

MINUTES OF MEETING
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 9, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and Mr. Casado was introduced to present the speakers. Mr. Bob Morton, Chairman of the Board of Regents of Wichita University, was the first speaker. He states he has been in this position for the past ten years; he states that the issue to be considered is the group of students who desire higher education, and no other factor should be considered. He quoted the Chancellor of KU by saying that in 1959 there were 300 students who could not attend that university because of the lack of employment in Lawrence. He states that the employment picture is different in Wichita, and that 75% of the students work at least a part of each day and that approximately 48% work a full day and although it takes 5-6 or 7 years to complete their curriculum, that it can be done, and that employment is one of the attractions of WU. Mr. Morton proposes that the relinquishing of the University be on a gradual scale; that the first and second years the WU Board of Regents would continue to provide \$1,500,000 operational costs and that all buildings now not paid for, and those planned for the next two year period, will be paid for by taxes and will cost the state nothing; that the people of Wichita will pay for this cost at an approximate figure of 13 million dollars. It was established that enrollment cost runs \$401.00 for students living within the city of Wichita, and \$478.00 for those outside.

Dr. Harry Corbin was introduced and stated that the general operational budget is \$3,467,000, 1,500,000 from taxes, 1,000,000 from tuition, and the remainder from miscellaneous sources; gifts, contributions, etc. He explained the different programs, and then introduced Quincalée Brown, a student from WU who spoke on behalf of S.B. 139 on the viewpoint of the student, and carried the feelings of the student body of WU. Henry Hall, another WU student made remarks reiterating Miss Brown's feelings, and stated that by passing 139, it would be a way of helping the state and the nation.

Dr. Corbin continued, by stating that only 6.4% of the enrollment is from outside Kansas; he stated several instances where the school had been criticized for its "plush" building program and ambitious athletic program; and refuted the statements by giving statistics. After some discussion concerning duplication with three universities in the State, Dr. Corbin pointed out one instance where a program was discontinued when duplication existed; that in the field of engineering for example, there is room for WU's program too, because of the Wichita employment situation and the many engineering students who can work and attend school at the same time; and pointed out that many of these students remain to work in the industries there. It was established after discussion and questions, that the approximate enrollment at WU is 5600, with approximately 3000 taking 12 hours or more each semester. It was stated that if WU operated on the same scheduling as KU, they could at this time accommodate an additional 3,000 students; that the working student is what causes the plant not to be used to its full capacity. Senator Lauderbach was given the opportunity to ask questions, as Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and he more or less made inquiries that duplicated answers already given. Meeting was adjourned.

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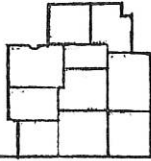
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The following table gives the percentage of use of class rooms at various times of the day and various days of the week.

Building	8:00 - 11:50		12:00 - 2:50		3:00 - 5:00		6:00-9:05
	MWF	TT	MWF	TT	MWF	TT	MTWT
Jardine	85	49	50	22	0	0	38
Neff Hall	90	43	22	0	0	0	62
Engr. Bldg.	66	55	50	53	40	22	53
Women's Gym	50	18	0	0	0	0	0
Science Hall	83	46	56	33	25	50	17
Comm. Bldg.	63	67	50	39	17	17	17
Fine Arts Center	55	50	33	33	10	15	0
Art Building	50	0	33	33	0	0	25
Armory	83	83	11	33	0	0	0
Field House	90	22	22	22	0	0	0
Psych-Lab	50	75	0	67	0	50	25
Home Econ. Bldg.	88	50	25	17	0	0	25
Fiske Hall	31	44	17	0	0	0	0
Math-Physics Bldg.	57	43	49	26	0	0	25
PERCENT USAGE	64	46	30	27	7	11	21

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Economic Development Council

Sedgwick County has requested the Council's assistance on Senate Bill #139 which involves the transfer of the University of Wichita to the state school system. I am attaching a copy of a proposed resolution to be presented at the public hearing on the bill Wednesday morning.

Since time is so short I am taking this method of polling you for your opinion. Would you please call me tomorrow morning and give me your thoughts in the matter. In those counties where there are duplicate directors you ought to check with each other before calling me.

