

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:30 p.m. on February 26, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley- absent  
Senator Tim Huelskamp- absent  
Senator John Vratil- absent

Committee staff present:

Kristen Kellems, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dorothy Gerhardt, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents  
Doug Penner, President, Kansas Independent College Association  
Dr. Diane Steele, President, University of St. Mary

Others attending:

See attached list.

**Presentation: Stimulus Package for Higher Education**

Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents, (Attachment 1) presented a short overview of the Federal stimulus package regarding postsecondary education components. He pointed out the significant provisions for postsecondary education include increases to student financial assistance, State Fiscal Stabilization funding, and numerous opportunities to seek competitive grants. Student financial assistance included increases in funding for Pell Grants as well as increased funding to the federal work study programs. Also included are grants for institutional development, the statewide longitudinal data systems, and dollars for universities to construct or renovate laboratories and to buy research equipment.

**Presentation: Kansas Independent College Association**

Doug Penner, President, Kansas Independent College Association, (Attachment 2) provided a short presentation regarding the role of Kansas Independent Colleges within the state's higher education environment.

Dr. Diane Steele, President, University of St. Mary, (Attachment 3) gave a brief presentation on the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.