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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rochelle Chronister at 3:30 p.m. on March 9, 1995 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Shari Weber (excused)

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Dale Dennis, Department of Education  
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
Lois Thompson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Darrell Shumway, Trustee, Pratt Community College and  
Chairman, Community College Council of Trustees  
Merle Hill, Kansas Association of Community Colleges

Others attending: See attached list

Hearings opened on **SB 122 an act concerning community colleges; relating to student tuition rates.**

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department, explained **SB 122** and gave historical background on community college student tuition rates.

Darrell Shumway, Chairman, Community College Council of Trustees and Trustee at Pratt Community College appeared in support of **SB 122**. The Community College Trustees of Kansas feel that as elected Trustees, responsible for the financial operations of the Community College systems in the State of Kansas, it is their responsibility to set the tuition rates at a level that will allow them to offer Kansas citizens the best and most affordable education money can buy. Trustees are at times required to increase student tuition rates due to the fact that the State has not been able to increase credit hour aid for the last six years and have actually decreased it in the last three years. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Shumway, and Merle Hill, representing Kansas Association of Community Colleges, took questions from the committee.

This concluded hearings on **SB 122**.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 1995



TO: House Education Committee

FROM: Darrell Shumway  
Trustee, Pratt Community College and  
Chairman, Community College Council of Trustees

DATE: March 9, 1995

SUBJ: Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 122

*House Education  
Attachment 1  
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GOOD AFTERNOON DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE. I AM DARRELL SHUMWAY, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES. IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY, TO SPEAK TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF KANSAS ON THE ISSUE OF TUITION CHARGES.

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES OF KANSAS SUPPORT SENATE BILL 122, AS AMENDED. WE FEEL THAT AS ELECTED TRUSTEES, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEMS IN THE STATE OF KANSAS, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SET THE TUITION RATES AT A LEVEL THAT WILL ALLOW US TO OFFER THE CITIZENS IN THIS STATE THE BEST AND MOST AFFORDABLE EDUCATION MONEY CAN BUY.

WE FEEL THAT WITH THE SCRUTINY OF THE LOCAL ELECTORATE AND THE SUPERVISION THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFERS US, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE RATIONAL DECISIONS WHEN IT COMES TO SETTING OUR TUITION RATES.

THE BOTTOM TUITION RATE HAS NOT BEEN AN ISSUE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AS ALL OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES HAVE BEEN ABOVE THAT RATE FOR QUITE SOME TIME. THE LEGISLATURE FOR YEARS HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES REQUIRE STUDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE MORE TOWARDS THEIR EDUCATION, AND BECAUSE OF THIS, THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THE BOTTOM OF THE RATE HAS NOT BEEN UTILIZED.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE STATE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE OUR CREDIT HOUR AID FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS, AND IN THREE YEARS HAS ACTUALLY DECREASED IT, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES HAVE HAD TO TRY TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION THAT THE CITIZENS OF KANSAS ARE ACCUSTOMED TO , AND AT THE SAME TIME, MAINTAIN A REASONABLE LEVEL OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS, THAT TRUSTEES ARE AT TIMES REQUIRED TO INCREASE STUDENT TUITION RATES.

AT THE PRESENT TIME A BREAKDOWN OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TOWARDS COMMUNITY COLLEGES IS -- LOCAL AD VALORUME TAXES 44.2% -- TOTAL STATE CONTRIBUTIONS 28% - STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS 18%. THE REMAINDER OF OUR REVENUE COMES FORM FEDERAL GRANTS, OUTDISTRICT TUITION AND OTHER LOCAL SOURCES.

IT IS OUR GOAL TO REACH A LEVEL OF FUNDING THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE STUDENTS STATEWIDE CONTRIBUTING 20% OF THE COST OF THEIR EDUCATION, AND THE STATE'S SHARE TO BE 40% OF THE TOTAL FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

IT IS FOR THE ABOVE REASONS WE FEEL THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES OF KANSAS SHOULD HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND FLEXIBILITY TO ADJUST THE TUITION RATES THAT WILL ALLOW US TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ACCESS TO THE CITIZENS OF KANSAS AT A REASONABLE COST.

I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN SAY THANK YOU FOR HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.

KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
Tuition and Fees  
1994-1995

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	Tuition/Per Credit Hours		Student Fees	
	In-State	Out-of-State	Per Credit Hour	Per Student
Allen County	\$ 26.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 6.00	--
Barton County	24.00	68.00	10.00	--
Butler County	25.00	70.00	10.00	--
Cloud County	27.00	67.50	\$10 in state/\$5 out state	--
Coffeyville	20.00	68.00	10.00	--
Colby	26.00	74.00	8.00	--
Cowley County	25.00	71.00	9.00	--
Dodge City	27.00	75.00	11.00	--
Fort Scott	27.00	79.00	9.00	--
Garden City	26.00	70.00	7.00	--
Highland	26.00	70.00	10.00	--
Hutchinson	27.00	70.50	6.00	--
Independence	25.00	73.50	10.00	--
Johnson County	27.00	93.00	7.00	--
Kansas City Kansas	27.00	75.00	6.00	--
Labette County	24.00	80.00	7.00	--
Neosho County	24.00	68.00	11.00	--
Pratt	24.00	70.00	11.00	--
Seward County	25.00	68.00	7.00	--