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**UCAT President Robert O. Brems Resigns**  
*Jared A. Haines to remain as acting president*

Robert O. Brems has announced his resignation as Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) president.

Yesterday, in a letter to Commissioner of Higher Education Richard E. Kendell, the State Board of Regents and the UCAT Board of Trustees, Brems stated, "The recent report and findings of the State Auditor have caused a disruption in the operations of the Utah College of Applied Technology. Because of my dedication and allegiance to UCAT, and to alleviate further disruption, I believe it is in the best interest of the College for me to step down at this time."

Commissioner Kendell, in behalf of the State Board of Regents, has accepted the resignation, which was effective Sept. 19. Brems will remain on paid administrative leave until Oct. 31. Jared A. Haines will continue to serve as interim president until the Regents fill the position.

"President Brems has had many notable accomplishments at the Utah College of Applied Technology and in the Utah System of Higher Education. We wish him well in pursuing future career opportunities," said Kendell.

"It has been a tremendous opportunity to serve as UCAT President and to promote important and much-needed technical education opportunities across the state," Brems wrote.

The State Auditor's Office released its report in August. The Regents authorized an additional review, which will be completed and released next week.

UCAT is one of ten public colleges and universities within the Utah System of Higher Education. UCAT focuses on career and technical education and consists of eight applied technology college campuses, providing opportunities for statewide open-entry, open-exit, competency-based education for high school and adult students. UCAT, working in close cooperation with business and industry, local school districts and the other colleges and universities, provides a broad range of specialized long-term and short-term certificate training.

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