

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
February 14, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., February 14, 1963, by Chairman Lauterbach. All members were present except Senator Harper.

The following members of the Board of Regents were present, with reference to the budgets of the Board and the five state schools: Messrs. Clyde M. Reed, Chairman, W. F. Danenbarger, Clement H. Hall, Charles V. Kincaid, Henry A. Bubb, Whitley Autin, Ray Evans, and Dwight Klinger. State Representative R. V. Shrewder was also present.

Mr. Reed spoke on behalf of the Board of Regents. His comments are contained in Attachment No. 1 and the following:

1. It is costing the Medical Center about \$450,000 a year for treatment of welfare clients. This particular cost should be charged to Social Welfare and not to higher education.
2. The Regents are requesting an additional \$115,000 for office staff due to added responsibilities.
3. Also, \$15,000 is requested for research of problems which confront the Board.
4. \$200,000 is asked for a distinguished regents professorships program. The Governor recommended \$50,000. At best that would allow two professorships.
5. The Regents have a \$76 million budget and a nine-member part-time lay board, and a small staff of its own. It is firmly believed additional staff with caliber sufficient to cooperate with the matters would be a savings to the state.
 - a. We are requesting three positions: (1) A full-time budget person; one not only with knowledge of budgets, but with educational operations; (2) a full-time extension man to coordinate the five state schools who now operate separately; and (3) a man concerned with buildings--their long range plan for building and utilization.

6. The assignment of the Schools for the Deaf and Blind are presently under the Board of Regents; any change of assignment is a policy matter for the Legislature. The matter has not been officially discussed by the Regents.

Mr. Danenbarger's comments follow: (Concerns the building proposals.)

1. On the Lawrence campus, the need is for offices and classrooms. At the Medical Center, a ward building is again requested. It has been requested twice before.
2. At Lawrence, two buildings are asked. One is a classroom and facilities building for replacement of Fraser Hall, needed by 1965.
 - a. First priority is replacement of Robinson Gymnasium. Unless the site is cleared, all the planning will be destroyed and the needs will not be met at the time of demand. The building is inadequate and too costly to restore.
3. The "D" Laboratory Building at the Medical Center is needed. (Total cost estimate is \$1,300,000.) The Regents feel that the \$650,000 requested for fiscal year 1964 should be appropriated for use as matching funds.
 - a. There is additionally contemplated a security building for prison inmates at the Center. That places another demand on it.
4. The Board recommends that the Fraser Hall Replacement and the gymnasium be taken from the educational building funds; and the laboratory building from the general revenue fund. The school feels that matching federal funds will be available.
5. At Manhattan, the Board recommends funds for a much-needed auditorium; remodeling of Willard Hall and Waters Hall, and funds for additional electrical power--all within the educational building fund. (See Attachment No. 2 for costs.)

- a. With reference to additional electrical power for the University, it was a question of buying additional generators, to be amortized over a period of twenty years, or purchasing needed power from Kansas Power and Light. The University has agreed to deduct \$70,000 from its request of \$300,000 for the auditorium and \$200,000 from the \$800,000 in the second biennium to allow this; but the change does not increase the total cost.

With reference to the contract with Kansas Power and Light, the present contractual price of \$1,800 a month minimum will be raised to a minimum of \$3,500 a month. The additional power is needed and will be used.

6. At Emporia, we are recommending a new Humanities Building to replace Butcher Hall.
7. At Pittsburg, funds are requested for planning money to remodel Carney Hall for biologics and chemistry.

Chancellor Wescoe made the following comments with reference to the University of Kansas:

1. For the third year, the budget requests contain no new programs either at Lawrence or Kansas City; and no expansion of programs is anticipated. The expansion there rests only in the area of salaries and wages.
 - a. This year the Board of Regents is requesting for each institution a 4 percent addition to salaries and wages distributed on a merit basis. The 4 percent would do a minimum job.
 - b. The Governor recommended new faculty needed as a result of increased enrollment.
 - c. The Governor has not recommended, relative to the classified service, sufficient positions. I believe this is of extreme importance. We asked for 12 additions to the clerical staff; 10 were recommended. I want to make a strong plea that the two additional positions be approved. The amount required is about \$7,000. They are crucial and are essential in carrying on the program of the institution.

