

Utah EPSCoR State Committee – November 28, 2012

Attendees: Rita Teutonico, Tom Parks, Mark McLellan, Alan Harker, Ted McAleer, Liz Hitch, Tami Goetz, Patrice Arent, Alan Matheson, Ben Hart (for Jon Pierpont), Dave Matty, Christopher Picard, Suzanne Winters, Ron Castillo

Ex officio: Todd Crowl, Joe Orr, Mark Young (on phone)

Excused: Sarah Young, Kim Heimsath

1. Approval of minutes from Oct 5, 2012 meeting (Parks)

Suggestion - add those excused (Arent); bullet #3 – change to “Would be good to see diversity of businesses involved” (McAleer)

Motion: Approval of minutes as corrected – moved, seconded, and unanimous vote in favor

2. By laws (Parks)

a. Objective #3 – Coordinating does not seem strong enough; change to choosing

Motion: Change coordinating to ‘Choosing’ – Moved, seconded, and unanimous vote in favor

b. Oversight – suggested edits from the Commissioner’s office; oversight and advocacy will take some staff time

Motion: Accept amendments to oversight section – moved, seconded, and unanimous vote in favor

c. Membership – Suggested changes:

1. #6 – change ‘up to 3’ to exactly ‘3 from industry’

2. Add representative from Utah System of Higher Education

Exec Committee can increase the membership from the minimum list voting members specified in the by laws. This would not require revision of by laws.

3. Add language: “Members include the following and any additional, as designated by the Executive Committee”

Motion: Accept three changes to the by-laws – moved, seconded, and unanimous vote in favor

d. Motion: Approve by laws as amended – moved, seconded, and unanimous vote in favor

3. STI plan (Winters)

Final printed plans (125 copies) will be available tomorrow and posted on web site

Primary recommendations – Knowledge Initiative, Capital Initiative, Talent Initiative

Greater ties between industry and education; using universities as drivers of economic development

SW – will provide pdf of final document

RT – pdf will be posted on UTEPSCoR web site
tac – pdf needed to submit to NSF FastLane

Motion to Accept as Utah's STI plan – moved and seconded and unanimous vote in favor

4. USHE oversight budget

McAleer – need the legislative time for Spencer to advocate

McLellan – no compensation for committee members allowed

Crowl- can't take funds from iUTAH grant, since committee overseeing the grant

McAleer – need to put together a budget that takes account for all the in-kind being contributed by all of Committee members

McAleer – motion that do not approve costs

Need to put together a budget that indicates what the real costs of doing business are, so can find an organization in the state to come up with the funds to meet the real costs

Central staff needed that coordinate efforts across the state with state funding

M. Young – MT has permanent funds for state office; NSF expects to pay as little of admin costs as possible

McAleer - USTAR offered 2.5% of admin time to help support EPSCoR effort; 100k already committed for EPSCoR; USTAR governing authority approved the contribution; coordinating multi-institution grants is part of mission

Budget for EPSCoR match – too late for this year's session, so could work on incorporating the costs of doing business into next year's budget planning phase; now 18 months before can get into the budget request; al of us are bootstrapping between now and 18 months

McAleer – need to set up Subcommittee to design the State Office and create a 4 year plan to move toward state funding for all of admin costs – subcommittee will be Ted, Rita, Liz

5. Updates

NSF (Crowl) – see handout for specific updates; want presence at each institution for iUTAH; need half time logistics person at each institution to help with meetings, etc.; strategic plan draft will be circulated next Friday (12/7/12) for comments

NASA (Orr) – new CAN grant to USU; RID funding (3 mini grants per year); can submit more than 2 per year

6. Adjourned at 1:35pm