

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on January 15, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Kuether  
Representative Phelps  
Representative Pottorf

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research  
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research  
Paul West, Legislative Research  
Jim Wilson, Revisor's Office

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mr. Bob Kelly, Independent Colleges  
Dr. Patricia Anderson, Director, Proprietary Schools

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Sloan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m..

Chairman Sloan explained the Committee Rules (Attachment 1). He asked for questions, there were none.

Chairman Sloan introduced the staff to the Committee and asked each Committee member to introduce themselves.

Chairman Sloan called attention to a handout he had provided, the Opinion from the Hutchinson News concerning the value of higher education (Attachment 2).

Chairman Sloan asked Committee members to convey their particular interests in higher education to himself, the Vice Chairman or the Ranking Minority Member.

Chairman Sloan then gave an overview of the three subcommittees of the Higher Education Committee:  
Subcommittee on Work Force Development, chaired by Representative Tafanelli  
Subcommittee on Distance Learning, chaired by Representative Krehbiel  
Subcommittee on Commercialization of Ideas and Inventions, chaired by Representative Gordon

Chairman Sloan asked the Subcommittees to report back to the Committee on February 3, 2003, with a summary of their deliberations and if there is any legislation needed in these areas. The Subcommittees

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are to meet as they can, not a the regular Committee time.

Chairman Sloan urged the Committee members to visit institutions of higher education, both in and out of their districts, in order to familiarize themselves with all types of facilities.

Chairman Sloan asked the Committee to approve the introduction of three Committee bills:

1. To change the status of classified employees at Regents' institutions;
2. Securitization of the tobacco settlement money with some going for health programs and some going for higher education programs;
3. To require the Board of Regents to do performance audits of degree and certificate programs on a four-year basis and make reports.

Representative Storm made the motion to introduce the bills; Representative Horst seconded the motion, the motion passed. Chairman Sloan asked if any members of the Committee had any legislation they would like to have introduced; there were none. He asked if anyone in the audience had anything; there were no comments.

Chairman Sloan pointed out to the Committee the large map which was displayed in the front of the Committee room indicating the locations of institutions of higher education in Kansas.

Chairman Sloan introduced Paul West, Legislative Research, who presented a brief overview of higher education in Kansas (Attachment 3). There were no questions of Mr. West.

Chairman Sloan introduced Mr. Bob Kelly, Kansas Independent Colleges, who distributed a brochure to the Committee and discussed it's contents: the impact independent colleges have on the state; their differences and similarities to other colleges; how financial aid is distributed at independent colleges; enrollment; and interaction with state government. Mr. Kelly then responded to questions from Committee members.

Chairman Sloan then introduced Dr. Patricia Anderson, Director of Proprietary Schools, who gave an overview of Proprietary Schools in Kansas (Attachments 4, 5 and 6). Dr. Anderson then responded to questions from Committee members.

Chairman Sloan announced the staff assignments for the Subcommittees:

- Carolyn Rampey to Work Force Development
- Paul West to Commercialization of Ideas and Inventions
- Mary Galligan to Distance Learning

Chairman Sloan asked Dick Carter, Board of Regents, to furnish a list of contacts at their Regents institutions to the Committee Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m..

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2003.