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Higher Education Commissioner Makes 2 Major System Appointments

Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities and
Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Administration

SALT LAKE CITY – William A. Sederburg, Commissioner of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), announced two appointments to the Office of the Commissioner today:

- Gregory L. Stauffer, EdD - Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities
- Cameron Martin, PhD. - Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Administration

These positions, previously held by Drs. Mark Spencer and David Doty, respectively, are important to achieving the strategic objectives of USHE. "I am impressed with Commissioner Sederburg's initial progress and his active approach to further improving our higher education system", commented Jed Pitcher, Chair of the Board of Regents, "The talent these two individuals bring to the Commissioner's Office will play an important role in executing USHE's goals and objectives."

Gregory L. Stauffer, EdD - Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities will oversee all of the budgeting facilities function for the Utah System of Higher Education. It is a critical position in developing finance and facilities policy, directing USHE facilities processes, and interfacing with regents and other state government leaders on funding and facilities issues.

"Dr. Stauffer has broad experience in several strategic and management roles on higher education campuses, he is well-respected by his peers at our state colleges and universities," observed Commissioner Sederburg. "We look forward to his leadership, especially as we work to help address the state's significant fiscal challenges."

Dr. Stauffer is currently the Vice President and Chief of Staff at Southern Utah University (SUU) where he serves in several strategic and master planning roles including chief operational and fiscal officer. At SUU, he also served as Interim President for eight months and as the Vice President of Administrative and Financial Services for 11 years. With over 25 years experience in several executive budget and planning positions, he has also held positions at Peru College (Nebraska), Washburn University (Kansas), and the University of Idaho. He will assume his new position on November 3, 2008.

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Cameron L. Martin, PhD - Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Administration will oversee the coordination of department programs as well as strategic planning functions within the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE).

"This position of planning and administration will provide a strong coordinating function between our various programs and initiatives," said Sederburg, "It will help ensure the activities within USHE offices effectively support the objectives of our colleges and universities in providing quality services to students and faculty."

Currently working as Assistant to the President for Institutional Development and Planning at Utah Valley University, Dr. Martin played a critical role in the recent transition of Utah Valley University (UVU) to its new university status. He also implemented processes to coordinate initiatives among the various colleges and programs at UVU. Additionally, Dr. Martin manages the university's strategic planning function which includes the nationally-recognized Planning, Budget, and Accountability (PBA) process developed by UVU.

Dr. Martin received a PhD in Educational Leadership and Foundations from Brigham Young University (BYU). He also received a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in political science from BYU. He will assume his new appointment October 20, 2008.

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