

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The joint meeting of the House Higher Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee was called to order by Senate Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:30 p.m. on January 21, 2009, in Room 545-N in the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Rena Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Kay Scarlett, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Larry A. Isaak, President, Midwestern Higher Education Compact

Larry A. Isaak, President, Midwestern Higher Education Compact, addressed the joint committees explaining that the Compact, created by the Council of State Governments' Midwest Legislative Conference in the early 1990's, includes twelve midwestern states. The Compact is governed by a 60-member commission of legislators and higher education leaders meeting annually with the chair rotating between a legislator and non-legislator. Midwestern Higher Education Compact's mission is advancing Midwestern higher education through interstate cooperation and resource sharing with three core functions: cost savings, student access, and policy research.

Mr. Isaak compared Kansas' postsecondary enrollment, college preparation, proficiency scores on national assessment tests, college retention and completion rates, affordability and higher education funding among the states in the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. (Attachment 1)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting of the House Higher Education Committee is scheduled for January 22, 2009.