

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 P.M. on February 20, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Carl Krehbiel- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Haley DaVee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan directed the committee's attention to three sets of minutes from previous meetings and asked them to read the minutes and let the committee secretary know by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21 if there are any changes to be made. Barring any requests for changes, the minutes will be considered adopted.

Chairman Sloan opened the floor for discussion on **HB 2775 - Three tuition levels at state educational institutions**. He drew the committee's attention to amendatory language proposed by Representative Owens creating a pilot program, limiting the program to voluntary participation, limiting the number of students per year in the program at each institution, and granting the Kansas Board of Regents the power to adjust nonresident rates of tuition to make the legislation revenue neutral. (Attachment 1)

Representative Huff moved that the balloon be adopted. Representative Storm seconded the motion.

Representatives Phelps, Craft, Huff, Johnson, Pottorf, and Winn asked questions and offered their opinions on the language.

The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan noted that he would send a letter to the Joint Committee on Legislative Educational Planning to encourage them to examine the issue.

Representative Carlin questioned whether **HB 2694 - Residency determinations at regents universities**, which was tabled on February 15, 2006, should be worked and passed out of committee.

Representative Carlin moved that HB 2694 be taken off the table. Representative Phelps seconded the motion.

The motion failed 9 to 5.

Chairman Sloan adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2006 at 3:30 in Rm. 231-N.

HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE 2/20/2006

| NAME | REPRESENTING |
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| Dr. Rob Edleston | KATSC |
| Juni Ross | KACCT |
| Jennifer Lyon | Pinegar, Smith, and Associates |
| Rudy Shaw | KATSC |
| A. H. Sexton | WSU |
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HOUSE BILL No. 2775

By Committee on Higher Education

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9 AN ACT concerning nonresident tuition, fees and charges at state edu-
10 cational institutions

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) In carrying out its duties relating to fixing tuition, fees
14 and charges at state educational institutions pursuant to K.S.A. 76-719,
15 and amendments thereto, the state board of regents shall fix the amounts
16 of tuition in accordance with subsection (b).

For school year 2006-2007 and three subsequent school
years,

17 (b) There shall be three levels of tuition as follows:

Each state educational institution shall have the discretion to
offer the Kansas commitment rate.

18 (1) The highest tuition level shall be the nonresident rate;

19 (2) the middle tuition level shall be the Kansas commitment rate, as
20 described in subsection (c); and

21 (3) the lowest tuition level shall be the resident rate.

22 (c) The Kansas commitment tuition rate applies to any person who
23 agrees to reside in Kansas for at least five years after graduation from a
24 state educational institution with a bachelor's degree and agrees to work
25 in Kansas for five years after graduation. Any person who fails to abide
26 by the five-year employment requirement shall owe the state of Kansas
27 the difference between the nonresident rate and the Kansas commitment
28 rate, plus interest. The state board of regents shall establish the rate of
29 interest not to exceed the contract rate provided for in K.S.A. 16-207,
30 and amendments thereto. In the event a graduate seeks full-time studies
31 for an advanced degree study program, the five-year employment re-
32 quirement shall not begin to run until the student finishes the advanced
33 degree work or ceases to be a full-time student.

No more than 250 students per year shall be authorized at any
one institution. The estimated costs of administration of this
act may be factored into the Kansas commitment rate.

educational institution

34 (d) The state board of regents is authorized to adopt rules and reg-
35 ulations and policies relating to tuition, fees and charges, the collection
36 of tuition and circumstances under which the five-year employment re-
37 quirement is postponed or deemed satisfied.

(e) The board of regents may adjust the nonresident rate to
make revenue neutral any estimated loss of revenues
attributable to the Kansas commitment rate.

38 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
39 publication in the statute book.