

MINUTES  
**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021
- TIME:** 3:00 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW55
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Thayn, Vice Chairman Crabtree, Senators Den Hartog, Woodward, Lent, Johnson, Cook, Ward-Engelking, and Nelson
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- CONVENED:** **Chairman Thayn** called the meeting of the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:00 p.m.
- GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT:** **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Reappointment** of Brian Scigliano, of Boise, ID, to the Idaho Public Charter School Administration, for a term commencing May 12, 2020, and expiring May 12, 2024.
- PRESENTATION:** **Dr. Bert Glandon**, President, College of Western Idaho; **Dr. Rick MacLennan**, President, North Idaho College; **Dr. Rick Aman**, President, College of Eastern Idaho; and **Dr. Dean Fisher**, President, College of Southern Idaho, gave a joint presentation to the Committee concerning the community colleges of Idaho (see Attachment 1).
- DISCUSSION:** **Chairman Thayn** asked how the teachers felt about transitioning to online learning. The consensus was that the faculty and staff stepped up in a big way to help students succeed during the COVID 19 pandemic. **Vice Chairman Crabtree** asked how dual enrollment credit students were impacting community colleges. **Dr. Aman** said the general education credits being taken in high school are helping students to accelerate through college. **Vice Chairman Crabtree** asked how dual enrollment is financially impacting the colleges. **Dr. Fisher** said that high school students can take college credit classes in high school at \$75 a unit versus \$139 a credit when enrolled in college. **Chairman Thayn** asked if the cost differential was being applied to other full time college students so there wasn't a budget shortfall. **Dr. Aman** said students taking college credits in high school with high school teachers are not costing the colleges the salaries of college instructors, so they are breaking even. **Senator Woodward** asked if the colleges were tracking time to completion for those using dual credits. **Dr. Fisher** said they are tracking this data in several ways but had no data to share at this time. **Senator Cook** asked if the colleges were reaching out to local businesses to ensure that courses being offered met their needs. **Dr. MacLennan** said workforce development was ongoing with businesses in all of the communities. All career and technical education (CTE) groups have advisory committees and they are always fine-tuning what business and industry need, and offer the courses appropriately. **Dr. Glandon** said they are also offering short-course training that addresses the needs of businesses in the community.
- ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Thayn** adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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Senator Thayn  
Chair

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Secretary