

R310-1. Purpose: To provide vision and mission statements for the Utah System of Higher Education, the State Board of Regents, and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

R310-2. References

- 2.1. Utah Code §53B-6-101 (Master Plan for Higher Education)
- 2.2. Policy and Procedures R311, Institutional Missions and Roles

R310-3. Vision Statement

3.1. **Utah System of Higher Education:** Utah will forge an exceptional, learner-centered educational system providing citizens with the opportunity to become enlightened, to value ethnic and cultural differences, to have a global perspective, to develop an abiding sense of ethics, and to achieve their personal potential, thereby advancing the State and its citizens intellectually, socially, economically, and culturally.

R310-4. Mission Statements

4.1. **Utah System of Higher Education:** The mission of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) is to provide high quality academic, professional, and applied technology learning opportunities designed to advance the intellectual, cultural, social, and economic well-being of the state and its people. The USHE will foster a society of lifelong learners, prepare a productive work force for a knowledge-based global marketplace, cultivate social responsibility and commitment to ethical values, improve the quality and understanding of life, and promote cultural awareness and appreciation for diversity.

4.2. **Utah State Board of Regents:** The mission of the Utah State Board of Regents is to ensure fulfillment of the mission of the Utah System of Higher Education through policy determination, governance, collaboration, and coordination. Well defined and differentiated institutional missions are established by the Regents to focus college and university efforts on excellence, to avoid unwise duplication of programs and effort, to serve both traditional and nontraditional students, and to promote efficiency and accountability. The Board also coordinates with non-USHE postsecondary institutions, public education, business, and government, and administers student financial aid and other programs involving statewide participation.

4.3. **Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education:** The mission of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) is to implement and administer policies and directives of the State Board of Regents and provide staff support to assist the Board and system institutions in fulfilling their respective missions. Under Regent direction, the OCHE works closely with college and university personnel to afford Utahns a highly efficient and economical system of public higher education. The OCHE provides statewide leadership, collaboration, coordination, strategic planning, policy development, standardized reporting procedures, information dissemination, and program administration. The office also formulates consolidated operating and capital budgets, and manages enrollments and instructional delivery systems that provide access with superior quality.

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