

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 1:30 p.m. on January 26, 2009, in Room 786 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Kay Scarlett, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Linda Fund, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
Dr. Ed Berger, President, Hutchinson Community College

Others attending:

See attached list.

There were no requests for introduction of committee bills.

Linda Fund, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, provided an overview of the nineteen community colleges with a power point presentation stating that each community college is unique and is governed by locally elected boards of trustees. She stated that community colleges are responsive to business and industry, unified school districts, universities, developmental education, and community based organizations. They provide access on campus or at service area centers, with interactive video, through on line classes, by providing classes on site for business and industry, by making mobile classrooms available, and by keeping tuition costs affordable.

Dr. Ed Berger, President, Hutchinson Community College, reported that tuition at the state's community colleges has increased nearly 50 percent since 2000 with fees seeing a similar increase. He explained that approximately half their funding comes from local taxes with tuition and funding from the state making up the other half. Passage of SB 345 in 1999, moving community college coordination from the State Board of Education to the reconstituted Kansas Board of Regents, was designed to reduce local mill levies. He reported that the mill levy was reduced in years one and two, but increased dramatically in years three and four with frozen state funding. Enrollment has generally increased over the past four years with 30 percent of the students enrolled in technical education and 70 percent in academic education. Community colleges in Kansas are currently serving nearly 170,000 Kansans. He believes that coordination of community colleges by the Kansas Board of Regents has improved efficiency.

Dr. Berger said their only legislative initiative this session is SB 11 to allow community colleges to acquire or accept land and land and improvements within their service areas. Currently they cannot. (Attachment 1)

The committee requested information on enrollment, tuition and fees, credit hours, degrees earned, and the number of faculty and non-faculty staff at each individual community college in the state. The percentage of students participating in distance learning was also requested.

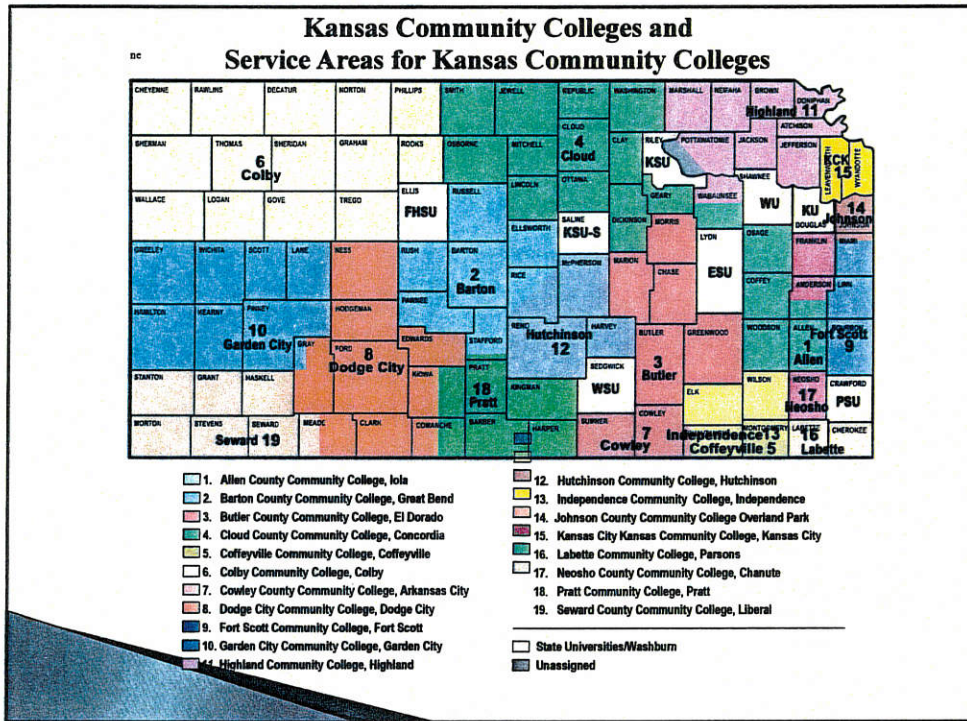
The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting of the House Higher Education Committee is scheduled for January 27, 2009.

