

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dwayne Umbarger at 8:35 a.m. on April 2, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Paul West, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee: Bill Docking, Member, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending: See Attached List

Senator Teichman made a motion to approve the minutes for March 25, the second meeting of March 25 and March 26, 2002. Seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion carried.

SB647--Kansas higher education coordination act amendments

Bill Docking, Kansas Board of Regents addressed the Committee on the compromise amendments for **SB647**. The Board believes the Legislature provided them with **SB345** and the opportunity to create a coordinated system. They believe they have done everything possible to create that system, develop new relationships and shape a new vision and direction for Kansas higher education. The Board believes that the amendments proposed are necessary to continue to carry the new system forward. (Attachment 1)

The Committee discussed **SB647** at length and questions were answered by members of the Board of Regents and Washburn University.

Senator Hensley made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments including the deletion of Section 10 of **SB647**. Seconded by Senator Emler. Senator Vratil requested that each amendment be handled individually. Senator Hensley and Emler were in agreement. The first amendment on page 1, Line 26 would be to reinstate the specific mention of Washburn University in the definition of municipal university. Motion carried. The second amendment on page 2, changing the calculation of new state funds received pursuant to performance agreements to prevent compounding the effect of any reduction resulting from failure to fulfill a performance agreement. Motion carried. The third amendment on page 5, limiting the Board's authority to coordinate contracted program offerings. Motion carried with two no votes. The fourth proposed amendment is to remove section 10. Motion carried with three no votes.

In discussion regarding the performance funding amendment, Senator Schodorf proposed a compromise that if a university did not meet the performance goals for one year and, therefore, lost the money, they would receive that money in the subsequent year, as well as the money from the current year, only if they did meet the goals, giving them the incentive to meet the goals and continue improving. Senator Vratil concurred that this would be the perfect compromise, but noted that the bill is not written that way. Senator Vratil pointed out that the bill as written did not provide much incentive to achieve performance goals since, once out of compliance for one year, there was, effectively, no incentive to come back into compliance because the institution would automatically receive lost funds in the subsequent and all future years. Other Committee members believed that since the parties involved worked out an agreement that the Committee should adopt the amendments as written. If these provisions do not provide the Board of Regents with the tools necessary to coordinate the system, the Legislature could add their amendments later.

Senator Hensley made a motion to recommend favorably **SB647** as amended. Seconded by Senator Jenkins. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION at on April 2, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 a.m.