

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on February 23, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Bill Reardon- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Susan Allen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David Hietala, President, Barclay College

Others attending:

See Attached List.

The Chairman called attention to a letter to the Committee from the Reginald Robinson, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents (Attachment 1).

HB 2533: An Act relating to education; concerning tuition at state educational institutions

The Chairman reopened the hearing on **HB 2533** and welcomed David Hietala, President of Barclay College, to present testimony on **HB 2533**. Mr. Hietala testified in favor of the bill which would allow Barclay College students to be eligible for State of Kansas funded comprehensive grants (Attachment 2). Mr. Hietala responded to questions from Representatives Sloan, Reitz and Huntington concerning the number of students at Barclay College and the number who would be eligible. Mr. Hietala responded that twenty to thirty students would qualify and that there are approximately one hundred and twenty students on the Kansas campus.

Representatives Storm, Krehbiel, and Horst asked about the ongoing accreditation process with the North Central Association that would allow Barclay College to be eligible for the Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program. Mr. Hietala responded that the school was about one-half way through the accreditation process. With no further questions, Chairman Sloan closed the hearing.

Sub HB 2626: Residents for fee purposes, military dependents.

Chairman Sloan opened discussion on **HB 2626**. Representative Neighbor presented **Sub HB 2626** (Attachment 3). A motion was made by Representative Neighbor to adopt **Sub HB 2626**. The motion was seconded by Representative Reitz. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Neighbor to adopt the balloon language of **HB 2536** as a amendment to **HB 2626** (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Reitz. Members of the Committee discussed issues surrounding differing residency decisions by two Regents' institutions affecting the same person. The motion carried.

Representative Horst assumed the duties of the Chairman.

Representative Sloan presented proposed amendments to **Sub HB 2626** (Attachment 5). A motion was made by Chairman Sloan to adopt the balloon language to Section 1 (b) to **Sub HB 2626**. The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin. The motion carried. A motion was made by Chairman Sloan to adopt the balloon language to Section 1 (b) (8) to **Sub HB 2626**. The motion was seconded by Representative Storm. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Chairman Sloan to adopt the amendment to New Section 2 (c) (3) to **Sub HB 2626**. The motion was seconded by Representative Hill. The motion carried.