



Ex-Utah Tech University president gave phallic gag gift to his V.P. — one of many misconduct allegations, new lawsuit claims

Richard “Biff” Williams has since resigned from the university. The school has, so far, refused to release the results of its investigation to The Salt Lake Tribune.



(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) Utah Tech University in St. George on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024.

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After a vice president on his Cabinet had surgery, the then-president of [Utah Tech University](#) decided to leave a gift on the man’s porch.

President Richard “Biff” Williams allegedly bragged to at least one other administrator that he thought everyone would get a kick out of his idea for well wishes: Two eggplants and a long zucchini, arranged like male genitalia, alongside a note.

“We wanted to wish you well as you recover from your outpatient procedure,” it said, according to a copy shared with The Salt Lake Tribune. “We thought some delicious produce from our garden would help you with your recovery. Here are two delicious egg plants (sic) and our award-winning zucchini, or as we like to call it our ‘zuweenie.’”

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Only Williams didn’t sign his own name to the bawdy vegetable display he delivered in November 2023.

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Instead, he allegedly signed the message “all the best” from three other staffers — the university’s top attorney, its second-in-command attorney, and its [Title IX](#) coordinator who is charged with responding to complaints of sexual misconduct.