

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Benlon at 3:30 p.m. on February 28, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Gordon (E)
Representative Kuether (E)
Representative Pottorff (E)
Representative Reardon (E)
Representative Tanner (E)

Committee staff present: Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dee Woodson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: David Monical, Executive Director of Governmental & University Relations, Washburn University
Dr. Kim Wilcox, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Regents (written testimony)
Bob Vancrum, Government Affairs Specialist, Johnson County Community College

Others attending: See attached sheet.

SB 05 - Kansas higher education coordination act, definition of post-secondary

Chairperson Benlon opened hearings on **SB 05**. David Monical, Washburn University, was the first conferee who spoke in support of this bill. He explained that this proposed legislation would add municipal university to the list of institutions defined as "post-secondary educational institutions" in the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act (1999 SB 345). He said that the amendment is technical in nature and carried no fiscal note. Mr. Monical also requested an amendment to Section 3 asking that the effective date of implementation for this bill be upon publication in the Kansas Register rather than in the Statute Book. He said that this amendment would ensure that any legislation passed during the current session affecting post-secondary educational institutions with an effective date prior to July 1 would encompass Washburn University under the definition. (Attachment 1)

Dr. Kim Wilcox, Kansas Board of Regents, spoke in support of this bill, and said that all three bills being heard today are clean-up bills as part of the continuing transition of responsibilities from the Board of Education to the Board of Regents under the Higher Education Coordination Act, and they had the Regents' approval. (Attachment 2)

The Chair called for questions on this bill, and having none she closed the hearings on **SB 05**.

SB 06 - State Board of Regents, powers, duties and functions with respect to the Community Colleges.

The Chair opened hearings on **SB 06**. She called on Bob Vancrum, Johnson County Community College, who testified in support of **SB 06**. He stated that the Board of Regents and the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees (KACCT) have endorsed this legislation. He said that the Regents were to supervise and coordinate the community colleges, but the local boards of trustees were to retain governance and control of each such college and its property. Mr. Vancrum testified that this bill clarifies the original intent of SB 345 (1999). (Attachment 3)

Dr. Wilcox stated that **SB 06** was from the community college sector and specifically denoted the role of local

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boards of trustees in the maintenance of property and the responsibility for operation and management of the colleges.

There being no other conferees present to testify nor questions from Committee members, the Chair closed the hearings on **SB 06**.

SB 10 - Post-secondary educational institutions, core indicators of quality performance

The Chair opened hearings on **SB 10**, and asked Mr. Vancrum for his testimony on this bill. He said that again this bill was endorsed by the Regents and KACCT, and was an effort to correct an omission that was made in SB 345 (1999) which involved allowing each post-secondary education institution to recommend which core indicators of quality performance was most applicable to such institution. He stated that there was no formal process specified giving each individual community college such input in the development of core indicators. Mr. Vancrum explained the wording in the proposed bill which was to formalize the way the process has in fact worked, and clarified the original intent of SB 345 (1999).

Dr. Wilcox again stated that this bill had the Kansas Board of Regents approval, and would add clarifying language to several sections of the statute originally adopted in SB 345 (1999). In his written testimony he stated that the changes are intended to codify this practice and ensure that it will continue in future years.

Chairperson Benlon asked if there were any questions concerning this bill, and seeing none closed the hearings on **SB 10**.

Representative Wells made a motion to pass out favorably to the Consent Calendar SB 10 and SB 06. Representative Lane seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Representative Wells moved the Committee pass out SB 05 as amended. Representative Horst seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Minutes for the Higher Education Committee for meetings on January 24, January 29, January 31, February 5, and February 7 were presented for approval or corrections. Representative Sloan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Representative Tafanelli, and the motion carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The next meeting of the House Higher Education Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 5, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 231-N of the Capitol.