

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Benlon at 3:30 p.m. on February 11, 2002 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Ralph Tanner (E)

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Paul West, Legislative Research
Rena Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Dee Ann Woodson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Marvin Burris, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Benlon announced that the Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, February 13, and have two hearings covering **HB 2820** and **HB 2821**. She also reminded the Committee members of the KAN-ED update report and presentation in E-Government Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 313-S.

The Kansas State Board of Regents was represented by Marvin Burris, Vice President for Finance and Administration, who gave a Power Point presentation on unified budget development and process. He explained how **SB 345** placed the responsibility on the Board of Regents to develop a unified budget for all of higher education to be presented to the Governor and Legislature. He briefly described the process of what the Board has gone through, described the components of the budget for FY 2003 and prepared that budget with the Governor's recommendations, and spoke to the Board's budget priorities.

Mr. Burris stated that the budget for FY 2001 was largely a composite of decisions that had been made by the old Board together with some decisions that had been passed on to the new Board by the State Department of Education, and then **SB 345** component first going into effect in 2001. He said that in Fiscal 2002 the Board presented a more consolidated budget which was a composite of budget priorities and requests from various sectors. Mr. Burris explained that with Fiscal 2003 budget the Board felt like they had begun to develop more of a unified budget, and explained the challenges in the development. The Power Point presentation outlined all the challenges and the process of unifying a budget for FY 2003. (Attachment 1)

The presentation included the various components of FY 2003 unified budget requests between the state universities, technical schools and community colleges as well as the impacts of the Governor's budget. Mr. Burris pointed out that the third year of **SB 345** was not funded. He also stated that the third year funding goals for **SB 345** were not met, and explained the impacts thereof. He went into detail regarding fixed costs associated with annual adjustments to fringe benefits, classified longevity payments, etc. that are not accounted for but have to be paid. Mr. Burris handed out a graphic illustration of the state universities' budget needs, and explained the Governor's almost 4% reduction in funding which amounts to \$35.6+ million shortfall. (Attachment 2)

Mr. Burris gave a brief overview of the Board of Regents' research initiative regarding the Board seeking a state, federal, university, and private partnership to construct research facilities at the three research universities within state, i.e., Kansas State University, Kansas University/Kansas University Medical Center, and Wichita State University. He concluded his presentation by giving a summary of the Board of Regents' budget priorities.

Following general discussion and questions, Chairperson Benlon expressed her appreciation to Mr. Burris for his presentation.

Chairperson Benlon directed the Committee's attention to the minutes of the January 6 meeting. Representative Kuether advised that one correction should be made in the spelling of Representative's Loyds' name. Representative Storm made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Representative Kuether, and the motion carried.

Chairperson Benlon adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting of the House Higher Education Committee will be Wednesday, February 13, Room 231-N at the Capitol.

