

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:50 p.m. on January 24, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Andy Tompkins, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan greeted the Committee and announced that the VA Heartland Network, Kansas City, and the KU Medical Center are now linked and providing mental health services to two small Kansas communities, a need which will increase as troops return home. Also, Adjutant General Lee Tafanelli and Secretary Pat George, Department of Commerce, are discussing job skills and training the returning veterans will need and may not have.

Chairman Sloan welcomed and introduced Dr. Andy Tompkins, President, Kansas Board of Regents.

Dr. Tompkins mentioned that the Board's ten year plan for higher education, *Foresight 2020*, was approved September 15, 2010, (Attachment 1, Appendix A) and commented on each of the six goals in the agenda. He then focused on six of eleven requests and concerns posed in a March 16, 2010, letter from the Vision 2020 Committee to him and Reginald Robinson. Those requests and Dr. Tompkin's responses are presented in Attachment 1 and include:

1. tuition strategies,
2. strategies for students to accelerate their academic careers and coordination of articulation agreements between Regents' institutions,
3. the evaluation process of the number of credit hours necessary for graduation,
4. the desirability and feasibility of identifying a dedicated funding stream to maintain infrastructures and upgrade facilities and/or increasing the statewide Educational Building Fund levy,
5. potential benefits and risks of permitting institutions to pursue the MHEC insurance program, and
6. tracking on a systemic basis so education policy makers can better determine the effectiveness of the integrated higher education system – exploration of this topic will continue at our next committee meeting.

Questions, comments, and discussions occurred throughout Dr. Tompkins remarks. Those asking questions include Chairman Sloan and Representatives Ron Worley, Vern Swanson, Bill Otto, and Barbara Bollier.

Representative Bill Otto distributed a letter he sent to Dr. Tompkins in November, 2010, and supporting information regarding credit hours required at Pittsburg State University for a minor in art vs hours required for certification as a K-12 art teacher. He also included an article about the loss of NSF funding at KU. (Attachment 2)

Chairman Sloan introduced Jay Hall our new staff member, Kansas Legislative Research Department.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.