

M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
(1202 Commission)

Planning Subcommittee Meeting

January 20, 1977

Members Present

Representative Don Crumbaker
Representative Roger Robertson

Staff Present

Phill Jones, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Krajnak, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Linda Tigges, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Planning subcommittee members of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (1202 Commission) met with the staff to review activities being undertaken by the staff and to discuss future activities of the Committee, particularly during the session.

Representative Robertson said he would like for the Committee to meet during the session. Mr. Jones indicated that the status of the Committee is uncertain, especially with regard to the Chairmanship and the appointment of new members. He said action by the Legislative Coordinating Council was necessary before the Committee could meet again.

Representative Crumbaker and Representative Robertson agreed that the Legislative Coordinating Council should be encouraged to take whatever action necessary to ensure the continuation of the Committee. (Representative Crumbaker noted that the designation of the 1202 Commission by the Governor is not the issue. The question is the status of the legislative committee.)

The subcommittee then proceeded to review activities of the staff.

General Committee Activities

Ms. Rampey said that the nursing study is currently being written. It was agreed that when the study is completed, the Committee or some members of it will review the report and prepare a transmittal memorandum officially notifying the Kansas State Board of Regents and the Kansas State Board of Nursing of the Committee's recommendations.

In the area of extension courses, the subcommittee agreed that such courses should be studied by the Committee, particularly with regard to the policy or guidelines that govern their offering. Representative Crumbaker and Representative Robertson both agreed that all segments of postsecondary education should be included in the study since the relationships and interaction among the various segments are important to an understanding of the entire area.

Data Collection Activities

Ms. Tigges said that, as an immediate objective, activities would focus in three areas -- the facilities study, the HEGIS data, and enrollments.

She said the facilities study presents no particular problem for the Committee since the intent and policy of the Committee regarding the data are fairly well established.

In the area of the HEGIS data, Ms. Tigges said she considers the data valuable and would be working with institutions to make sure they report information accurately so that it will be usable at the state level. She said she hopes to make use of nationwide HEGIS information systems so that comparisons between institutions in Kansas and those in other states would be possible.

Ms. Tigges said her main concern is the enrollment study currently being done by Dr. George B. Smith, Kansas University. Since Dr. Smith is retiring in May, a decision must be made as to whether the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (1202 Commission) will conduct the study. Ms. Tigges said there are certain changes that should be made in the study in order to make it more accurate.

Also affected are the enrollment projections, which are based on the data collected by Dr. Smith. It is possible that the Committee might want to consider doing the projections itself or directing that certain changes be made in the study to make it more acceptable to private institutions.

Mr. Jones suggested that the Technical Advisory Committee on Data Collection be activated to work with the staff in the area of enrollments and other matters. The Technical Advisory Committee was created in October, 1975, by the Legislative Coordinating Council upon the recommendation of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (1202 Commission). Its purpose is to work with the staff in matters of data collection and provide a link between the Committee and the institutions. Its members represent all segments of postsecondary education: Regents' institutions (three members), community colleges (three members), area vocational schools (two members), private colleges and universities (three members), and private career schools (one member).

It was decided that one of the first things the Committee will consider after its new membership is appointed by the Legislative Coordinating Council will be the matters of enrollments and reactivating the Technical Advisory Committee.

Educational Planning

Ms. Krajnak said she is currently doing an inventory of plans of public and private postsecondary institutions. When the inventory is completed she will have a catalog of plans by institution and by segment. The first phase of her work has involved the Regents' institutions, primarily.

She said she finds little evidence of planning taking place, except for the Regents' institutions whose plans are heavily oriented toward capital improvements.

In addition to collecting planning documents, Ms. Krajnak said she is looking at organizational mechanisms for planning, statements of institutional goals and missions, supportive data, and implementation mechanisms.

In order to evaluate planning efforts taking place in other states, Ms. Krajnak has contacted 25 other state 1202 Commissions.

Next Meeting of the Committee

It was agreed that a meeting of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (1202 Commission) will be scheduled as soon as possible after the Legislative Coordinating Council appoints the Chairman and membership.

Prepared by Carolyn Rampey

Approved by Committee on:

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(Date)