

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 1:30 p.m. on January 28, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Ann Mah- excused

Committee staff present:

Rena Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kay Scarlett, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Duane Goossen, Director of the Budget  
Diane Duffy, Vice President for Finance, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Delia Garcia requested introduction of a committee bill to allow a person that has completed their health professional education requirements by long distance learning, via the internet and e-mail, from an accredited institution to be able to take the test for licensing. Representative Horst, seconded by Representative Winn, moved to accept the bill as a committee bill. The motion carried.

Duane Goossen, Director of the Budget, presented an overview of the Governor's FY 2009 Revised Budget and her FY 2010 Budget. He stated that the most recent revenue estimates no longer support approved FY 2009 expenditures, and building a new FY 2010 budget following previous standards would lead to a gap between expenditures and available resources of over \$900 million. By statute the state budget has to balance. He reported that under the Governor's proposal, higher education will see a 3% reduction in 2009 and another 4% in 2010; K-12 will see no increase in funds, but will remain at current levels. He thought it was quite likely that the federal stimulus package will send some money to Kansas, some of that money might help the state of Kansas and some might help the budget, for example Medicaid money would help the budget. He said it was possible the stimulus package could help in three budget periods. (Attachment 1)

Diane Duffy, Vice President for Finance, Kansas Board of Regents, provided a general overview of higher education funding and an update on the budget. She reported that the Governor's recommended appropriations from state funds for postsecondary education operating expenditures for FY 2009 totals \$838 million, a decrease of slightly less than \$25 million or 3% less than the FY 2009 approved appropriations. The Governor's recommended appropriations from state funds for postsecondary education operating expenditures for FY 2010 totals \$784 million, a decrease of an additional \$79 million for a total of over \$100 million over the two years or a reduction in state funds of 12%. Further, the Governor recommends a net reduction of state funds for previously approved capital expenditures of an additional \$16 million. Overall, state higher education funding would be reduced by a total of over \$120 million over the two fiscal years. (Attachment2)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting of the House Higher Education Committee is scheduled for January 29, 2009.