- d. From the standpoint of more social security, retirement contributions, and retirement (8 faculty will retire this year, with from 18 to 46 years' service), in order that the retirement be not less than that previous, there is a difference requested.
2. In operating expenditures, for the additional 750 enrollment, we average this out for each at \$110, or a total of \$83,000. Presently the additional cost of these items (books, equipment, office supplies, etc.) averages out to between \$120 and \$140 per student.
3. In the area of capital improvements, the University requested (and these were not recommended by the Governor): (1) resurfacing of Sunnyside; and (2) pedestrian walkways. These will be included next year.
4. There are four items relative to construction for which a plea is made:
 - a. Construction of service roads in the new dormitory area, \$50,000.
 - b. \$13,000 for construction of sidewalks along Sunnyside Road. This is particularly important as vehicular traffic has been reduced.
 - c. \$20,000 to construct additional tennis courts. There are four indoor courts now.
 - d. \$100,000 for planning money for the auditorium.

Representative Shrewder appeared with reference to a request for a line item appropriation to the University of Kansas' budget for Peace Officers Training. \$5,500 has been recommended; however, an additional \$25,500 is requested to provide a school for the officers over the state. If the amount is appropriated, it would allow for two instructors to travel the state and help law officers with their work. It would benefit all parts of the state.

Chancellor Wescoe stated that the request was made to them after the budgets were prepared, and no official position has been taken by the University, except to allow the matter to be presented to the committee.

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Dr. C. Arden Miller, Dean of the Medical Center, made the following comments concerning their budget requests:

1. Capital improvement items consist of:
 - a. "D" Laboratory Building. The need is acute. There is a total of \$
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 - b. \$75,000 for air conditioning the hospital, the first phase of a 3-year total.
 - c. Over \$8,000 is needed to rebuild and move an elevator which is obsolete.
 - d. \$8,000 for resurfacing the parking area.
2. Sixteen new positions were requested and recommended. These relate to the laboratory, data processing, medical records, and air conditioning. Some will be employed to maintain the clinical building to be opened this coming year.
3. All of these requests have been included in the Governor's recommendations. No more are asked.
4. Prison inmates are rarely treated at the Center; presently there are no special facilities for them. The estimated number of inmate patients to be sent over may be high (50 to 60); it will probably be around 30 or 40.
5. With the new basic science buildings and other improvements at the Center, 120 to 125 physicians a year can be graduated. This is an adequate number until 1975.

Dr. James A. McCain, President, Kansas State University at Manhattan, made the following comments:

1. Many talk as though research is an isolated function of the universities. Actually it is an integral part of the services of the institutions.
2. It is requested that a \$52,000 increase be allowed for support of the library to be used for books and staff. It has been the most impoverished part of the school for many years.

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3. We are asking for \$100,000 for purchase of scientific equipment. This was pared down from requests of \$1 million. I think I can assure you that it will be entirely used for matching funds to outside sources.
4. Our overall salary schedule is important. Salary increases should be on a merit basis. I therefore would place great emphasis on the amount of money the Board has recommended for increasing the salaries of the faculty members of the universities.
5. 34.6 new positions are asked to accommodate increased enrollments. We are requesting \$52,84 increased support for the library; \$100,000 for purchase of scientific apparatus; and \$100,000 in project support for the agricultural experiment stations.
6. We are asking that a man be added to the staffs of two branch experiment stations: Colby and Fort Hays; both specialists in the extension service. One is new. Two would be employed on state funds instead of federal. At Colby we feel it is important to develop a livestock research project.

At Hays \$14,556 is for a soils management research man to take the place of a U.S.D.A. man who has been moved to Wyoming. Without this man we are severely handicapped in continuing this research.

7. An additional \$14,537 is requested for the extension service budget to employ marketing feed specialists to work with feed manufacturers in the state.

Four years ago the federal government started the experiment. They are leaving funds for one specialist. We need state funds to keep a man (salary, travel, and secretarial help). There are over 1,200 farms with formula feeds in Kansas. If we don't have these manufacturers in the state, of which the total amount of output is about \$45 million a year, the raw materials would be shipped out of the state. Coupled with this is a livestock feeding industry. We feel this is vitally related to a thriving agricultural industry development within the state.

