

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 1:40 p.m. on January 29, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley (excused)
Senator David Corbin (excused)
Senator John Vratil (excused)

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research
Judy Steinlicht, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Reginald L. Robinson, President & CEO, KS Board of Regents

Others attending:

See Attached List

Briefing on Kansas Board of Regents Funding

Reginald L. Robinson, President & CEO, KS Board of Regents provided a general status report that outlines some of the initiatives the Board of Regents is undertaking to fully implement **SB345** and **SB647** and to describe the components of the Board's Legislative package for this session.

Mr. Robinson explained that by enactment of **SB7** last session, they were integrating technical colleges more fully into the postsecondary family, they are moving away from a series of agreements to a comprehensive transfer and articulation policy and working toward making degree completion programs available in the western part of Kansas.

Mr. Robinson explained that the board is trying to make sense of higher education funding. They are trying to find a series of models that make sense for the way the state provides resources for postsecondary education. In 2005 session, they hope to have a proposal for the Legislature to look at in the terms of some models that would bring more rationality to the way the state funds and supports education in Kansas. The board has also reviewed the service area policies and largely reaffirmed the value of the current service area structure. Exceptions that were modified related to work force development and training focused particularly in attracting industry into the state or expanding industry and keeping state based industry from leaving the state.

The board is also taking steps to implement **SB647** to bring "performance-based funding" to higher education in Kansas in the form of performance agreements. In FY 2005, each institution will negotiate a performance agreement with the Board. The degree of compliance with this agreement will determine the proportion of new funding available to the institution beginning in FY 2006. Six statewide goals are; increase system efficiency/effectiveness/seamlessness/collaboration; improve learner outcomes; improve workforce development; increase targeted participation/access; increase external resources; and improve community/civic engagement.

Regarding financial accountability, the Board's Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee took a look at the federal Sarbanes/Oxley law to identify some provisions that might make sense for them. The Board approved a series of recommendations for the universities during its last meeting and also reached out to the coordinated institutions to begin considering what steps might be most appropriate for those institutions.

Mr. Robinson answered questions for the committee and then outlined the legislative initiatives for the 2004 legislative session. The first is follow up on **SB7** (Technical College Governance) with **HB2491** regarding funding for adult basic education programs and **HB2492** regarding taxing authority for technical colleges. The second is full tuition ownership by removal of restrictive appropriations proviso on general fees fund (**SB301**) and credit interest earnings to the fund that generated the earnings (All funds except state general funds). They are working with the Office of the Revisor to develop a draft;

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hopefully to introduce next week; the third, revision of statutes governing regulation of private & proprietary schools (**HB2493, HB2494 & H.Sub.2493**) and four, legislation of special interest to KBOR, undocumented immigrants/in-state tuition at state universities and Kansas Economic Growth Act. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Umbarger reminded committee members to be on time for committee meetings so that the meetings could begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Senator Schodorf to approve the minutes of January 22 and January 26. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2004.