

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 P.M. on February 20, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Carl Krehbiel- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Haley DaVee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan directed the committee's attention to three sets of minutes from previous meetings and asked them to read the minutes and let the committee secretary know by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21 if there are any changes to be made. Barring any requests for changes, the minutes will be considered adopted.

Chairman Sloan opened the floor for discussion on **HB 2775 - Three tuition levels at state educational institutions**. He drew the committee's attention to amendatory language proposed by Representative Owens creating a pilot program, limiting the program to voluntary participation, limiting the number of students per year in the program at each institution, and granting the Kansas Board of Regents the power to adjust nonresident rates of tuition to make the legislation revenue neutral. (Attachment 1)

Representative Huff moved that the balloon be adopted. Representative Storm seconded the motion.

Representatives Phelps, Craft, Huff, Johnson, Pottorf, and Winn asked questions and offered their opinions on the language.

The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan noted that he would send a letter to the Joint Committee on Legislative Educational Planning to encourage them to examine the issue.

Representative Carlin questioned whether **HB 2694 - Residency determinations at regents universities**, which was tabled on February 15, 2006, should be worked and passed out of committee.

Representative Carlin moved that HB 2694 be taken off the table. Representative Phelps seconded the motion.

The motion failed 9 to 5.

Chairman Sloan adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2006 at 3:30 in Rm. 231-N.