Overview of Community Colleges

Linda Fund, Executive Director, Kansas
Association of Community College Trustees

Dr. Ed Berger, President
Hutchinson Community College

- ▶ Each college is unique and is governed by locally elected boards of trustees



Community Colleges are Responsive to:

- ▶ Business/Industry
- ▶ Unified School Districts
- ▶ Universities
- ▶ Developmental Education
- ▶ Community Based Organizations

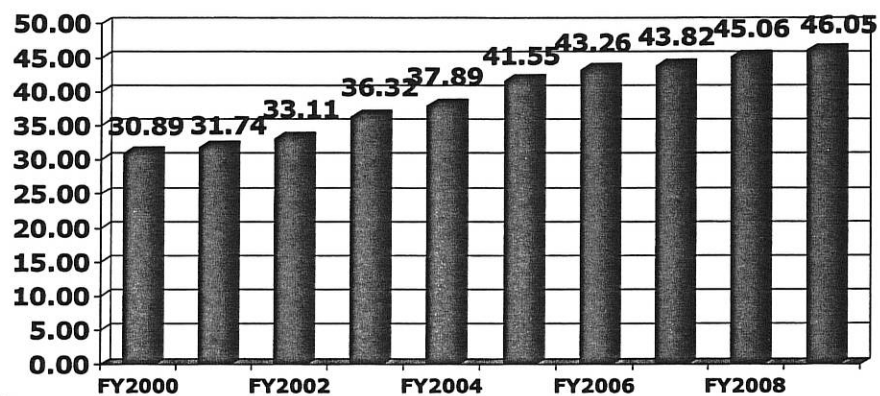
They provide Access

- ▶ On Campus or at service area centers
- ▶ With Interactive Video
- ▶ Through On line classes (didactic and lab)
- ▶ By Providing Classes on site for business and industry
- ▶ By Making Mobile classrooms available
- ▶ By Keeping Tuition Costs affordable

Tuition Increases

- ▶ Tuition alone has increased nearly 50 per cent since 2000 (references only in district with some colleges charging a higher rate for out district)
- ▶ Fees have had a similar increase (the range and variety of fees make it difficult to include fees)

Kansas Community College Average Tuition In State - In District



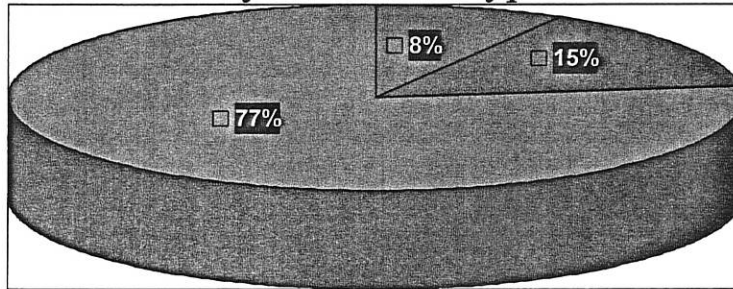
Enrollment

- ▶ Enrollment has generally increased over the past four years

Enrollment at Community Colleges is:

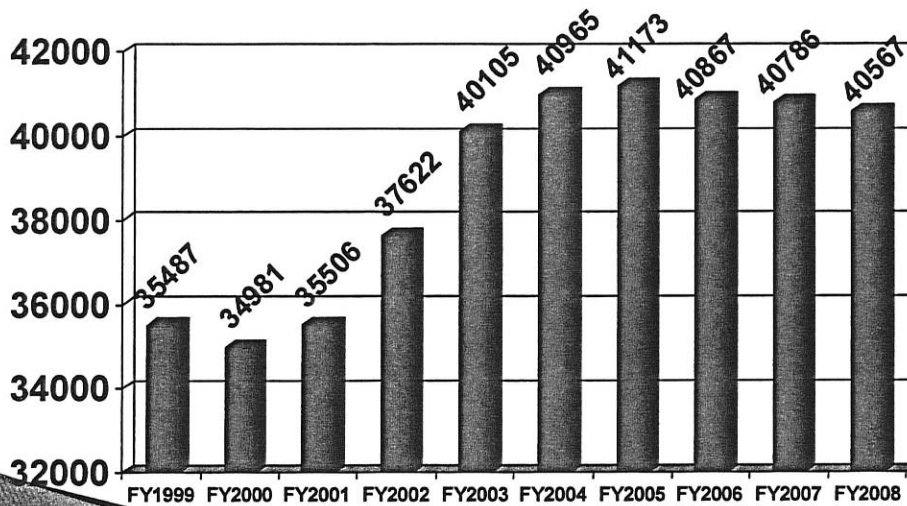
- ▶ Technical Education - 30%
- ▶ Academic Education - 70%

