and the Idaho State University Family Medicine Residency in Pocatello which graduates seven physicians each June. 2) The Psychiatric Residency program sponsored by the University of Washington fills a critical need in addressing the severe shortage of psychiatric physicians in Idaho; the program trains a total of 11 residents. 3) The Boise Internal Medicine program, also sponsored by the University of Washington, trains 8 residents per year. The program received its first appropriation in FY 2014. 4) The Idaho Dental Education Program (IDEP) provides Idaho residents access to dental education through an agreement between Idaho State University and Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Idaho contracts 8 seats per year for a total of 32 seats. 5) The Washington-Idaho Veterinary Education program provides Idaho residents with access to a veterinary medical education through an agreement between the University of Idaho and Washington State University. Idaho contracts for 11 seats per year for a total of 44 seats.

PRESENTER:

**Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program
University of Washington School of Medicine & University of Idaho
Mary Barinaga, M.D. and Joe Cloud, Ph.D.**

To view the presentation, please click on the following link. [Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program](#)

The WWAMI Medical Education Program involves Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. The program provides Idaho students with the opportunity to attend medical school through a cooperative agreement with the University of Washington. **Dr. Barinaga** explained the physician pipeline which is the number of years of schooling before a person can become a practicing physician: after four years of college, there are another four years of medical school, followed by three to seven years of residency/fellowship. She presented the following workforce data: per 100,000 population, Idaho ranks 49th in the nation for overall physicians, 47th for primary care physicians, 49th for medical student positions, and 48th for medical residents. Of the 65 Idaho citizens who started medical school programs in 2012, 28 were involved in the WWAMI and University of Utah programs, and 37 went elsewhere. It is unknown how many Idaho citizens went to schools that train DO or osteopathic physicians. Idaho's physicians are aging: 25% are over age sixty and 86% are over the age of 40. The WWAMI program is cost effective. Idaho's FY 2014 support per student was \$42,100 per year with 67% of the appropriation spent in Idaho. For every state dollar invested in WWAMI, Idaho gets back five dollars. Medical specialties

in the WWAMI program are increasing, especially family medicine, internal medicine, surgery and OB/Gyn, and pediatrics.

Dr. Barinaga also discussed the TRUST (Targeted Rural Underserved Track) Program in Idaho which is designed to educate, train, and retain local Idaho students as future physicians in rural Idaho. In the FY 2015 budget, the Governor has recommended \$252,400 to continue funding for the five Idaho TRUST students added in the FY 2014 budget.

**PRESENTER: Kootenai Family Medical Residency Program
Dr. Dick McLandress, Program Director**

To view the presentation, please click on the following link. [Kootenai Family Medicine Residency](#)

The Kootenai Family Medical Residencies Program will begin operation in July 2014. It is estimated that 50% of family practice physicians in the area north of Grangeville will retire in the next five to seven years. **Dr. McLandress** who has been a practicing physician in Coeur d'Alene for the past 37 years, is the Program Director. Teaching resources are available at the University of Washington School of Medicine and about 150 physicians on the staff at Kootenai Family Medicine have volunteered to teach. There is institutional support from Kootenai health trustees, the administration and staff as well as community support for the program. From January 2011 to June 2013, Kootenai Health had invested \$3,084,241. FY 2015 revenues are projected to be \$3,525,000 which would include the Governor's budget request of \$200,000.

**PRESENTER: Forest Utilization Research Program
Dr. Kurt Pregitzer, Dean, College of Natural Resources**

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The Forest Utilization Research (FUR) program, located at the University of Idaho, conducts research and analyzes policy to increase the productivity of Idaho's forests and rangelands. FUR supports the following five programs administered by the College of Natural Resources: 1) Policy Analysis Group (PAG) which provides timely and objective data and analysis of resource and land use issues, 2) Forest Nursery produces species of trees for reforestation including rangeland restoration and rehabilitation research, 3) Experimental Forest (10,000+ acres) is the site of forestry and fire management research and hands-on student training, 4) Rangeland Center promotes active partnerships among rangeland stakeholders through education and research, 5) Wildland Fire Program studies real-world fire behavior and management issues in the only university wildfire combustion lab in the United States and on the experimental forest. The FY 2015 Governor's budget request totals \$742,500.

**PRESENTER: Idaho Geological Survey (IGS)
Dr. Jack McIver, Vice President, Research and Economic Development**

Idaho Geological Survey (IGS) is headquartered at the University of Idaho with field offices at BSU and ISU. The IGS collects, analyzes, and disseminates geologic and mineral data for Idaho. The first priority is geologic mapping which is accomplished by a partnership between the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and IGS. Mapping identifies such things as the quality of mineral deposits, oil and gas formations, it provides mining data such as geothermal deposits and keeps an inventory of abandon and active mines. Hydro-geology involves both deep water and ground water deposits to determine the quality and size of reservoirs, Geologic mapping is used to identify possible hazards and their severity which would include such things as volcanoes, earthquakes or landslides. IGS does earth science education and outreach using staff and various other programs. Last year IGS produced a new geologic map of Idaho. IGS has a \$1.7 million budget, about 40% is provided by the state of Idaho and the rest comes from contracts and grants. The IGS budget request was for \$74,300 and the Governor's FY 2015 budget recommendation was for \$6,000.

ADJOURNED: Chairman Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Senator Cameron
Chair

Peggy Moyer
Secretary