



EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM
TO STIMULATE
COMPETITIVE RESEARCH

MINUTES

Utah EPSCoR State Committee

Friday, October 5, 2012

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Attendees: Rita Teutonico, Tom Parks, Mark McLellan, Alan Harker, Tami Goetz, Ben Hart, Kim Heismath, Lyle Hillyard, Liz Hitch, Ted McAleer, Suzanne Winters, Todd Crowl, Joe Orr

Excused:

Agenda Item	Discussion Summary
State Committee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure we have good representation from across the state • Increase representation and diversity • Navajo Nation representative and members of the Hispanic business association could help with diversity • Want to have a committee that refreshes itself over time
By-laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner of Higher Education suggested as the broad statewide umbrella organization; USTAR can do it if commissioner can't • Using the New Mexico bylaws as a model • Discuss the components of the bylaws and vote on them at the next meeting
Business interest in EPSCoR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see a diverse set of companies participating (such as Adobe, Ebay, Proctor and Gamble) • Need to tap into companies in Logan, too. • Consider ski resorts, Grand Canyon Trust
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive committee will stay the same, while other members can change annually • Executive committee will be constituted of the three VPs of research • Keep the commissioner in a confirmatory role on this team
Implementation of the S&T Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The governor's economic council (GEC) would be the perfect group to take this on • Better communication needed between industry and education
NSF and NASA EPSCoR updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 NSF EPSCOR awards currently • Utah out of the running to write a new Track x proposal • iUTAH Logan office up and running; would like to locate SLC office on U of U campus • Work plans now in place • NSF expects that over the next 5 years we will have a state level buy in; have to find \$800,000 a year from the state. We have \$100,00 from USTAR already. • Biggest challenge for this group is to help navigate the first \$800,000. Need input and help on how to encourage state entities to come up with this match.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there's any private enterprise that will come up with \$50,000, then have that industry come to the legislature and express their support. Having industry support of EPSCoR will help make the case to the legislature for additional funds. • Funding opportunities advertised through the space grant affiliates; can use twitter, facebook, website, newsletter, etc., to help advertise • Question: Who are going to be the industry advocates to say that EPSCoR is beneficial? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every million dollars of funding that comes in supports high wage jobs in Utah. There's a workforce component too. We should be finding industries that care about future NASA scientists. • Questions: Have any other EPSCoR states face these problems? What are their key strategies that have made a difference? How have other states navigated this?
Final discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We really should target raising higher standards academically. We should have proper goals and emphasis in math and science. • Partner with STEM groups. Let's move together in a unified voice to help the legislature understand the issues brought forward. We need to have alliance in the legislature.
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to have by-laws and STI plan approved and to NSF by December 15th, 2012 • Will take place in late November or early December 2012

Action Item	Who	Deadline
Set up next meeting	R. Teutonico	Late November or early December
Confirm state committee membership		Next meeting
Get representation on the state committee from the state's universities including SUU, SLCC, and Weber State		Once by-laws and membership terms are approved
Get businesses involved in EPSCoR, including the ski industry		
Increase diversity on the state committee; contact Navajo Nation and Hispanic business association	T. Goetz	Once by-laws and membership terms are approved
Approach Commissioner of Higher Education	R. Teutonico	Before next meeting



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Draft by-laws	Executive committee	Next meeting in December
Action Item	Who	Deadline
Get Governor's signature of S&T Plan	S. Winters	December 15 th , 2012
Improve interaction between industry and education: Develop faculty profiles to help industry know their expertise		
Develop industry and education directories		
Get input and help on how to encourage state entities to come up with state match		
Send NASA EPSCoR funding oppts to Rita for advertising on twitter, facebook, website, newsletter, etc.	J. Orr	As received
Identify industry advocates who will say that EPSCoR is beneficial		
Send website ideas to Rita	All	
Track students who participate in EPSCoR who graduate in a STEM major and get jobs		



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Capitol Board Room
Utah State Capitol
350 North State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103
(801) 538-3000

- 1:00pm Tom Parks, Committee Chair
- Call meeting to order
 - Welcome and introductions
- Rita Teutonico, State EPSCoR Director
- Goals of today's meeting
 - EPSCoR introduction
 - State Committee role
 - Member terms
 - By-laws – discussion of key components
- 1:45pm Ted McAleer, USTAR
- USTAR and Utah EPSCoR
- 2:00pm Suzanne Winters, GOED
- Utah Science, Technology, and Innovation plan (attached)
 - Finalize plan
- Todd Crowl, Utah State University (ex officio member)
- NSF EPSCoR update
- Joe Orr, University of Utah (ex officio member)
- NASA EPSCoR update
- 2:30pm Rita Teutonico
- Discussion
 - Next meeting – December 2012
- 3:00pm Adjourn