

Approved: January 26, 1998
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Adkins at 8:00 a.m. on January 15, 1998 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Howell, Kejr, Weber who were on excused absence.

Committee staff present: Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department

Representative Adkins reviewed the seven committee goals, noting that the committee's initial report was due by the 30th day of the 1998 session and a final report should be issued prior to sine die. (Attachment 1).

Members commented on their expectations for the committee and how its work should be conducted over the next weeks leading up to the initial report. Once the preliminary work of the committee on its report concludes, members will take the conclusions to locations throughout the state and seek public input.

Representative Adkins recognized the Speaker of the House of Representatives who outlined his expectations of the committee and its work on higher education reform.

The Committee meeting adjourned and the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

Higher Education Committee at a Glance

Committee members:

David Adkins, R-Leawood, Chairman
Joe Kejr, R-Brookville, Vice Chair
Mike Farmer, R-Wichita
Andrew Howell, R-Fort Scott
Shari Weber, R-Herington
Ed McKechnie, D-Pittsburg, Ranking Minority
Jim Garner, D-Coffeyville
Henry Helgerson, D-Wichita
Jan Pauls, D-Hutchinson

Committee Goals:

- (1). a review of the several studies of post secondary education funding, coordination and governance over the years, in particular the report of the Joint Committee from the 1997 interim session
- (2). determine the most effective and cost-efficient method of governance or coordination for public post secondary institutions within Kansas
- (3). examine the goals and missions of Kansas post secondary institutions to determine if Kansas' institutions have world class attributes and if targeted excellence funds would help institutions meet those goals
- (4). review the current use of technology and examine the potential for greater use of technology in preparing Kansas students for the next century
- (5). review the equity of faculty salaries in Kansas to determine if Kansas is competitive in attracting and retaining world class faculty
- (6). review the current funding mechanism of Kansas higher education institutions to determine the potential for a more economic use of Kansas' resources in serving the needs of Kansas' students, business, industry, and our population
- (7). determine if property taxes currently used to fund some functions can be replaced by other revenue sources

Time line:

- initial report by 30th day of the session
- issue final report prior to sine die

Select Committee on Higher Education
January 15, 1998
Attachment 1