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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: William A Sederburg

SUBJECT: Policy Workshop Summaries, CAO Position Papers, and Academic Research Reports

Background

A Regents Strategic Planning Workshop was held at Dixie in the spring of 2005 together with the Utah State Board of Education. Several issues were identified and suggestions and recommendations made for addressing them. A majority of the issues included academic implications that seemed to recur, historically, in nearly all such planning meetings. Therefore, the Chief Academic Officers chose to take a proactive approach and address these issues by writing position papers. Several of the papers were presented to and reviewed by the Regents at regular Board meetings.

These papers, together with the Policy Workshop Summaries and the Research Reports necessary to support the papers, have been compiled in booklet form and will be distributed separately during the Regents meeting. This effort concludes the 2005 Regents planning effort and, hopefully, lays some of the groundwork for the new strategic planning process focusing on *retention and completion, access and participation, and economic development*.

Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends the Regents review the report and provide comments and/or recommendations. No action is required.

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Commissioner of Higher Education

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