

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
March 19, 1965

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., March 19, 1965, by Chairman Sanborn. All members of the Committee were present.

Senator Smith presented the subcommittee's report on the agencies under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Regents. A total increase of \$13,338 for operating expenditures is recommended for these agencies; and this amount is over the Governor's recommendations.

Increased tuition fees at the colleges and universities authorized in December 1964, to be effective July 1, 1965, will offset about \$1½ million of these budgets. Resident fees at the smaller schools - Pittsburg, Hays and Emporia - were set at \$75 a semester, or \$150 a year; and at the University of Kansas and Kansas State University, the fees were set at \$300 a semester, or \$600 a year. Non-resident fees at the smaller schools were set at \$185 a semester, or \$370 a year. Fees at the Wichita State University are comparable and are on an hourly basis.

The recommendations include increases for the operating budgets of the individual schools. The \$6.4 million increases in the operating budgets will be appropriated from the general revenue fund and are summarized in the Governor's message.

Classified merit salary increases account for \$.9 million; unclassified salary increases (average 4%) amounts to \$1.4 million. The budgets are predicated on an average 25 to 1 student/teacher ratio.

The centralization of extension services at Lawrence accounts for \$38,338 of the recommendations: \$31,300 for the remodeling of the old post office building, and \$7,038 to employ one Maintenance Repairman and one Janitor.

Included are appropriations of \$660,000 for a power plant and new boilers at the School for the Deaf, and \$50,000 for fire escapes at the School for the Blind. In discussing the matter with members of the House Ways and Means Committee, it was agreed that these funds would be appropriated from the eleemosynary fund for which there is authority to do so.

The subcommittee recommends replacement of Fraser Hall at the University of Kansas, at a cost of \$2.8 million, and a new auditorium at Kansas State University, at a cost of \$2.7 million. The buildings had been planned for fiscal years 1968 and 1969; however, funds out of fiscal years 1966 and 1967 will be offset by funds previously allocated in 1968 and 1969.

\$18,704 is also recommended for operating expenditures of the Higher Education Facilities Commission, established this session by the passage of Senate Bill 1.

Senator Smith moved that the subcommittee report be adopted and its recommendations incorporated in Committee appropriation bills, introduced and recommended for passage. Senator Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See copy of report attached. Also copy of Senate Bills 398 and 399 incorporating the report.)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

THEO. A. SANBORN, Chairman