Percentage of Career and Technical Education by Institution Type in FY2005



■ Technical Schools ■ Technical Colleges ■ Community Colleges

Community College- In State Full Time Equivalency



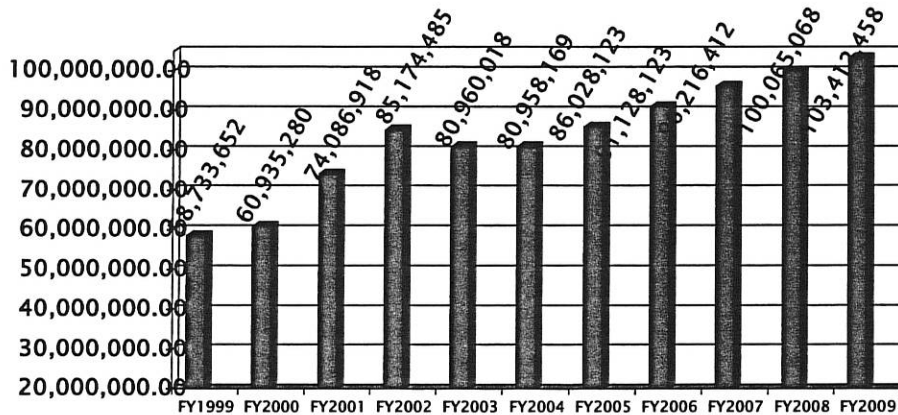
Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR)

- ▶ Funding Performance Based 2005
 - KBOR SYSTEM GOALS
- ▶ Increase system efficiency/effectiveness/seamlessness
- ▶ Improve learner outcomes
- ▶ Improve workforce development
- ▶ Increase targeted participation/access
- ▶ Increase external resources
- ▶ Improve community/civil engagement

Senate Bill 345

- ▶ Community College coordination moved from State Board of Education to reconstituted Board of Regents
- ▶ County Out District Tuition phased out
- ▶ Funding to Community Colleges increased to 65 per cent of state support for the lower division enrollments
- ▶ Local tax relief a focus of increased state funding (eighty per cent of new money designated for tax relief)

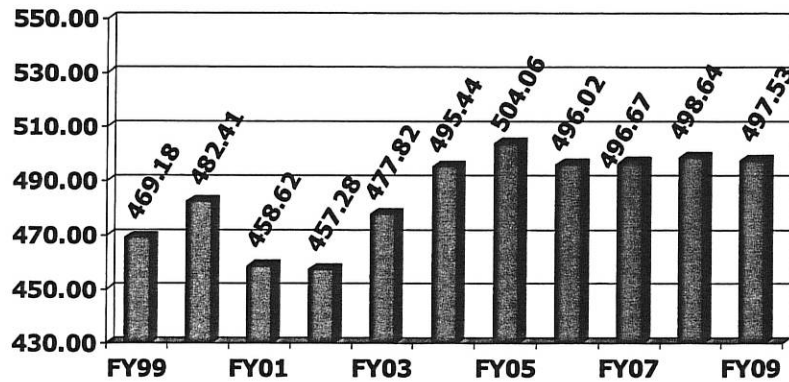
State Grant- All Community Colleges



Mill Levy

- ▶ SB 345 originally designed to reduce local mill levies
- ▶ Mill levy was reduced in years one and two but increased dramatically in years three and four with frozen funding
- ▶ Local tax payers are now paying more to support colleges than before implementation of SB 345

Kansas Community College Mill Levies



Our Only Legislative Initiative this Year

- SB 11 (no fiscal impact)
- Allows Community Colleges to acquire or accept land and land and improvements within their service areas. Currently they cannot.

Kansas Community Colleges

- ▶ Serving Nearly 170,000 Kansans with Educational Excellence