

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2016
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Brackett, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Monks, King, Gannon
ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None
CONVENED: **Chairman Bell** called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
PRESENTER: **Chuck Staben, President, University of Idaho**
University of Idaho

President Staben brought before the Budget Committee a high-level overview of the Academic excellence, accomplishments, and recommendations for FY 2017 for the University of Idaho. Enrollment at U of I includes 11,372 students 93% of whom are enrolled full time, with 3,000 full time and part time staff. U of I offers facilities in 42 of our 44 counties in Idaho and has proven itself to be a major contributor to Idaho's economic environment.

The latest economic impact study U of I graduates revealed, that graduated students receive \$3.30 for every \$1.00 invested, that is a 14% return and suggests that Idaho companies enhance their productivity by hiring U of I graduates. Other institution highlights include; The Vandals Idea Project, Cyber Security Excellence, and Complex Modeling Leadership. **President Staben** spoke on the Governor's Budget Recommendation for FY 2017 and the priorities within, including; the 3% CEC increase, Tuition Lock, The Opportunity Scholarship, and Complete College Idaho. President Staben concluded by standing for questions regarding the Budget Recommendation. [University of Idaho](#)

PRESENTER: **John Foltz, Dean of College of Agriculture & Life Sciences**
Agriculture Research & Extension Services

Dean Foltz brought before the Budget Committee a high-level overview of the Academic excellence, accomplishments, and recommendations for FY 2017 for the University of Idaho Agricultural and Extension Services. He proudly discussed the University of Idaho's Research and Extension in Action programs and the accomplishments seen from each. Preparation for the fire season has U of I leading the charge in response to fires with coordinated distribution and fire recovery assistance to landowners. In the Master Water Stewards Research and Extension in Action program, extensive research landed U of I with the IGEM Award and \$427,172 in funding for research. The Food Safety Modernization, or FSMA is a program wherein U of I assists food manufacturers with food safety compliance for

130 Northwest Food and Dairy processors.

Dean Foltz further spoke on the research and development of the eradication of the potato pest, the pale cyst nematode and the \$3.2 million dollar grant for team approach to globodera. Dean Foltz proudly presented the accomplishments of the Western Institute for the Dairy Environment (WIDE) and the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center. Dean Foltz then stood for questions regarding the Governor's Budget Recommendation. [Agriculture Research and Extension Services](#)

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

Mr. Pregitzer presented the budget request and recommendation for the Forest Utilization Research or "FUR" project. The Wildlife Range Experiment Station created in 1939 addresses concerns with research into the forestry, wildlife and range problems. Forest Utilization Research (FUR) was a bill passed in 1976 with primary focus on mechanism for funding requirements of Idaho State, Title 38.

FUR Funding addresses a number of issues including the quantifying impacts of management decisions, advancement of Research in Forestry, Natural Resource Policy, Rangelands, and the future of Natural Resource Leaders in the State of Idaho. Four major areas of state delegation for FUR in leveraging state funds include the Policy Analysis Group (PAG), the Experimental Forest, the Forest Nursery, and the Rangeland Center. The teams work hard developing scientific solutions for the problems that face the State of Idaho. The Governor's Budget Recommendation this year includes some capital outlay for equipment with the desire to train students in real world timber sale layout and use on active research across U of I Experimental Forest units. [Forest Utilization Research](#)

PRESENTER: **Dr. Jack McIver, Vice President, Department of Research**
Geological Survey

Dr. McIver presented to the committee a brief overview of the accomplishments and challenges of the University of Idaho: Idaho Geological Survey. Idaho's geological surface is extremely prone to landslides and earthquakes. The Geological Survey has reported that Idaho is the sixth most seismically active state in the nation. The GIS Program currently has one GIS Analyst to serve Idaho's population and three state offices, an additional analyst is necessary to develop energy, minerals, and geo-hazard information to provide timely feedback to the State, industry and public. Dr. McIver stood for questions regarding the Budget Recommendation. [Geological Survey](#)

HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PRESENTER: **Mary Baringa M.D. and Jeff Seegmiller M.D., WWAMI**

WWAMI

Dr. Barinaga presented to the committee the Worforce needs and program accomplishments of the WWAMI Expansion and Trust program. The Idaho State Board of Education: Medical Education Study Committee, provided statistic driving the request for the program expansion. Enrollment has increased from 20 students enrolled in the WWAMI program to 40 students. There is a priority placed on the medical students interested in practicing medicine in rural Idaho. There is strong support for this program expansion considering the aging population of our medical professionals in Idaho, 27% of Idaho's physicians are over the age of sixty. Studies further reveal that the cost-effective nature of the WWAMI program has allowed Idaho to receive five dollars back to every one dollar invested in the WWAMI progam. Doctors **Mary Barinaga** and **Jeff Seegmiller** stood for questions regarding the Governor's Recommendation. [WWAMI](#)

PRESENTER: **Benjamin Chan M.D., University of Utah, in Association with WWAMI**
University of Utah

Assistant Dean of Admissions **Benjamin Chan** and in association with Art and Science of Medicine stood before the budget committee to explain U of U's affiliation with the WWAMI programs and answer questions regarding the Budget Recommendation. U of U in association with the WWAMI program requires all students to provide a research project, showcasing clinical skills and decision making. The directive is to include education in the medical disciplines primary care opportunities to enrich experience of the Spanish speaking clinics and other under-served populations. Tertiary Care opportunities include burn surgery, pediatric cardiology, and radiation oncology. Idaho students have the opportunity to be completely integrated with all other medical students and have same access to all services and opportunities. Idaho students return to Idaho with family practice rotation, outpatient internal medicine rotation, and elective rotations. Out of the almost 4,000 applications to participate in this program, eight positions are specifically filled from Idaho.

Family Medicines Residencies

Matt Freeman, Executive Director of the Idaho State Board of Education, and **Dick McLandress, M.D.** spoke to the ROI portion of the University of Utah's recommendation and explained how the 20+ cities in Idaho are receiving treatment from the U of U School of Medicine program. Mr. Freeman then stood for questions regarding the Budget Recommendation. [Family Medicine Residencies](#)

PRESENTER: **Tony Fernandez, President, Lewis-Clark State College**

Lewis-Clark State College

President Fernandez brought before the committee a brief overview of the needs and accomplishments of Lewis-Clark State College. LCSC is a regional State college offering instruction in the liberal arts and sciences, professional areas tailored to the educational needs of Idaho, applied technical programs which support the local and state economy, and other educational programs designed to meet the needs of Idahoans. Education is the top priority for the 2017 Budget Recommendation. President Fernandez enthusiastically spoke in favor of the Change in Employee Compensation (3% CEC Increase), and illustrated how nearly 70% of the graduates from LCSC remain in Idaho and are employed within 6 months after graduating. Line item details include a Veterans Advisor, for the increasing population of veterans in pursuit of Higher Education. President Fernandez then stood for questions regarding the Budget Recommendation. [LCSC](#)

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chairman Bell** adjourned the committee at 10:43 AM

Representative Bell
Chair

Christi Cox
Secretary