I visited with Mr. Clymer and with some of the individuals in Reno County. Their general reaction was that it was important to the future development of this area and that we should be concerned about the favorable passage of the bill. Industry is developing rapidly around the two major state school areas. The industrial development that could be encouraged in South Central Kansas as a result of having a third major state school would mean that a higher percentage of income dollars from this development would stay in Kansas rather than feed into Missouri as it is doing now.

Drop me a note and give me your business address and phone number so that I may complete my files for all the current directors.

Very truly yours,

Dale W. Whitaker, Chairman

Attach.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the South Central Kansas Economic Development Council is vitally interested in the economic development and well-being of 10 counties (McPherson, Reno, Harvey, Kingman, Harper, Sumner, Marion, Cowley, Butler, Sedgwick) in South Central Kansas, and

WHEREAS there are 500,000 persons residing in the 10-county region which is the most highly industrialized area in the state, and

WHEREAS the economic development and well-being in the 10-county region depends, in part, on the talents of the people residing in South Central Kansas, and

WHEREAS the people with these talents look to the educational facilities of the University of Wichita and its qualified faculty, and

WHEREAS the University of Wichita, because of the increasing demands put upon its facilities and faculty, is seeking financial assistance from the State of Kansas and absorption into the state system of higher education, and

WHEREAS the University of Wichita -- as a member of the state system -- will play an increasingly important role in higher education in the state and in the South Central area, and

WHEREAS the South Central area offers a trained work force and cultural advantage, and whereas the state is dependent upon such attractions to interest industry in locating in Kansas, and whereas industrial development in South Central Kansas does not feed as high a percentage of its income dollars into an adjoining state,

BE IT RESOLVED:

that the South Central Kansas Economic Development Council endorses and supports the bill now before the State House of Representatives (Senate Bill 193) which provides for financial assistance to the University of Wichita and provides for including the University of Wichita into the state system of higher education.

Any comparison of the relative use of classroom facilities at the University of Wichita and the Kansas State universities must disregard substantial differences in the types of programs available and the worker-commuter versus residential character of the respective student bodies.

If we compare classroom use during the day time only and assume student stations at the three institutions to be approximately equivalent, the Comprehensive Educational Survey of Kansas, Vol. V, reveals the following occupancy.

In the fall of 1958, of the total classrooms available during a 44-hour week at the University of Kansas there was 68.6% of all rooms for all class periods used.

At Kansas State University 48.9% of the rooms and periods were in use and at the University of Wichita 32.5%. In other words, the number of class periods of use at the University of Wichita can be doubled and not quite equal the usage at the University of Kansas. (Series VI, Table 3, p. 331.)

It is further revealing that the percentage of student stations occupied during the time that the rooms actually are being used is 48.4% at KU, 49.4% at KSU, and 57.6% at WU, suggesting that rooms are filled more nearly to capacity when in use at WU. (Series VI, Table 4, p. 235.) If the preceding two findings are viewed together, the percentage of student stations available throughout the 44-hour work week which are actually occupied is 34.8 at KU, 29.3 at KSU, and 19.7 at WU. (Series VI, Table 5, p. 237), substantiating the observation that twice the number of day time students can be accommodated in the present classroom facilities at Wichita University. The situation is similarly true for the instructional laboratory space. Instructional laboratory periods are 37.5% in use at KU, 41.6% at KSU, and 26.4% at W.U. (Series VI, Table 3A, p. 233).

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION

February 27, 1961

Dr. Harry Corbin, President
University of Wichita
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Dr. Corbin:

I greatly appreciated your telephone call this morning in which you indicated the progress which was taking place with respect to the status of the University of Wichita. From your description, the legislation which is now before the House of Representatives is exactly in keeping with what I hoped might emerge as a result of my recommendation in the higher education study. Indeed your Board of Trustees, through its proposals for continuation of the tax levies from Wichita beyond the time of transfer, seem to have gone the "second mile." The two year adjustment period is certainly needed if one is to judge from the experience of other institutions which have followed this pattern of reversion, including Wayne State University in Detroit. Such a period is in order if a transfer is to be made smoothly and effectively.

Again I appreciate your call and assure you that I will be very much interested in following the progress of this legislation. Certainly it seems a step in the right direction when based on our study of higher education for the State of Kansas. I only wish that Washburn University had followed the same pattern.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Keller
Professor of Education and
Director

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cc Senator Laurin Jones