8. We have a number of small capital improvement items--all recommended by the Board of Regents. Only one was cut by the Governor. With the electrical distribution system agreement, we won't need this anyway.

9. The Board of Regents recommended that the legislature make provisions either through the general revenue fund or by raising the ceiling of the county levy for relief of 62 counties. We received a federal grant of \$52,000 for extension that was not anticipated at the time of this request. We asked the Board to reduce our request to \$86,000, and that it be either through authorization to increase the levy or general revenue funds.
 - a. Statistics given at the budget hearings indicated that approximately two-third's of the counties are in favor of having county funds rather than state funds. Some 85 to 105 counties favored a combination state-county money. Eighty counties wanted a mill levy.

Dr. John E. King, President, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, made the following comments:

1. Enrollment at Emporia has quadrupled during the past ten years. 1,047 degrees were granted. Of these, 782 are in the teaching profession at the present time. 55 are attending graduate school. Only 53 of the 1962 graduating class went out of the state.
2. Our budget was gone over by the Regents, and it was cut considerably before it was finally approved by them, and the submitted to the Governor. About \$125,000 was cut by the Regents. \$19,400 more was cut by the Governor.
 - a. A request is made for reinstatement of \$15,000 to provide three stipends a year for our young staff members to use for a one-year non-repeating stipend to finish doctorate studies.
 - b. We would like to have restored about \$4,400 for our summer session. The past summer we had an average enrollment of about 2,600 people for 12 weeks. This was about three-fifth's of the spring session's enrollment.

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Dr. M. C. Cunningham, President, Fort Hays Kansas State College, made the following comments:

1. There isn't much to be said. The only thing is the regret that our salaries are not higher. Other than that, we are well satisfied with the Governor's recommendations.

Dr. Leonard Axe, President, Kansas State College of Pittsburg, made the following comments: (See Attachment No. 3.)

1. Everything the Board approved is in the Governor's recommendation. We ask for no more.
2. The college anticipated some of the recommendations in the Eurich Report that it become a state college of strong liberal arts. We are fulfilling that mission.

Dr. Stanley D. Roth, Superintendent of the School for the Deaf, made the following comments:

1. We are willing to stand on what the Governor recommended.
2. The School would rather be under the Board of Regents as they are better able to advise us. In other states, similar schools are either under Education or the Regents. The State Board of Education has no one specifically familiar with the school's problems.

Mr. David W. Olson, Superintendent of the School for the Blind, made the following comments:

1. The Governor recommended \$200,000 for a dormitory at the School for the Deaf, which we think is all right as they will run short of space sooner than the Blind.
2. We ask that any funds remaining in this year's budget be reappropriated. We cannot raise the old shop building until the fund is reappropriated.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

August W. Lauterbach, Chairman
Senate Ways and Means Committee

M E M O R A N D U M

From: Max Bickford, Secretary

To: Members of the Board of Regents and
Administrative Heads of all Schools

Re: Hearing, Senate Ways and Means
Committee, Legislative Requests

Date: January 28, 1963

Senator August Lauterbach, Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, has set the date of Thursday, February 14, for his Committee to hear the legislative requests from the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents. A schedule of these hearings is carried below.

Representative John Conard, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has indicated that similar hearings will be held by his Committee sometime after the Senate Committee has actually written the appropriation bills. Some members of the House Committee will sit in on the hearings the 14th.

SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1963

9:00 a.m. General Statement concerning requests by Clyde M. Reed,
Chairman of the Board of Regents.

9:20 a.m. Statement concerning requests for Building Program by
William F. Danenbarger, Chairman of the Board's Building
Committee.

9:40 a.m. University of Kansas and University of Kansas Medical Center

10:50 a.m. Kansas State University

1:30 p.m. Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia

2:00 p.m. Kansas State College of Pittsburg

2:30 p.m. Fort Hays Kansas State College

3:00 p.m. Kansas School for the Deaf

3:20 p.m. Kansas School for the Blind

It is hoped that all members of the Board of Regents will be able to attend these hearings.

Exact times on the above schedule could vary depending on how much time the committee may want to take to study individual proposals.