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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Appropriations

The meeting was called to order by Bill Bunten at  
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on January 19, 1989 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Hoy (excused)

Committee staff present: Ellen Piekalkiewicz, Legislative Research  
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Sharon Schwartz, Administrative Aide  
Sue Krische, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Michael O'Keefe, Director of the Budget  
Others attending: See attached list.

Michael O'Keefe, Director of the Budget, presented an overview of the Governor's budget recommendations for higher education.

Washburn University is currently funded from state sources at \$4.7 million through the Department of Education. The Governor recommends governance of Washburn be moved to the State Board of Regents and that state funding of Washburn be phased in over a five-year period. Mr. O'Keefe reviewed the proposed funding plan which includes a drawdown on reserves of \$6 million over a five-year period.

The Governor has recommended phasing in 40 percent state support for Community College operating budgets over the next five years. Currently in FY 1989, state support is approximately 29 percent of the operating budgets. The plan includes a five-year phaseout of out-district tuition. Tax relief from this phaseout would amount to \$5.9 million per year once it is completed. For Independent Colleges, the Board of Regents requested \$400,000 to bring the tuition grant program to \$5 million in FY 1990.

Regarding the Regents, the Governor's recommendations include the Margin of Excellence, funding for the Institute for Aviation Research, and funding for the Regents Center in the Kansas City area. For FY 1990, the general use base is about \$590 million; the maintenance is \$16 million; the faculty salary parity and program enhancements are approximately \$15 million. The Governor recommends funding for 100 percent of the program enhancements at Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Center, 'conceptually' full funding for the enhancements at the University of Kansas Medical Center, and 50 percent funding of the program enhancements at the other institutions. Mr. O'Keefe reviewed details of the capital improvement and major maintenance budgets for the Regents.

In response to questions, Mr. O'Keefe stated the Governor's recommendation on Washburn University provides that the existing mill levy for debt retirement and construction will remain in place and Topeka will continue to be responsible for funding the maintenance of the University's physical plant. During discussion, it was noted that the state policy regarding duplication of programs at the Regents' institutions would apply to Washburn. A member questioned whether there are growth projections on the Regents Center in Johnson County and on the related costs. Mr. O'Keefe stated the cost will be \$2 million in state funds and \$4 million to be raised by the University of Kansas.

A listing of House and Senate appropriations bills for the 1989 Session was distributed to the members. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

