

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, January 27, 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.
- RS 28191** **Relating to Education; Amends Idaho Code 33-205 to allow for student hearings in executive session. Senator Zito** outlined the bill's scope for the committee.
- MOTION:** **Senator Johnson** moved to send **RS 28191** to print. **Senator Lent** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- PRESENTATION:** **Dr. Marlene Tromp**, President, Boise State University; **Kevin Satterlee**, President, Idaho State University; **Dr. Cynthia Pemberton**, President, Lewis-Clark State College; and **C. Scott Green**, President, University of Idaho, gave a joint presentation to the Committee concerning the four year universities of Idaho (see Attachment 1).
- DISCUSSION:** **Vice Chairman Crabtree** asked how the campuses were addressing the subject of social justice. **Dr. Tromp** said they teach students how to think, not what to think. **Senator Ward-Engelking** wanted to know more about the rural initiative. **Dr. Tromp** said the community impact program went into communities with a low rate of engagement, and asked what types of programs would be helpful to the residents, and the colleges responded by offering those courses. **Chairman Thayn** asked about the sacrifices the faculties had to make based on budget cuts. **Mr. Satterlee** said transparency was key in keeping faculty informed. **Senator Ward-Engelking** asked when the upgrades to the University of Idaho Parma Research and Extension Center would be initiated. **Mr. Green** said he was aware of the current condition of the Parma Research and Extension Center and that local industry has awarded \$3 million to upgrade the facility, which he hopes will be matched by the state. **Chairman Thayn** asked if there was any interest in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) facility near Lewis-Clark State College. **Dr. Pemberton** said interest was very high and she expects that interest to grow. **Senator Den Hartog** asked if any metrics for dual enrollment students have been gathered. **Mr. Satterlee** said a study was performed last year and students who participated in the CTE program are graduating at a higher rate and graduating college sooner.
- PRESENTATION:** **Alexandra Dominguez**, Director, State Government Relations, the College Board, gave the Committee information about the Big Features program (see Attachment 2). **Ms. Dominguez** said she would send links to the program website to the Committee members for inclusion in their newsletters.
- ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Thayn** adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Senator Thayn
Chair

Florence Lince
Secretary