

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Benlon at 3:35 p.m. on February 6, 2002 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Carl Krehbiel, (E)
Mary Pilcher Cook (A)
Deena Horst (E)
Valdenia Winn (E)

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Dee Ann Woodson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Ward Loyd
Steve Kearney, Kansas Association of Technical Schools
and Colleges

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Benlon announced that on Tuesday, February 12, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 313-S, there would be a KAN-ED update and status report in E-Government Committee meeting, and Higher Education and New Economy Committees were invited to attend. She encouraged Committee members to attend this meeting if their schedules allowed.

Chairperson Benlon called for bill introductions. Representative Ward Loyd requested the preparation and introduction of a bill regarding clarification that Boards of Trustees of the community colleges of Kansas have the authority to enter into agreements for inter-local cooperation within the contemplation of K.S.A. 12-2901 et seq. He suggested that this could be accomplished by amending K.S.A. 71-201 and adding a subsection (b)(18) so specifying (Attachment 1)

Steve Kearney, representing the Kansas Association of Technical Schools and Colleges, asked for introduction of a bill to amend K.S.A. 71-4433 regarding tuition rate for post-secondary students involving rate per hour be fixed by each board. He also requested an amendment to K.S.A. 72-4412 (L.2001 Chap.95, section 2) in which the State Board of Regents would determine the number of clock hours of instruction in general education courses or vocational or technology education courses which should be equivalent to a credit hour.. Mr. Kearney stated that both these amendments had been drafted with the approval of the Board of Regents. (Attachment 2)

Following Committee questions and discussion, Chairperson Benlon asked if there were any objections to the proposed legislation; and seeing none, same were approved for introduction.

The Chair directed the Committee's attention to the minutes of the January 28 meeting. Representative Pottorff made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Representative Wells, and the motion carried.

Chairperson Benlon adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the House Higher Education Committee will be On Call of the Chair.

CONTINUATION SHEET